



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
DISMISSAL SERVICE 2017

26 April 2017

Your Grace, Rt Revd Warris K Masih, Chairman of the College, Shri Alwan Masih, Vice Chairman of the College and General Secretary of the CNI, distinguished Chief Guest for the day Shri CK Mishra, parents, my colleagues and dear Junior Members, good morning and welcome to this very special day in the corporate life of our College. Today we bid our Junior Members of the final year goodbye and godspeed as they get ready to face their end-of-semester exams and then prepare to meet the challenges of the real world outside equipped with the education they've received, our prayers, good wishes and blessings.

As is the tradition on this solemn occasion, I am pleased to place before you a report for the year 2016-17. My report will, for want of time, touch upon the most outstanding achievements of our Junior Members, the achievements of the faculty and staff, departmental achievements and I shall close with the activities

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AT UG AND PG LEVEL

UNDERGRADUATE

SCIENCE MERITORIUS AWARD

I YEAR PHYSICS

1. Anuj Kumar Singh
2. Elma Joshy
3. Satvik Mishra
4. Aditya Singh
5. Ronika Sarkar
6. Shraddha P Jain
7. Arunima
8. Diwakar Sharma
9. Nilay Krishna
10. Shubhra Shukla

I YEAR CHEMISTRY

1. Ananthu Vasudevam
2. Alina Alza
3. Devendra Prajapat
4. Navoneel Sen
5. Anshuma Garg
6. Nicy
7. Amrit Mohapatra
8. Anukriti Kaushik
9. Karandeep
10. Srijit Seal

II YEAR PHYSICS

1. Vinay Gusain
2. Megha Chakraborty
3. Pragyan Badhani
4. T Rocket Singh

II YEAR CHEMSITRY

1. Ayushi Bhatt
2. Meenal Jain
3. Pallavi Nayyar
4. Shruti Rastogi
5. Shalu Singh

III PHYSICS

1. Saurabh Kumar
2. Ankita
3. Naageshwaran M
4. Shubham Bansal

III CHEMISTRY

1. Hemani Chhabra
2. Nitika Garg
3. Bhavesh Gupta
4. Shriya Gumber
5. Shreya Sinha

TOTAL IN PHYSICS

18

TOTAL IN CHEMISTRY

20

MEDAL & PRIZES

- 1 **Indian Philosophical Congress Medal**
For obtaining highest marks in M.A, Philosophy
Awarded to: NIKHIL MAHANT
M.A. PHILO
- 2 **Dr. N. S Pradhan Memorial Medal**
For obtaining highest marks in M.A English
Awarded to: RIMA MUKHERJEE
M.A. English
- 3 **Prof. Seshadri Prize**
For obtaining highest marks in B.Sc. Chemistry
Awarded to: SURABHI AGARWAL
B.Sc. Chemistry
- 4 **H.H.Shankracharya Swanandashram Hari Prize**
For obtaining highest marks in B.A. Sanskrit
Awarded to: SONIA
B.A. Sanskrit

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE RESULTS 2016-17

No. of students appeared: 421

No. of students passed: 395

Pass Percentage: 93.82

UNDERGRADUATE RESULTS 2016-17

S. No.	Program Name	No. of Students Appeared	1 st Div.	2 nd Div.	3 rd Div.	ER*	No. of Students Passed	Pass %age
1	B.A. Programme	54	49	2	0	3	51	94.44
2	B.A. Honours Economics	51	41	6	3	1	50	98.04
3	B.A. Honours English	28	20	4	2	2	26	92.86
4	B.A. Honours History	66	37	23	2	4	62	93.94
5	B.A Honours Philosophy	12	7	3	0	2	10	83.33
6	B.A. Honours Sanskrit	6	4	2	0	0	6	100
7	B.Sc. Honours Chemistry	43	40	2	0	1	42	97.67
8	B.Sc. Honours Mathematics	49	43	1	0	5	44	89.8
9	B.Sc. Honours Physics	45	39	4	0	2	43	95.56
10	B.Sc. Prog. (Chemistry)	26	23	2	0	1	25	96.15
11	B.Sc. Prog. (Computer Science)							

POSTGRADUATE RESULTS 2016-17

S. No.	Program Name	No. of Students Appeared	1 st Div.	2 nd Div.	3 rd Div.	ER*	No. of Students Passed	Pass %age
1	M.A. English	10	10	0	0	0	10	100
2	M.A. History	8	2	5	0	1	7	87.5
3	M.A. Philosophy	2	0	2	0	0	2	100
4	M.A. Sanskrit	4	4	0	0	0	4	100
5	M.Sc. Chemistry	6	6	0	0	0	6	100
6	M.Sc. Mathematics	3	2	0	0	1	2	66.67
7	M.Sc. Operational Research	4	3			1	3	75
8	M.Sc. Physics	4	0	2	0	2	2	50

