



## DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENTAL SOCIETIES

## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Medini, the Society of the Department of Botany, ended the academic year 2018-19 on a successful note yet again. The session witnessed students working with great zeal and enthusiasm to achieve success both in academics and extracurricular activities. Numerous activities and events were held that helped students in experiencing and learning more besides making them responsible individuals. The Society organized its inauguration ceremony on 29th August 2018. The event was a huge success. Dr. J. P. Moyal, Associate Professor at Gautam Buddha University, graced the occasion with his benign presence. He gave an enlightening lecture on "Functional Genomics" and discussed about various analytical techniques used in plant sciences like DNA microarray, PCR etc. The students keenly attended the lecture and got to learn a lot of new concepts. On 9th October 2018, Medini, in collaboration with APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation (AKIF) - House of Kalam-Rameshwaram, organized a Poster Making competition on the topic - "Health for all" and a Collage Making competition on the topic - "Growth of Science and Technology for a Developed Nation", to celebrate the 87th Anniversary function of Bharat Ratna, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Students participated in both the competitions with great zeal and enthusiasm. They showed their artistic skills and displayed their creativity. The winners were honoured with medals and certificates, presented by AKIF members.

The Department, in association with the Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (ISAS) - Delhi Chapter, also organized a day long National Symposium on 7th February 2019. The theme of the symposium was "Microbes and Nanotechnology in Sustainable Environment". It aimed at educating students about the endless benefits of microbes and the contribution of nanotechnology as an advanced science. Various informative lectures by eminent scientists and researchers were also held. Students of the Department also achieved success in various fields, showing their skills of innovation, creativity, intelligence, intellect, imagination and knowledge. Each year, the MEDINI family works towards achieving more and reaching new heights of success to maintain its pride and glory.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

CHEMSOC, the Academic Society of the Department, organized various events in the current academic session which opened with a lecture on 24th August 2018 by Prof. Ashok Kumar Prasad, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi on the topic "Sugars as Precursors in Organic Synthesis".

The month of September started with Teacher's Day Celebration on 5th September, which was graced by the Principal in the presence of all the teachers of the Department. Some very exciting performances were given by the students as a tribute to their teachers. It was followed by another seminar on 18th September 2018 on the topic 'Development of Anti Malarial by Rational Drug Design' by Prof. Diwan S. Rawat, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi.

The even Semester began with KHRUSOS -the Annual Academic Fest of CHEMSOC on 28th and 29th January 2019. The event started with lamp lightening by the honourable Principal, Guest of Honour and teachers. First day commenced with a lecture by Prof. A. K. Ganguli, Head, Department of Chemistry, IIT Delhi on the topic, 'Advancement in Nano Technology.' The Department also witnessed a Rangoli Competition 'Myriad Hues', a quiz competition and Poster Presentation competition in which students participated with full enthusiasm. Another lecture was delivered by Mr. Piyush Garg, Assistant Controller, Patents and Design on the topic, 'Patent System in India.'

The second day of the fest started with a lecture by Padma Shri Awardee, Prof. Virender Singh Chauhan on the topic, 'What is science and why should we engage in it?' It was followed by the final round of Quiz, Power Point Presentation, Colour Chemistry Competition and Poem Competition in which various students recited their self composed poems on chemistry. The fest ended with prize distribution ceremony and vote of thanks by the convener, Dr. Akhilesh Bharti.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Commerce Society is an association of students that represents the Department of Commerce. It is one of the most eminent Societies of the institution. It works with a view to foster social and intellectual fervour among students. For this purpose, it organizes talks, lectures, group discussions, competitions, seminars, conferences and the like throughout the year. With the support of the Principal and under the guidance of its Staff Advisor, Ms. Manisha, the Society has been successfully moving towards creating a vibrant academic environment. This session proved to be highly successful for the Society.

It organized its flagship event "ADVENT", a daylong marquee extravaganza on 17th September 2018. The magnum opus commenced with the ribbon cutting ceremony by Vanita Tripathi, Head, Department of Commerce, University of Delhi followed by her speech. It also organized an innovative stack of enriching and fun frolic events such as Lyons Range 4.0 - The Mockstock Competition, Power 2 Idea - The B-Plan Competition, Close the Deal 2.0, and Labyrinth - The Treasure Hunt. Participants from various colleges of the University came and witnessed the spectacular phenomena of jubilation.

The Society continued its legacy of organizing one of its most splendid Fests of the University, "APPULSE" on 20th-21st February 2019. It was a two-day long marquee extravaganza. The first day witnessed a flamboyant speaker session, "Aspirations", based on the theme, Power of You. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, Saurabh Jain, Vice President of Paytm, followed by his inspirational and motivating words. His success story served as a testimony that hard work and dedication have no substitute. This session was followed by the arrival of Laxmi Agarwal, an acid attack survivor, a social activist and TEDx speaker. She is a synonym of courage and beauty. Her encouraging words instilled a new vigour among the listeners. Vivek Atray was the next speaker of the day. He is an Indian author, TEDx speaker and ex-Indian Administrative Service Officer. His words were really inspiring and left deep impact on the listeners. Sharad Sagar, founder and CEO of Dexterity Global and a 21st century leader whose words and works in the field of education and public service are inspiring a generation was the last speaker. The session was rejoiced by the very talented, Rahul Kaushik, founder of the page "The Melting Words". The first day ended on a hilarious note with an Open Mic Competition, organized in collaboration with The Canvas Laugh Club.

The second day of the event witnessed a wonderful splash of various mind-boggling events. This year under APPULSE, we organised LYONS RANGE 5.0 - The Mock Stock Competition, EMPLOYED - Take it Personnel-ly, LE EMPEROR- Power of the Past Force of the Future, OUTLAST- The Fittest Survives, and DUBG - The Treasure Hunt. The events were marked by a multitude of participants that was totally stupefied by the games.

The Department also launched its first Departmental Magazine - COMÈRCIO under the diligent guidance of Dr. Sameer Lama, Teacher-in-Charge and Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Convenor, e-Magazine Committee. Most of the submissions in this edition of "Comercio 2019" covered issues concerning business, commerce, economy, sustainability and accentuate some important contemporary issues. The articles that have been incorporated in this issue would certainly enrich the domain of knowledge in the field of commerce and industry, and ignite the minds of our young students.

In association with Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), the Department celebrated the Vigilance Week by organizing an essay competition on the theme 'Eradicate Corruption- Building a New India' on 1st Nov 2018.

The Department also organized a two day long National Conference on "Emerging Issues in Global Business Research and Management Practices" on 16th-17th November 2018 under the supervision of Dr. Pushpender Kumar, Mrs. Balbir Kaur and Mrs. Leena Devi. The conference covered the research and management practices on the different areas of Accounting, Marketing, legal issues in Business Environment, Entrepreneurship, Management, Business Sustainability, Foreign Exchange Risk and other related issues. Dr. Rajiv Arora (DGTR), Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Mr.