ER* - Essential Repeat

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

I would now like to read out some of the achievements of my colleagues during the past year; I wish to underline the fact that for them they take their teaching very seriously and so while what I read out may seem modest, please remember that they have been teaching, conducting their tutorials, correcting and grading their assignments, carrying out their responsibilities as Staff Advisors and have also managed to participate in self development activities. Giving talks, being invited to conduct workshops, writing reviews for books published, and being examiners are kind of routine and therefore I shall not go into them; I shall merely touch upon the more serious achievements of my colleagues and, do not for a moment think that what I am going to read is an exhaustive list of achievements. It is not. My colleagues have been doing much else:

The department of Chemistry has had a very active year with Dr Vibha Sharma and Dr Satish Kumar having completed 2 UGC research projects each. Besides this the members of the department have published papers and articles.

Dr Ekta Kundra Arora attended the Indo-UK Scoping Workshop on **“Development of Rural Bio-refineries in India: From Waste to Wealth”**, jointly organized by Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (University of York), Green Chemistry Network Centre (University of Delhi) and The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI).

She also attended the workshop on Drug Discovery Technology-Computational Approaches in Drug Discovery and Technology" to be organized by Department of Biomedical Science, Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Science, January 12-13, 2017.

Dr Rakhi Thareja successfully completed the Innovation Project SSC-301 funded by University of Delhi. Besides this she has also published two articles in the last year.

The department of Economics has had several talks, seminars, workshops and panel discussions during the year.

From the Department of English Dr N P Ashley has been active – translating, presenting papers at both national and international levels. His international papers include “Indian Borderlands of Shakespeare: Some Notes on the Dramaturgy of College Theatre” presented at Queen’s University, Belfast, United Kingdom. And his translation “When Big Trees Fall”, Translation of N.S. Madhavan’s Malayalam short story “Vanmarangal Veezhumbol” for *1984: In Memory and Imagination*. Published in Amaryllis, 2016.

Almost all members of the department of History have been doing their bit:

Dr Rohit Wanchoo reviewed *Yasmin Khan. India at War: The Subcontinent and the Second World War*. Published by Oxford University Press, 2015. and authored *Ian Talbot. A History of Modern South Asia: Politics, States, Diasporas*. New Haven Yale University Press.

Mr Malay Neerav presented a Paper entitled “PROLIFERATION OF UNTOUCHABLE CASTES IN NORTH INDIA BETWEEN *circa* A.D. 600-1200” at the 77th Session of the Indian History Congress held at Thiruvananthapuram in December, 2016.

He was also the academic assistant and Media Coordinator for “International Conference on India-Iran, TWO Great Civilizations: Retrospect and Prospects” held at Tehran between 23-25 May, 2016, organized by ICCR,

Ms Sangeetha Luthra Sharma was a member of the Syllabus revision sub-committee on History of China and Japan and Modern East Asia.

Dr Tasneem Suhrawardy presented a paper at the Indo- Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia University on Islam in India; Politics Society and Culture held on 15-16th December 2016. The title of the paper was Mughal Identity: Central or Indian.

Dr Mahesh Gopalan has two publications to his credit during the year 2016 and has also participated in conferences with his papers *The Birth of a new Order: reconfiguring the English Presence in Early Modern Madras*, presented at the University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia, and with *Reorienting the Gaze: The Protestant church and the English East India Company in early Eighteenth Century Madras*, presented in Ecclesiastical History Society, at the 55th Summer Conference, University of Edinburgh in July 2016.

Dr Digvijay Singh was awarded his Ph D in 2016 and Dr Naina Dayal and Dr Aditya Pratap Deo are on leave from the department to pursue academic interests. It may be worthwhile to say here that Dr Deo has been awarded a prestigious two year fellowship to work at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla on a history of Chattisgarh.

In the department of Mathematics Dr Radha Mohan has published three articles in the Department of Lifelong Learning while Dr Prashanto Chatterjee was Convenor for the Symposium on Applied Mathematics held in College. Ms Divya Bhambri published two articles in Lifelong Learning while Dr Manisha Agarwal was awarded her Ph D in December 2016.

The department of Physics has had Dr. Anu Malhotra along with Dr. Vibha Sharma and Dr. Ekta Arora of the Chemistry Department awarded an innovation project for the academic year 2016-2017.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar presented a paper titled "*Cosmopolitan Strands in Science in Colonial and Post Independent India*" at an international conference on Cosmopolitanism in the History of Science, held at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla in August 2016.

The department has also dynamically proved themselves by passing on some of their academic traits to the students. Ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to announce that seventeen students from the first, second and third years have won meritorious awards from the University of Delhi this last year.

Young teachers of **Political Science** have proved their worth by not only attending several seminars, workshops and paper-presentations but one of them Ms **Garima Dhabai** has also gone on to publish her article titled "Excavating the City: Metro construction and imagination of the past" in a book published this year by Palgrave, Macmillan.

From the **department of Sanskrit Dr A D Mathur** presented a paper on '*The Principles of governance in the Shanti Parva of the Mahabharat*' at an international seminar at the National Museum, New Delhi.

He has also been called upon to lecture at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, Delhi on *How to study the Dharma Shastra*.

Besides this he continues to guide research scholars and teaches Sanskrit as part of the courses offered by the Centre for Languages at College.

Dr Chandra Bhushan Jha has been very active not only as the Registrar of Societies but also in travelling to disseminate Sanskrit language and literature. Among his several achievements this year a few are:

He was invited to contribute as the Sectional President of " Modern Sanskrit " section , in the two day, 1st national conference of All Bengal Sanskrit Lovers' Association in Kolkata . Presided over all the sessions and chose the best Research Paper for " Vyasshree Young Sanskrit Scholar Prize " .

Dr Jha also contributed as an External Member in the " Expert Committee on Research Journals in Sanskrit " , constituted by Shri Lal Bahadur Shashtri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth , New Delhi as per the instructions of UGC.

He delivered the Presidential Address in the " Pali and Buddhist Studies " section at the 48th session of AIOC at Haridwar.

He was invited to present his research paper on " Art crafts in Dandin's work " at an International Seminar, organised by the University of Ranchi .

He was invited to present his research paper on " Life and Works of Panditaa Kshamaa Rao (the very first poetess of modern age, in Sanskrit)" at a national seminar, organised by the Sahitya Akademi , Delhi at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi .

He delivered a special lecture on "Challenges and Prospects in Sanskrit Journalism", organised to mark the completion of 150 years of Sanskrit journalism , by the Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrit Sammelan at Sanskrit Bhavana , New Delhi .

These are a few of the achievements of my colleagues...a full and exhaustive list will be available on the college website.

DEPARTMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Achievements: Projects/ Papers/ Workshops/Seminar details for the period April 2016- March 2017

Dr. Vibha Sharma & Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora

Research Project completed – 2

Papers & articles published – 2

Posters – 7

Certificate of appreciation – 2

Dr. Vibha Sharma

Invited lecture – 1

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 2

- **Submitted the final report of UGC funded Major Research Project, March 2017**

Titled “Synthesis, Characterization and Applications of Novel Heterocyclic Compounds of Transition Metal Ions”. 2013-2017.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Vibha Sharma

Co- investigator: Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora.

- **Completed Innovation Project funded by University of Delhi, October 2016**

Titled “Smart medicines: Investigation of Physio-chemical And Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of Dilution with respect to Homeopathy.

Principal Investigators:

Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora; Dr. Vibha Sharma; Dr. Annu Malhotra & Ms. Sonali Batra

Papers/Articles

- Elements in the Chemistry of Life, SR Vol.53(04) [April 2016], Ekta Kundra Arora and Vibha Sharma, <http://nopr.niscair.res.in/handle/123456789/34038>.
- "Synthesis, antioxidant, antibacterial, and DFT study on a coumarin based salen-type Schiff base and its copper complex." Chemical Papers 70.11 (2016): 1493-1502. ISSN print edition: 0366-6352, ISSN electronic edition: 1336-9075 Vibha Sharma, Ekta Kundra Arora and Savio Cardoza.

Invited lecture - 1

- Invited to deliver a lecture on '**Transition elements and Coordination compounds**' in the DU Pre-Net Winter School-2016 in the disciplines of Chemical Sciences organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, November 2016.

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended -2

- Indo-UK Scoping Workshop on "**Development of Rural Bio-refineries in India: From Waste to Wealth**", jointly organized by Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (University of York), Green Chemistry Network Centre (University of Delhi) and The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), February 20, 2017.
- Participated in the "**1st International Homoeopathic Congress – 2016**", Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, April 8-10, 2016.