Manoj Bhatnagar and Prof. Kavita Sharma, Head, Department of Commerce, University of Delhi, all were the Chief Guests in the inaugural session of the conference. Prof. R. M. Joshi, chairperson, IIFT, Prof. Sunita Singh Sen Gupta, Dean, FMS and Prof. Kaushal Kumar, JNU were present as the Guest of Honour in the Valedictory Session of the Conference. The findings of this conference would provide the insights for the further deliberation on better management practices, financial practices, marketing practices, and research methodology.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Computer Prodigies, a Society formed by the students of Computer Science in April 2015, has an aim to involve the students of the College in various academic and non-academic activities that develop them into thorough computer professionals. It's a student driven Society with the supervision of the faculty members that helps them inculcate the feeling of responsibility, team spirit and management skills.

A seminar on 'Career Opportunities after Graduation', by Mr. Satyajeet Ranjan, Director General of ITDC, Ministry of Tourism, was organized on 24th October 2018. TCP also held a seminar on 'Big Data' on 21st January 2019 in association with Emerging India. It was conducted by Ms. Rakhi Singh, a Data Scientist. The seminar aimed at data analytics and need for learning machine languages. The Society hosted its flagship event, 'TECHNIVAL 3.0' on 15th February 2019, a one day long fest consisting of competitions like GOT Quiz, Open Mic, PUBG, Code -Unicode, Tech-Hunt, and Tech Quiz. It was inaugurated by Novy Kapadia, Versatile Sports Commentator, Ex-deputy proctor of DU and faculty of Computer Science Department. "Open Mic", one of the major events of the day, was judged by Chinna Dua, followed by her speaker session. The Fest witnessed an amazing footfall of around 2000 students participating from all over the University. It was concluded with a stand-up comedy session by Aditya Kulshresht, RJ at 98.3 Mirchi. The Society concluded this academic year with a two day workshop on 'Big Data', scheduled on 18th-19th March 2019 in association with Emerging India in order to provide students with deep knowledge of the topics like Big Data, Machine Language and R-Programming.

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Another successful year for ECOSOC, the Economics Society, was witnessed in academic session 2018-19. The first event was the Freshers' party to break the ice among the first year students and welcome them with enthusiasm. The event was rich with dance, music and fun games. About a week later, it organized an informal and interactive session with one of its senior Professors on the topic "Gender and Economics". It was named "Townhouse Meeting". It saw participation from various other departments as well as colleges. Later in the month, it organized a session with Mr. Paranjay Guha Thakurta on the topic, "Crony Capitalism in Contemporary India". In the month of November, the second townhouse meeting took place on the topic of "Behavioral Economics" with Kabir Chugh.

In the month of February, it conducted its Annual Fest "PARETO TIME 19". The two day festival was given kick start with a speaker session by Mr. Andreas Bauer. A number of interesting topics concerning "Developing Economics" were covered. Events like Ad-Meastro proved to be extremely fun filled and Nuclear Hunt saw participation from all over the University. In the meantime, other fun events kept the campus buzzing with activities. The second day started with a speaker session on "Behavioural Economics" by Mr. Javir Singh. It was an interactive session with an extended Q&A format. It was followed by events like Outcry in which more than fifty teams participated. In totality, it was a tremendously successful event.

Later, the Society went for a Departmental Trip to Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. Most of the students went for the same. It proved to be a melting pot for students of all the years. The Department of Economics hopes to progress further as an enthusiastic team in the times to come.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Grubstreet, the English Literary Society, started off the year with the Freshers' Talent Show which is an annual event showcasing the talents of the newcomers in the Society. Towards the middle of the semester, it organized a critical writing workshop conducted by Prof. Vinita Chandra, a creative writing (poetry) workshop conducted by poet and Prof. Akhil Katyal, and another creative writing (prose) workshop conducted by Prof. Taisha Abraham. These sessions invited enthusiastic audience from among the students and the resulting experience was said to be rather fulfilling. In the following event, the Indian bestselling author Novoneel Chakraborty interacted with the students of the Society over the discussion of his newly released novel - The Best Couple Ever. Later in the year, it also organized a couple of writers' anonymous sessions wherein several writings were critically analyzed and discussed upon. In a reading session thereafter, Jhumpa Lahiri's 'A Temporary Matter' were read and discussed. Bohemia'19, the Annual Fest of the English Literary Society, was held on 2nd and 3rd April 2019. The theme of the fest was "Epics and Civilization". Overall, the current year was full of zeal and zest for the Society.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography in the Academic Session 2018-2019 had organized various events starting from 3rd August 2018 to 9th March 2019. The events commenced with an interactive session on 3rd August 2018 with Dr. V. Raghavswamy (Director, National Remote Sensing Centre, Department of Space, Govt. of India, Hyderabad). It was followed by the election of the student body of the Department - Geography Association, which was conducted on 13th August 2018.

There were six posts for which the following students were elected-

**President:** Rohit Dhillon (3rd year)

**Sr. Vice-President:** Ashutosh Tiwari (3rd year)

**General Secretary:** Mohd. Naved (2nd year)

**Treasurer:** Jyotsna Verma (2nd year)

**Jr. Vice-President:** Banwari Lal Keswa (1st year)

**Joint Secretary:** Anukrit Painuli (1st year).

Remote Sensing Day was celebrated on 21st August 2018 which was attended by great personalities like Dr. Rabi N. Sahoo (Secretary, ISRS), Prof. V. K. Sehgal (Vice President, ISRS), Dr. S. S. Ray (Director, MNCFC, MoA& FW and Chairman, ISRS-DC), Dr. Debapriya Dutta (Advisor, Department of Science & Technology), Guest of Honour, Dr. L. K. Sinha (Director, DTRL, DRDO) and the Chief Guest, Prof. R. B. Singh (Secretary General & Treasurer, IGU) and President, AGS).

Two great pillars of the Department, Dr. Rekha Sharma and Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, were fondly bade farewell on 30th August 2018. The students of the Department celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2018 by reciting poems in the honour of their teachers and also showed a small documentary that they prepared. The second and third year students of the Department welcomed the 1st year students on 14th September 2018 by organizing a Freshers' Welcome.

The New Year (2019) dawned with the Department organising a National Seminar titled "Geographies of Tribal Communities and Emerging Cultural Issues" sponsored by ICSSR and The Anthropological Society of India. The occasion was graced by the Guest of Honour, Smt. Sampat Meena (IPS-IG, BPR and D), Chief Guest, Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh (Vice Chancellor, Patna University) and Keynote Speaker, Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma (Honorary Director, NRC-ICSSR). A session on disaster management and safety was conducted with the help of the Fire Station, Roop Nagar, Delhi, on 21st January 2019. An open talk on "Depression" was organised in collaboration with Children First on 25th January 2019. The talk was attended by Dr. Amit Sen (Founder of Children First and Psychiatrist), Dr. Pramit Rastogi (Child Psychiatrist), Ms. Jonaki Arora (Counselling Psychologist) and Ms. Prerna (Psychologist). This talk brought to the fore, the issue of

depression that was lurking over the society and the need to address it at the earliest. Mr. John Horn from the Department of Geoinformatics, University of Twente (Netherlands) gave an inspiring lecture on 8th February 2019.