Posters

- Poster on "A Highly Selective 'Turn-On' Organic Fluorophore for Zinc ions with Potential application as a Probe", Nakul Sharma, Joshua Baskaran, Nijita Mathew, Savio Cardoza, Ekta Kundra Arora and Vibha Sharma, presented in Innovation Conclave – 2016: Nurturing Research at the Undergraduate level in Acharya Narendra Dev College, October 25-26, 2016.
- Poster on "Synthesis & Characterization of Metal-ligand complexes and Their Spectral Studies", Asitang Veer Srivastava, Gagan Saraf, Nakul Sharma, Ekta Kundra Arora and Vibha Sharma, presented in Innovation Conclave – 2016: Nurturing Research at the Undergraduate level in Acharya Narendra Dev College, October 25-26, 2016.
- Poster on "Study of Physico-chemical Properties of Extreme Dilute Solutions of *Acidum benzoicum* as used in Homoeopathy" presented in Innovation Conclave – 2016: Nurturing Research at the Undergraduate level in Acharya Narendra Dev College, October 25-26, 2016.

- Poster on Innovation Project SSC 302 titled “Smart medicines: Investigation of Physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homoeopathy”, displayed on final selection by the University of Delhi, November 19, 2016.
- Poster on Innovation Project SSC 302 titled “Smart medicines: Investigation of Physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homoeopathy”, displayed on Foundation Day of the University, May 01, 2016.
- Poster on "Study of Physico-chemical properties of extreme dilute solutions of Argentum nitricum involved in Homoeopathy" at 1st International Homoeopathic Congress - 2016, New Delhi, Vigyan Bhavan, April 9-10, 2016.
- Poster on “Smart medicines: Investigation of Physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homoeopathy” at 1st International Homoeopathic Congress - 2016, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, April 9-10, 2016.

Certificate of Appreciation

- Certificate of appreciation for the Innovation Project titled "Smart medicines: Investigation of Physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homoeopathy" **(Half yearly and on completion of the project).**

Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora

Research Project completed – 2

Papers & articles published – 2

Posters – 7

Certificate of appreciation – 2

Invited lecture – 1

- Invited to deliver a lecture on ‘**Chemical bonding**’ in the DU Pre-Net Winter School-2016 in the disciplines of Chemical Sciences organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, November 2016.

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 4

- Indo-UK Scoping Workshop on “**Development of Rural Bio-refineries in India: From Waste to Wealth**”, jointly organized by Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (University of York), Green Chemistry Network Centre (University of Delhi) and The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), February 20, 2017.

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- Workshop on Innovative Teaching Methodologies and Use of ICT in Teaching held at CPDHE, University of Delhi, October 20-26, 2016.
- Participated in the "1st International Homoeopathic Congress – 2016", Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, April 9-10, 2016.

Projects

- Innovation Project funded by University of Delhi titled "Smart medicines: Investigation of Physio-chemical And Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of Dilution with respect to Homeopathy" 2015-2016 (October).

Principal Investigators: Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora; Dr. Vibha Sharma; Dr. Annu Malhotra & Ms. Sonali Batra

- UGC funded Major Research Project titled "Synthesis, Characterization and Applications of Novel Heterocyclic Compounds of Transition Metal Ions". 2013-2016. *Principal Investigator :Dr. Vibha Sharma, Co- investigator: Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora.*

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Certificate of Appreciation

- Certificate of appreciation for the Innovation Project titled "Smart medicines: Investigation of Physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and Study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homoeopathy" (*Half yearly and on completion of the project*)

Dr. Rakhi Thareja

Workshops

Convenor for workshop on "Computer Aided Molecular Modeling and Drug Discovery" hosted by Department of Chemistry, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, on July 25-26, 2016 with participation from National and International Delegates.

Conducted a Summer Workshop on ‘Importance of Computational Chemistry in Research’ for students of B.Sc (Hons.) Chemistry and B.Sc (Physical Science) Chemistry (May 20 to June 6, 2016)

Projects

Successfully submitted the final report for Innovation Project SSC-301, funded by University of Delhi in October, 2016.

Innovation Project SSC-301 funded by University of Delhi titled “In silico and In vivo studies of economically Insilico and Invitro Studies of economically important Begomoviruses in Indian Fruits and Vegetables”, 2015-16.

Principal investigators: **Dr. Rakhi Thareja, Dr. Rashmi Sachdeva and Dr. Veena Beri.**

Invited Lectures

Invited to deliver a lecture on “Solid State Chemistry” in the DU Pre-Net Winter School 2016 in the disciplines of Chemical Sciences organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi

Invited to deliver a series of lectures in various topics of Chemistry for Project Udaan, an initiative by MHRD, a project to provide free online resources to girl students of senior- secondary branch in schools from humble backgrounds.