The Department organized its Annual Festival, GEOTIME, on 15th-16th February 2019. The Festival opened with an inaugural session with Mr. K.G. Suresh (Director, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Delhi) as its Chief Guest. He officially released the Departmental Magazine, "Geoline 2019". He emphasized the role of mass communication in spreading awareness about disasters and inculcating safety culture among the people. He also motivated the youth to use social media as a channel to spread awareness about disaster management. On the second day of the Festival, there was a Panel Discussion on "The Role of Mass Media and Communication at the Time of Disasters". This was headed by Mr. Arun Kumar Pandey (Consulting Editor, The Quint) and Mr. Amit Bhatt (Director, Integrated Urban Transport, WRI-India) and moderated by Dr. Seema M. Parihar. Both the speakers enlightened the audience on the topic and motivated the youth to be prudent in understanding and analysing any news, particularly fake news as it could invoke panic among the masses. They also gave an insight into the basic problems overshadowing urban planning and news reporting in the present. Various competitions like online essay writing, online photography, debate, quiz, open mic., poster making and treasure hunt were also organized during the Festival in which students across the University had participated.

The programme culminated with the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The following is the list of winners:

- Online Essay Competition: Ritwik Mehta (B. A. Hons. Geography 3rd year)
- Online Photography Competition: Hrishikesh Taluqdar (B. Sc. Hons. Physics 2nd year)
- Poster Making Competition: Vaibhav Butola (B. Sc. Physical Science, 1st year) (First), Yukta Vats (B. A. Hons. Geography 1st year) First runner up and Asna Jafery (B. A. Hons. Geography 1st year) Second runner up.
- K. K. Majumdar Debate: Yogesh Mishra (B. Sc. Hons. Mathematics 3rd year)
- Open Mic: Yukta Vats (B. A. Hons. Geography 1st year)
- Treasure Hunt: Piyush Sharma, Sarita Lamba and Pranshi Rai (B. A. Hons. Geography 2nd year students)
- Quiz: Nayan Kumar and Sachin Agrawal (B. A. Hons. History 2nd year)

Students of the Department, who stood first in academics in 2017-18, also received awards. These were, Mansi Sharma from 3rd year, Rahul Parasher from 2nd year and Sumegha Mishra from 1st year. Office bearers of the Geography Association, members of the editorial board for "Geoline-2019" as well as its volunteers also received mementos and certificates for their valuable contribution.

Two field trips to Goa, one for the 2nd year students and the other for 3rd year students, were organized as part of their course work. The 2nd year students were taken on their trip by Dr. Khusro Moin, who was accompanied by Mr. Nikhil Roy (Faculty Member) and Mr. Sita Ram Meena (Lab Assistant) from 1st-8th March 2019. Dr. Mohd. Babar Ali, accompanied by Dr. Seema M. Parihar, took the 3rd year students to Goa from 1st-9th March 2019.

The following faculty members had occupied the administrative posts for the academic session 2018-2019:

- Senior-most teacher (by rotation): Dr. Anshu
- Staff Advisor: Dr. Seema M. Parihar
- Department representative (Library Committee): Dr. Mohd. Babar Ali
- Teacher in-Charge: Ms. Kanchana Narasimhan

Sl. No.	Events	Events held on	Faculty Responsible
1.	Interactive session with Dr. Raghavswamy	3rd August 2018	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
2.	Students' election for Geography Association	13th August 2018	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
3.	Remote Sensing day	21st August 2018	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
4.	Farewell of Dr. Rekha Sharma and Prof. Kaushal Kumar Sharma	30th August 2018	Dr. Anshu
5.	Teachers' Day celebration	5th September 2018	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
6.	Freshers' Welcome	14th September 2018	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
7.	National Seminar on "Geographies of Tribal Communities and Emerging Cultural Issues"	4th-5th January 2019	Dr. Anshu
8.	Session on Disaster Management and Safety	21st January 2019	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
9.	Open Talk on "Depression"	25th January 2019	Dr. Karuna Shree
10.	Lecture with John Horn	8th February 2019	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
11.	Geotime - Annual Geography Festival and official release of the Departmental Magazine, "Geoline 2019"	15th-16th February 2019	Dr. Seema M. Parihar
12.	Field trip to Goa for the 2nd year students	1st-8th March 2019	Dr. Khusro Moin
13.	Field trip to Goa for 3rd year students	1st-9th March 2019	Dr. Mohd Babar Ali

## DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

### हिंदी संगोष्ठी

किरोड़ीमल महाविद्यालय के संरक्षण में पिछले 60 वर्षों से हिंदी संगोष्ठी निरंतर सराहनीय एवं अभूतपूर्व कार्य कर रही है। इस मंच का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों में हिंदी भाषा और साहित्य के प्रति न केवल रुचि पैदा करना है अपितु उन्हें सक्रिय भागीदारी के लिए भी तैयार करना है। इसी परंपरा में 14 नवम्बर 2018 को हिंदी संगोष्ठी द्वारा कहानी पाठ का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें 'कथा कहानी' समूह का भी सहयोग मिला। कहानीकार असगर वजाहत और राकेश तिवारी द्वारा कहानियों का पाठ किया गया जिस पर आलोचक संजीव कुमार द्वारा विस्तृत आलोचना प्रस्तुत की गयी। कार्यक्रम में मौजूद विभिन्न विद्वानों डॉ. संजीव, डॉ. शंकर, डॉ. प्रेमपाल शर्मा, डॉ. हरियश राय, डॉ. प्रज्ञा, डॉ. प्रेम तिवारी, डॉ. शम्भू यादव और डॉ. बली सिंह ने कहानियों पर अपनी विशिष्ट टिप्पणी भी प्रस्तुत की।

हिंदी संगोष्ठी: परामर्शदाता – डॉ. बली सिंह, अध्यक्ष – विपुल कुमार, उपाध्यक्ष – यशश्विनी मिश्रा, चंचल, निखिल सोनी, सृष्टि त्रिपाठी, सचिव – विभा शर्मा, सह-सचिव – आर्यन यादव, एकता, आदित्य और कोषाध्यक्ष – निर्मय सिंह।

### नवकल्पना –

'नवकल्पना' भित्ति पत्रिका महाविद्यालय के हिंदी विषय के विद्यार्थियों के लिए एक ऐसा समृद्ध मंच है जिसमें विद्यार्थियों के अंदर छुपी प्रतिभा को दिखाने के अनेक अवसर प्रदान किये जाते हैं, जिसमें विद्यार्थी स्वरचित कविताओं/रचनाओं को सजा सँवारकर प्रस्तुत ही नहीं करते बल्कि कविताओं को विभिन्न प्रकार से आभूषित करके उनको जीवंत रूप भी देते हैं। 14 नवम्बर 2018 को प्रसिद्ध साहित्यकार असगर वजाहत, राकेश तिवारी, बली सिंह और महाविद्यालय की प्राचार्या डॉ. विभा सिंह चौहान के कर कमलों द्वारा विभाग प्रभारी डॉ. शौभा कौर एवं अन्य विभागीय सदस्यों तथा विद्यार्थियों की उपस्थिति में 'नवकल्पना' भित्ति पत्रिका का उद्घाटन किया गया। नवकल्पना पत्रिका ने इस सत्र में स्त्री विशेषांक प्रस्तुत किया। परामर्शदाता – डॉ. मंजु रानी, संपादक – आर्यन, सह-संपादक – सोनल, सहयोग – अमन, जाहवी, इंदु महिमा।

### हिंदी साहित्य परिषद –

पिछले दो दशकों से हिंदी साहित्य परिषद का मुख्य उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को हिंदी भाषा और साहित्य की वर्तमान आवश्यकताओं से व्यावहारिक रूप से जोड़ना रहा है। इसी क्रम में हिंदी साहित्य परिषद "आकांक्षा" के अंतर्गत प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें छः प्रतियोगिताएं सम्पन्न हुईं। इस प्रतियोगिता में विभिन्न महाविद्यालयों से प्रतिभागी आए।

आशुभाषण प्रतियोगिता में निर्णायक के रूप में डॉ. नामदेव और डॉ. प्रज्ञा ने भूमिका निभाई; निबंध प्रतियोगिता में निर्णायक के रूप में डॉ. रोहित और डॉ. मीरा रानी मंजु ने; और चित्र प्रतियोगिता में डॉ. सत्यप्रकाश और डॉ. आशुतोष । साथ ही लोकगीत प्रतियोगिता हुई जिसमें निर्णायक के रूप में डॉ. विद्या सिन्हा, डॉ. बीना जैन और डॉ. शोभा कौर विद्वान रहीं ।

साहित्यिक प्रश्नोत्तरी में डॉ. रोहित और डॉ. मंजु । साथ ही वाद विवाद में डॉ. बली सिंह, हर्षित, विद्याराम मीना और अनुराग निर्णायक मंडल में रहे । सभी प्रतियोगिताओं में जीतने वाले प्रतिभागियों को पुरस्कार राशि और सर्टिफिकेट प्रदान किये गए । परामर्शदाता – डॉ. महेश कुमार और डॉ. ऋतु वार्ष्णेय गुप्ता, छात्र प्रतिनिधि के रूप में अध्यक्ष – अमन शाही, उपाध्यक्ष – अंजलि और सुधीर, सचिव – मोना झाखड़, सहसचिव – अनामिका और शिवजीत, और कोषाध्यक्ष – अंकुश ।

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

LEGACY, the History Society, like every year, started its work with the election of new Union Members of the Department. Teachers and students without any controversy, elected them. The Society was actively involved in organizing seminars and discussions for students' enrichment. An Annual Trip to Mysore and Ooty was also organized in the month of January.

The Department, with a view of providing first hand practical experience to the students in mapping History and understanding its process and methods, has taken up a comprehensive Research Project titled "Histories in/of the Neighbourhood". The Project focuses on Urban History and this year it aimed and succeeded in mapping various aspects of History of the Chandrawal Village through collection and interpretation of the oral sources.

To highlight the importance of varying perspectives and interpretations in the process of understanding historical developments, the Society, this year onwards, came up with "Baithak", a weekly interactive discussion on topics of historical and contemporary significance. Its first session was successfully organized on 28th September 2018 on the topic "Different Perspectives on Ramayan".

An Intra-department Cricket and Volleyball Tournament was also held to provide an interactive space to the students and promote friendly environment for all.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics is one of the finest departments in the University. The Department has a history of nurturing academics, research, extra-curricular activities and evolving team work. This academic session began with a warm welcome of the freshers. Tensors, the Society of the Department, organized a formal Freshers' party for them. A fun and healthy competition was organized to adjudge 'Mr. Fresher and Ms. Fresher'. This induced a sense of camaraderie between the seniors and the juniors.

The Society celebrated its much awaited Annual Academic Festival, SUPREMUM'19, during 11th - 12th February 2019. It endeavoured to bring together the creative potential of young minds by providing them a great platform to show their talents in various intellectual and co-curricular fields. The Department carried forward the legacy of conducting Qazi Zameeruddin Memorial Lecture by inviting Prof. Geeta Venkataraman, Department of Mathematics, Ambedkar University, Delhi. She delivered a lecture on "The method of infinite descent: Fermat's Last Theorem (FLT) and the case  $n = 4$ ". Other events included Ranganit, Tarkchakr, Mic-Drop, Prayikta, Fandom Quiz, 221 Baker's Street, Expressions and many more. Some students displayed their artefacts, paintings etc. in the exhibition. The two day Festival saw an active participation from students from across the University and was a huge success.

On the whole, this year has been quite eventful and the contribution of each member of the Department has been pivotal in making this a vibrant, vigorous, flourishing and an inspiring year.



## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The Department of Physics started the year with zest and zeal by conducting elections for the office bearers on 14th September 2018, which witnessed active participation. On 1st October 2018, the new members to the family were given a warm welcome by seniors at the Freshers' Party, filled with fun.

In remembrance of one of the greatest minds in "Theoretical Physics and Cosmology", Professor Stephen William Hawking, the Physics Society conducted a talk session with his Ph. D. student, Professor Daksh Lohiya on 23rd January 2019. Students from all over the University flocked to attend the same.

The Annual Fest of the Department, "NEWTONIAN'19" held on 25th-26th February, achieved a great success amongst the students, and saw participation of students from other colleges of the University. The Fest involved Seminars, Debate, Poster Making, Open Mic, Presentation Competition and Quiz Show. The highlight of the Fest was an all new science exhibition that grabbed the attention and enthusiasm of students from different streams by imparting the joy of learning physics.

All in all, this session proved to be a major milestone for the Department and left the students with even more enthusiasm for years to come.

## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

La Politique, the Society of the Department, in its current academic year organized a wide range of events to instil practical learning among its students. The session started with a GBM (General Body Meeting) to break the ice between the Freshers and their seniors, followed by the declaration of Departmental Elections. Being the Department of Political Science, democracy lies at its core. Nominations were filed; manifestos were released; presidential debates took place and voting was done through the ballot box. All this invoked a sense of responsibility and accountability among students and also trained them for what lies ahead.

With the onset of New Year, the Department organized a workshop on "Working of Local Government" and a Quiz Competition highlighting the education crisis in India. The year also witnessed the second edition of Frank Thakur Das Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Ashok Acharya.

The flagship event of the Department, POLITICANA, saw a lot of new additions this year. Two speaker sessions by Dr. Rajat Mitra and Dr. Anupama Roy were conducted along with a workshop on law. The Fest also included academic events like Talent Show for students to put their best foot forward. Competitions like Quiz, Real Politik, Political Poster Making all were also on the list to trigger the craft and curiosity among students. As many as eight different teams from colleges across the University also presented street plays to bring forth several social issues.

The Department also launched the third edition of its Annual Magazine 'AWAAZ' with a 3-D cover to scale up from its previous editions. The Department, as a whole, has been shifting from the monologue and conventional ways of learning and as a result continues exploring new ventures to keep the flow going.

## DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

The Department held its orientation held on 19th July 2018. The Annual Meet and Elections were held on 14th August 2018. Freshers were given a warm welcome on 14th August 2018. Sanskrit Parishad, a unit of the Department, held its official meeting in October 2018. A lecture was delivered by Mr. Pankaj Nain (IPS) on 'How to Prepare for UPSC' on 13th January 2019. VAGISHA 2018-2019, the Annual Fest of the Department, included three competitions: Shlokantyakshri, Quiz Competition (Sanskrit Sahitya Prashnamanchapratispardha) and Chitrakarm Competition, held on 14th March 2019 in which students of the College won the second prize in all three competitions. The students also participated in various Inter-college competitions and cultural activities and won many prizes throughout this year.

STUDENT NAME	COLLEGE	COMPETITIONS	PRIZE
Deepak Sharma (M. A.)	Bharti College	Shlokgayan	2nd
	Rajdhani College	Shlokgayan	2nd
	Gargi College	Sanskrit Geet Gayana	1st
	Bharti College	Sanskrit Sadhya Gadhya Padhya	1st
	Daulat Ram College	Ekal Sanskrit Shlok Sangeet	1st
	Venketshwar College	Shlok Sangeet	1st
	Delhi Sanskrit Academy	Chalchitra Sanskrit Geet	4th
Rinki Sharma (M. A.) Arvind Kumar Dubey (B. A.)	Gargi College	Rangoli	3rd
Nitish Bhardwaj (M. A.)	Bharti College	Sanskrit News Making and Broadcasting	1st
	St. Stephen's College	Sanskrit Shlokoccharn	1st
Arvind Kumar Dubey (B. A.) Abhishek Tiwari(B. A.) Arvind Kumar Dubey (B. A.)	Kirori Mal College	Prashnamancha	2nd
Ashu Kumar Thakur (B. A.)	Rajdhani College	Prashnamancha	2nd
	Hansraj College	Prashnamancha	2nd
	Delhi Sanskrit Academy	Prashnamancha	3rd
Ashu Kumar Thakur (B. A.) Jayraj (B. A.)	Miranda House College	Shlokantyakshri	1st
	Kirori Mal College	Shlokantyakshri	2nd
Ashu Kumar Thakur (B. A.)	Delhi Sanskrit Academy	Shlok Rachna	Consolation
	Maitrayi College	Prashnamancha	1st
Abhishek Tiwari (B. A.)	Ramjas College	Nibandh Lekhan	6th
Ashu Kumar Thakur, Nitin Kumar Dubey, Chandra Shekhr, Vivekanand, Neeraj & Jayraj (B. A.)	Delhi Sanskrit Academy	Aksharshloka	1st
Abhishek Tiwari, Rani, Chandra Shekhr, Vivekanand, Neeraj & Jayraj (B. A.)	Satyawati College	Shlok Sangeet	4th

## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

The Department of Statistics organized many academic activities in this semester. In the month of February, it organized a speaker session by Dr. Andrew Tongue, Chair and Professor at Kent State Ohio University. He gave an insightful lecture about his research on "Probabilistic Techniques and Harmonic Analysis". It was an enriching experience for all the students who had a chance to interact with him. In the last week of February 2019, the Department organized two more seminars by Dr. Rahul Roy from Indian Statistical Institute and by Mr. Himanshu Ujjwal, Founder and CTO at Algo8.ai

on 27th February 2019 and 28th February 2019, respectively. Dr. Rahul Roy talked about different aspects of statistics right from its history to the current GDP, and inspired students for a future in the field. On the other hand, Mr. Himanshu, who has his own startup in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, provided an enriching professional exposure to the students.

Apart from this, the Department of Statistics held its Intra-department Cricket Tournament in February 2019. The students bonded well over a healthy competition and the 3rd year students emerged victorious. On 18th-19th March 2019, the Department along with The Computer Prodigies, organized a workshop on "Machine Learning". It was conducted in collaboration with Emerging India, and the invited mentor Ms. Rakhi, who has a lot of experience in the field, was able to engage the students well. This created an opportunity for many students to have a hand on experience in the field of Machine Learning, which is one of the most sought after fields of the 21st century.

Overall, it was a semester full of life that proved to be fruitful for all.

## DEPARTMENT OF URDU

Bazm-e-Adab, the cultural and literary Society of the Department, actively works round the clock for creative and literary pursuits of the students. The Society encourages young and blooming writers to showcase their latent talent in the area of composing poetry, couplets, sonnets, etc. under the guidance of very proficient professors, who ensure the textual efficacy and quality of students' write-ups. The Department has a great name of being headed in the past by Dr. Khaleeq Anjum, one of the most reputed Indian Urdu scholars and intellectuals. The patronage of scholars and poets like Prof. Kamil Qureshi, Dr. Reza and others reinforced the literary and scholarly tradition. The Society is famous for holding seminars, qawwali and mushaira programmes. Also, it organizes Bait Bazi and Ghazal Sarai Inter-college competitions.

## DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Biocenose, the Society of the Department, started its session 2018-19 with an Orientation Programme on 19th July 2018, in which Freshers' were welcomed by the TIC, Dr. Anjali Priyadarshani, who acquainted them with the members of the Department, all the activities held round the year and future scope in the domain of Zoology.

The Student Council Elections were held to elect the office bearers for the Department under the guidance of the Staff Advisors, Dr. Anita Kamra Verma and Dr. Nidhi. Mohd. Adil was elected as the President, Karishma as the Vice President, Mansi Rathi as the Treasurer, Lakhvinder Singh & Yash Sharma as the General Secretaries, Arzoo Sirohi & Tanisha Bhimwal as the Joint Secretaries and Naimesh Gupta as the Cultural Secretary. Each one of them shared their thoughts about the sense of responsibility they felt towards the Department and what contribution they were going to provide. A lecture was delivered on "Vitamin D Deficiency" by the researcher Dr. Pamela von Hurst from Massey University, New Zealand on 23rd August 2018. It was very interesting and inspiring for the students who got an exposure to the scientific field and on-going research work. Freshers' party was organized on 28th August 2018. The office bearers along with 2nd and 3rd year students gave a warm welcome to the 1st year students. It was an amalgamation of fun, learning and inspiration for the students who stepped into their college life. The event gave an excellent opportunity for the entire Department to know and interact with the new members of the Society in which Umang Bhatia & Esha were chosen as Mr. Fresher & Ms. Fresher respectively. Various students performed and added to the festivity with their talents.

"Science Setu" was jointly organized by Thsti and the College on 20th September 2018 in which lectures were delivered by three eminent scientists and a debate competition was organized under the supervision of Dr. Anita Kamra Verma and other faculty members. The activity was to promote students to share their thoughts. A workshop on "Advanced spectroscopy and dynamic light scattering" was jointly organized by the Department with Test Right and Malvern Panalytical Company on 9th October 2018 under the supervision of Staff Advisors.

The 87th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was jointly celebrated on 11th October 2018 by the Society and Fine Arts & Photography Society of the College. It also included various cultural events like Rangoli Competition, Poster Making Competition, followed by a Dental Check-up for students. As a part of the curriculum, students of 3rd year visited Yamuna Biodiversity Park near Wazirabad on 26th October 2018. This educational trip was carried under the guidance of Dr. Gauri Garg, Dr. Cherita, Dr. Lukram. On 29th October 2018, students of 1st year, under the supervision of Dr. Cherita, Dr. Haren and Dr. Nidhi, visited Jim Corbett National Park, which gave them an opportunity to come closer to nature and appreciate the diversity of flora and fauna of the region.

"Ecdysis", the Annual Fest, was successfully conducted on 13th-14th February 2019. The theme of the festival was specially chosen to reflect the coordination of the Department and the need to promote inclusiveness, multiculturalism and the possibilities of education through creative arts integrated with the talent of the students. It started with the inaugural lecture by the Chief Guest, Mr. Abhishek (AIIMS). This lecture was a step ahead towards realizing the "Urgency of Awareness on Cancer". It provided a platform to the students for developing a better understanding of the inner working of agencies, working towards increasing awareness about the causes of cancer and prevention from it. Various activities were lined up for the students after the lecture as an attempt to nurture various talents among students. The various events included Quick Pic, in which students were able to showcase their photography skills and the talent of analysing or making a picture from various angles. The other events were Slow Cycling, InQuizitive, Lemon Race and Zoology Charades and Hand Painting on the theme 'Wildlife Conservation'. The next day started with the Gully Cricket to develop a sense of leadership and unity. Beg Borrow Steal was the next event which the students found interesting and exciting the main aim of which was to make students think wisely. An Open Mic was also organized where the students were able to express their thoughts in the form of poetry, story or gazal. The students also showcased their talent of singing and stand up comedy. Three Legged Race, Wordsworth, War with Balloons and Tug of War were the other major events of the Festival. The Festival was concluded with the Prize Distribution of all the winners. It was followed by the felicitations of all the office bearers for their dedicated contribution in the event.

The various events organized by the "Biocenose" in 2018-19 were a great success and helped the students to learn how to keep peace with the rhythm in life and about team spirit, harmony and togetherness.

## ARTS IN PROGRAMME

The course of B. A. Programme is one of the oldest courses of the University of Delhi. The course is an amalgamation of various disciplines that ensures a holistic and all-round academic experience for the students with a scope of specializing in a particular discipline, irrespective of its stream.

The B. A. Programme Society ensures that all the advantages and perks of this course are reaped by the students through various academic and non-academic events. The academic year 2018-19 has been an active year for it. It organized various seminars, talks and other activities throughout the session. With an enthusiastic and involved union led by the President - Prasoon, Vice President - Kuldeep Singh, General Secretary - Jai Prakash, Secretary - Anil Meena, Treasurer - Jibrán, Joint Secretaries - Ankit and Ojavsi and Coordinator - Prosasti Ganguly along with the support of the Convenor, Dr. Bali Singh and Co-Convenor, Dr. Manju Rani, the Society has grown tremendously.

"Arunodaya", a warm get together, officially called the "Freshers' Party", was organised by the second and third year students to welcome their juniors to the family. The first year students got a chance to showcase their talent in a Talent-Hunt Show that included a number of activities including ramp walking and the like. They were also given exciting titles that suited their personalities.

An Intra Department Cricket Tournament was organized on 19th-20th February 2019 that gave a chance to the students to showcase their expertise in the sports. The third year students proved their mettle and emerged as winners.

The Annual Fest, RESURGENCE, which was a two day long event took place on 5th-6th March 2019. An enlightening session on the "Indian Nationalism and its Challenges" by Dr. Pravesh Kumar and on the "Role of Youth in Contemporary India" by Prof. Dhiraj Chauhan was organized on 5th March 2019. Two sessions on the "Role of Economics" and "JNU Women Empowerment" by Dr. Praveen Jha, and Dr. Sheetabh Sharma and Prof. Kanoria (Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jaipur), respectively, were conducted on the 6th of March. The Fest also included various competitions comprising Slam Poetry, "Alfaaz" and Parliamentary Debating Competition, "Vicharostav". Participants from different universities presented their views in the seminar. The most impactful session was presented by Prof. Dhiraj Chauhan. His enthusiasm for the topic really made his lecture enthralling and helped engage youngsters in thinking. Thereafter, the Convenor and the Co-Convenor were felicitated by students' representatives of the Society.

## SCIENCE IN PROGRAMME

The B. Sc. Programme Society started with the welcome of new enthusiastic members and a get-together like Orientation Programme and the like. This year added many golden feathers to the Society. The Society that is famous for its academic excellence had a year full of co-curricular activities and achievements. On the International Yog Day, Navneet from 2nd Year conducted PT classes and taught Yog to cadets in a 'Combined Annual Training Camp'. Arpit Kumar Shukla, a student of Analytical Chemistry, secured 2nd position in Inter College Power Point Presentation on Modern Chemistry in St. Stephens College. He also secured 1st position in Power Presentation at Daulat Ram College, and in Power Point Presentation on Modern Analytical Techniques in Khrusos'19. Arpit Kumar Shukla and Poornima, collectively secured 3rd position in Poster Presentation on HPLC at the Annual Fest of the Department of Chemistry, Hindu College and 2nd position in Poster Presentation in Khrusos'19. Poornima secured 2nd position in PPT competition, Harshita and Monika secured 3rd position in Poster Presentation in Khrusos'19 while Ruchi and Sheetal actively participated in Poster Presentation at Hindu College. Sheetal Sharma and Arpit Kumar Shukla collectively secured first position in Poetry Competition. Apart from them, Kishan, Vaibhav and Rishit participated in Poster Presentation at Dayal Singh College. Arpit Kumar Shukla also won Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan Award for the Best Creative Writer in Hindi Language section, one of the academic sections of the Annual Magazine, New Outlook: नई दृष्टि.





## CULTURAL SOCIETIES

## DEBSOC - THE DEBATING SOCIETY

From the 8th to the 11th of February of 2019, the 39th edition of the "Annual Frank Thakur Das Memorial Parliamentary Debate (FTD/39)" took place within the premises of the College. The much coveted event was organized by the Debating Society of the College, founded decades ago by (Professor) Frank Thakur Das. With a participation of thirty-four teams from prestigious institutions across the country and nearly one hundred able adjudicators, this year's tournament was, much to the satisfaction of the organizing committee, a resounding success.

FTD is the oldest "Asian Parliamentary Debate" of the country, with a unique tradition of making our own motions a practice barely seen at any other tournament. Such an exercise by the Society, with rigorous meetings in a span of two months, resulted in unique and intriguing dilemmas being debated on issues as relevant as Feminism, Nation Building, Literature, Philosophy, Gender Identity and so on. Through a process of multiple screenings, each and every motion was balanced, and debate in nearly every debate room was perceived to be competitive and of a good level by various spectators.

As we try to incorporate positive changes every year, in this year's tournament, it was decided to keep things green. In this respect, the number of plastic bottles was limited to one per person for the four days while hygienic water dispensers were installed throughout campus. Styrofoam cups were replaced with earthen 'kulhads', that reduced plastic waste in the premises, while recycled papers were used for decoration, registration banners and other such purposes. As a part of another positive initiative, the registration fee for all participants was waived off to enhance accessibility across economic sections.

Thereafter, debating rounds were followed by sumptuous breakfast, lunch and high tea, enjoyed and appreciated heartily by all participants. The winning team of FTD/39 was a cross delegation from Hindu, DCAC and Jindal Colleges, and was awarded with a prize money of Rs. 69,000. Attractive runners up prizes and adjudication prizes also followed. The end was met on exhilarated notes of success.

## FAPS - THE FINE ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

The Fine Arts and Photography Society (FAPS) is a body of highly qualified fine artists and photographers, who strives to deliver excellence through their superlative talent and creativity. Besides imparting an empirical knowledge of fine arts and photography, the society has endeavoured to maintain its position as the finest of all cultural societies across the country.

The session 2018-19 went remarkable for the society under the supervision of Dr. Anjali Priyadarshini as its teacher convenor and the consistent efforts of the post holders and members of the society who put forward its legacy and took it to a higher platform.

Post Holders of the Society are Mr. Chiranjiv Ravi Shah - President, Mr. Abhishek Verma - Vice President, Mr. Harshit Kapoor - General Secretary.

The Freshers' Talent Show strives to empower the new members to the Society with confidence by presenting an exhibition of their artwork. In association with Prayas - The Enabling Unit of the College, the Society also presented an exhibition of the artworks and photographs of the differently abled students of the College. A theme based installation representing the current issue of LGBT community placed in the most prominent location of the event added an eye-catching finesse to the fest 'Rendezvous', organized by the IIT Delhi. This entailed the members of the Society to present their skills to the world and come up with victory in the events organized therein. Like previous years, the Society triumphed in most of the competition held in the fest.

Mood Indigo, Asia's largest cultural festival, organized by IIT Bombay, offered another opportunity to the Society to multiply its exposure, hone its skills and work upon its holistic development.



On the Founder's Day, the Society unveiled some of its most admirable work produced during the year. The same was presented to the College as a souvenirs with a delicate theme based sculpture to be showcased in its prominent location. Vinay Sharma (B. A. Prog. 3rd Year) presented a portrait to the Chief Guest, Justice A. K. Patnaik, as a token of honour. The Society organized its Annual Fest, PERCEPTIONS 2019, with zeal and zest. It efficiently used the hues of nature, the science of light and the colors used in the artworks to come up with the most intricate theme-based exhibitions in the University. The theme of the Fest was 'Seasons'. It witnessed a series of fine arts and photography oriented events and a photography workshop which were highly appreciated by the participants and the faculty of various colleges.

## Achievements during the Session:

### 1. Chiranjiv Ravi Shah

- Rotaract CYV Club Photography Competition - 1st
  - Miranda House Photography Competition - 1st
  - IIT Delhi Storyteller Photography Competition - 3rd
  - IIT Delhi B Roll Videography Competition - 3rd
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### 2. Harshit Kapoor

- Gargi COM-Ady Advertisement Competition - 1st
  - IIT Delhi B Roll Videography Competition - 3rd
  - JMC Action Replay Videography Competition - 1st
  - PGDAV Darkroom - 2nd
  - Commendable Award - Bharat ke Rang, 2018
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### 3. Arziz Borah

- LSR Global Youth Photography Competition - 1st
  - Hindu College Global Youth Photography Competition - 1st
  - JMC Sociology Fest Photography Competition - 3rd
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### 4. Bhumika

- IITD Storyteller Photostory Competition - 3rd
  - PGDAV Darkroom - 2nd
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### 5. Hrishikesh Talukdar

- IITD Design Revolution - Photoshop competition - 2nd
- IITD Storyteller Photo-story Competition - 3rd
- SGTB Khalsa On the Spot - 1st
- PGDAV Darkroom - 2nd
- MAIMS Picturesque, Abstract – 1st
- KMC GEOTIME Photography - 1st
- KMC Montage photography - 2nd
- NIFT Photo Exhibition - 1st

## 6. Amisha Mohan

- St. Stephen's College Poster-making Competition – 3rd
  - Miranda House (Bottle adornment competition) - 2nd
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## 7. Srishti Manchanda

- Leonardo da Vinci Award for the Best Creative Artist of 65th edition of KMC's Annual Magazine
  - St Stephens Breaking Frames photography exhibition- 1st
  - Shivaji College: Click o click- 1st
  - Gargi College Com Ady Competition - 1st
  - IIT Delhi B Roll Videography Competition - 3rd
  - PGDAV Darkroom - 2nd
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## 8. Shikha Malik

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Poster Making Competition – Appreciation prize
  - MAIT: Sketching Competition – 1st
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## 9. Vaibhav Butola

- Miranda House Painting Competition on Environment Day - 3rd
  - KMC & Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Azad International Foundation Poster Making - 2nd
  - TECNIA Media Fest Poster Making Competition - 1st
  - TECNIA Media Fest Cartooning Competition - 1st
  - BPIT Doodling Competition - 2nd
  - IGDTUW Annual Fest T-Shirt Art Competition - 2nd
  - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College Strokes Painting Competition - 1st
  - St Stephen's Poster Making Competition - 3rd
  - LSR Ecotooner - 1st
  - JMC Poster - 1st
  - Miranda House Doodling - 2nd
  - MAIT Chitrageet - 3rd
  - SBSC Doodling - 1st
  - SGGSCC Doodling - 1st
  - KMC Poster - 1st
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## 10. Jagriti Singh

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change - Poster making competition - 1st.
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## 11. Shubham Goyal

- IGDTUW Annual Fest t-shirt art competition - 2nd

**12. Aryan Bhatia**

- JMC Action Replay Videography Competition - 1st
  - IIT Delhi B Roll Videography Competition - 3rd
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**13. Ashita Sharma**

- Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College Conception Digital Poster Design Competition - 3rd
  - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College KLF 2019 Give Away Prize Winner
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**14. Sarthak Ahuja**

- JMC Sociology Fest - 2nd
  - JMC Memography - 3rd
  - JMC Action Replay - 1st
  - IITD The B-Roll Challenge - 3rd
  - IITD Through the lens - 2nd
  - IITD Through the lens - 3rd
  - JPC Annual Photography Exhibition
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**15. Vinay Kumar Sharma**

- IGDTUW Annual fest T Shirt Art competition - 2nd
- Hindu Art Exhibition - Best Painting of the Event

## MONTAGE - THE FILM SOCIETY

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Montage worked rigorously throughout the academic session of 2018-19. The academic year began with an interactive session with Bollywood lyricist Raj Shekhar who made a smashing entry in 'Tanu Weds Manu' in 2011. Montage, in order to promote cinema which is left unnoticed by the majority, enthusiastically started its series of screenings. It screened movies of different languages and genres. English language films like 'Enemy' (2013), 'The Man from Earth' (2007), 'Perfume' (2006), 'Whiplash' (2014), 'Breathless' (1960), Iranian film 'The Color of Paradise' (1999), Lebanese film 'The Insult' (2017); Hindi films like 'Bioscopewala' (2017) and 'Water' (2005); Japanese movies like 'After Life' (1998) and 'Grave of the Fireflies' (1988); and a French movie 'Au Revoir Les Enfants' were screened, and movie analysis and discussions on its making, direction, literature and nuances were carried out. In addition, a series of short films were screened in the same academic year.

It organized a film making workshop with filmmaker Avinash Sourav in the odd semester and also collaborated with Indian Academy of Shorts to present a documentary film making workshop "Perception & Projection", conducted by Aditya Seth on 24th January 2019. Montage had an interactive session with JNU scholar, Khushboo Bhutani on Palestinian Cinema, on 31st January 2019. On 13th February 2019, it collaborated with the Adventure Club of the College to present Climax Film Tour, in association with 4Play.

Montage had its invigorating two-day Annual Film Fest, "MISE-EN-SCENE", on the theme 'Celebrating Life' on 27th-28th February 2019. The fest witnessed the presence of actors Raghav Kuckreja and Sushant Singh. It also held a number of competitions for students. The Montage Gallery paid a tribute to actors such as Sridevi, Mrinal Sen, Kadar Khan, Isao Takahata and Stan Lee, among others.

## MUSOC - THE MUSIC SOCIETY

MUSOC, The Music Society of the College, started its session in July 2018, shortly after the ECA admissions concluded, followed with the introduction of its six new members through the Freshers' Talent Show held on 26th September 2018, showcasing their talent. Its first performance in Raag Adana was held at the VC Office in the presence of prestigious guests.

MUSOC then began working on this year's compositions. The Indian piece for this year which is self composed by its members is an amalgamation of the Raags Durga, Bageshri and Gorakh Kalyan. The Western piece, also self composed, is a medley of iconic numbers, 'How deep is your love', 'You got a friend in me' and 'Crazy li'l thing called love' to name a few. The final output of both the pieces was so great because of its complexity and musicality that the Society bagged many positions in the Indian Choir and Western Acapella Competitions in various colleges. A few of the very talented MUSOC members also won solo singing competitions.

In October 2018, a team of sixteen members went to IIT Kanpur's Annual Festival, Anataragni, where it bagged the 3rd position in the Western Acapella category. The Society organized its Annual Musical Festival, "SURMANJARI", on 1st-2nd March 2019 where teams from various colleges took part in the events organized in the College such as Indian Choir, Western Acapella, Battle of the bands, and Indian and Western solos.

MUSOC also organized one and a half hour long concert which was put up by its very own members. All in all, this session went exceptionally well for the Society.

## PLAYERS - THE THEATRE SOCIETY

Players, The Theatre Society of the College, started the year with a general orientation Theatre Workshop for the new members of the Society which was conducted by several Players alumni. During this period, several scripts were also analyzed in great detail to finalize the plays to be done this year.

The Players produced two plays this year:

1. Manav Kaul's 'Chuhai', a stage play directed by Alnawaz and Nihal Jerath Grover
2. 'Karya Pragati Par Hai', a self-scripted street play directed by Antariksha Sharma and Pew Banerjee.

These plays have taken a combined total of twenty performances in the University of Delhi theatre circuit as of now, with more performances in the pipeline.

'Chuhai' was one of the eight plays selected for the Old World Collegiate Theatre Festival held in February 2019. 'Karya Pragati Par Hai' was performed at the Artists Unite! Festival at Red Fort on 3rd March 2019. Also, it has been invited by Sahmat to perform as part of the National Street Theatre Day programme on 12th April 2019. In partnership with the Culture Council of the University, the Society organized an invitation performance of 'Black Hole', the latest play by the renowned theatre artist Ms. Jyoti Dogra. It also organized a Theatre Lighting Workshop at Studio Safdar for the members of The Players. The Workshop was conducted by the well-known lighting professional Rahul Rai, who is incidentally an alumnus of the Society.

The Society revived its flagship event, "Sar-e-Aam", a festival of street theatre. It was organized in a unique manner, working on the principle of collegiate theatre that lies in groups coming together to introspect.

Office Bearers of the Society were Antariksha Sharma (President), Mayank Shandilya and Pew Banerjee (Secretaries). Along with the Office-Bearers, third year members of The Players - Alnawaz, Karan Chauhan, Raunak Mann and Shantnu Sharma - provided a strong leadership.

The second year members proved to be the backbone of the Society and they were Aaryaman Singh, Mrinalini Sharma, Nihal Jerath Grover, Paras Nagpal, Rensa Vats and Shrey Bisht. The discipline and hard work of several first year students like Abhiraj Raghav, Anshul Kumar, Ateen Das, Paripoorna Baxi, Rinkoo Kumar, Samdeesh Mahajan, Shivam Batham, Smriti Chawla and Vikash Ramola, amongst others, ensured the future of the Society towards escalating heights.

## SENSATION - THE DANCE SOCIETY

Sensation, The Dance Society of the College, organized itself into a formal extra-curricular society in the year 2000 with a vision of creating space for students to hone and exhibit their passion for Dance.

The current academic year began with twenty six students. They won a number of awards and participated in a minimum of fifty institutions (Pan-India). The Society practises a myriad number of dance forms like House, Contemporary, Popping, Locking, Hip Hop etc., making it one of the few versatile societies in the colleges of the University.

Within Sensation, there is bifurcation - The Choreography Wing and The Western Wing. This year, each had their individual productions. The theme for its Annual Production for the Choreo Wing was 'Introspection'.

Due to the continued perseverance of its members, Sensation has now become one of the finest societies of the University and it yearns for a separate ECA Quota in order to attract a greater number of skilled dancers to compete and further grow as a society in the future.

## SPIC-MACAY - THE INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND CULTURAL SOCIETY

SPIC MACAY is the Society for the promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst youth. The Society is an affirmation of need to promote an awareness of the rich cultural tapestry of India among youth through focus on the classical arts with its rituals, mythology and philosophy and to facilitate an appreciation of their deeper values, for which, the Fest of the Society was organized in the College on 4th April 2019.

The guest artist of the programme was Pandit Bhuvanesh Komkali, accompanied by Shri Vinay Mishra and Shri Sambhu Nath Bhattacharya. Pandit Bhuvanesh Komkali is the grandson of Pandit Kumar Gandharva. He has received a number of titles and awards including the Shanmukhanand Shiromani Award conferred by Sri Shanmukhanand Sabha, Mumbai (2009) and the Mallikarjun Mansoor Yuva Puraskar given by the Government of Karnataka (2010). Shri Bhuvanesh Mukul Komkali is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi of the year 2012 for his notable talent in the field of Hindustani vocal music.

The Programme commenced with the welcoming the guests followed by the lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal and the Chief Guest. The beauty of classical music gave everyone the eternal peace of mind and heart. It was concluded by a thank you note by the Convener, Dr. Agam Kumar Jha.

The Society is committed to promote the Indian classical arts and deepen its roots in the hearts of every person. It has an active participation of students from every department of the College to promote classical art. Monthly meetings are held with the members of the Society from different schools and colleges. The Society also organizes Orientation Ceremony for attracting the youth and promoting Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst them. Discussions and meetings within the College are held to devise new ways to promote the same. An annual event full of cultural performances is also organized by artists who are associated with the Society.