National and International Conferences

- National Conference on “Emerging Economics and Challenges to Sustainability towards Developing Nation, 2016” at Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi (April, 2016)
- National Conference in “Chemistry on Environment and Harmonious Development” organized by Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi (April, 2016)
- National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Technical Terminology in Science” organized by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Delhi (January, 2017)
- Indo- UK Scoping workshop on “Development of Rular Biorefineries in India: From Waste to Wealth” (February 2017) organized by University of Delhi.
- National Seminar on “New Roles of teachers in technology driven Higher Education” organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre of MHRD at SGTB Khalsa College (March, 2017)
- National Seminar on “Recent Innovations in Chemical Scince and Environment Technolgy” organized by Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi (March, 2017)
- International Workshop and Conference on “Drug Design: ICDD-2017” organized by Schrödinger at Convention Centre, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi (April, 2017)

Papers/Articles in Journals

- **Rakhi Thareja**; Interaction of CdSe quantum dots with some aliphatic and aromatic diamines. *Journal of Integrated Science and Technology* Vol 4, No. 2 (2016) 51-58.
- **Rakhi Thareja**; Theoretical Modeling Replication Association Protein of India Cassava Mosaic Virus, *Journal of Integrated Science and Technology* Vol 4, No. 2 (2016) 81-86.

Achievements:

- Paper presented in the form of a Poster entitled "Computational Studies of Indian Cassava Mosaic Virus (ICMV) and docking of ICMV with Gold and Silver nanoparticles" (Rakhi Thareja, Veena Beri, Eva Lance, Nidhi sharma) at the *National Conference on Nanoscience-Opportunities and Challenges (Feb-2016)*, won the Best prize.
- Poster titled "Homology Modeling of Replication Association Protein of Tomato Leaf Curl Bangalore Virus" (Rakhi Thareja, Aman Chauhan, Irene, Pulkit Joshi) at the *National Seminar on Role of Analytical Sciences in Sustainable Development, 2016*, won the Best poster prize.

Dr. Kanika Malik

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 1

Participated in National Seminar on "New Roles of Teachers in technology-driven Higher Education" organised by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College, DU in collaboration with The British Council held on 1st March, 2017.

Dr. Bharti Badhani

Ph. D. Awarded in 2016

Thesis Title: "Investigation of Varied Facets of Gallic Acid: An *In Silico* Approach", Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, Delhi.

Papers published – 2

- **Bharti Badhani** and Rita Kakkar (2017) DFT Study of Structural and Electronic Properties of Gallic acid and its Anions in Gas and Aqueous Phase. *Struct. Chem.* [Communicated]
- **Bharti Badhani** and Rita Kakkar (2016) *In silico* Studies on Potential MCF-7 Inhibitors: A Combination of Pharmacophore and 3D-QSAR Modelling, Virtual Screening, Molecular Docking and Pharmacokinetic Analysis. *J.*

Biomol. Struct. Dyn. Advance online publication.

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 2

- **National Seminar on e-Learning and MOOCs in Higher Education**, jointly organized by SGTB Khalsa College, Guru Anand Dev Teaching Learning Centre and Centre for e-Learning at SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, March 29th, 2017.
- Indo-UK Scoping Workshop on **Development of Rural Biorefineries in India: From Waste to Wealth**, jointly organized by Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (University of York), Green Chemistry Network Centre (University of Delhi) and The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), February 20th, 2017.

Dr. Jaspreet Kaur

Project

Got a grant/major project entitled "**Exploration of high performance polymers and nano-fillers to develop futuristic adhesives for joining metals**" from DST.

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 1

Indo-UK Scoping Workshop on **Development of Rural Biorefineries in India: From Waste to Wealth**, jointly organized by Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (University of York), Green Chemistry Network Centre (University of Delhi) and The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), February 20th, 2017.

Dr. Jyotirmoy Maity

Publications

Journal:

1. Rajesh Kumar, Manish Kumar, **Jyotirmoy Maity** and Ashok K. Prasad; Chemo-enzymatic synthesis of 3'-O,4'-C-methylene-linked *α*-L-arabinonucleosides. **RSC Advance**, **2016**, 6, 82432-82438.

Conference proceeding:

2. **Jyotirmoy Maity**, Roger Stromberg and Ashok K. Prasad; Bromination of Nucleosides by Sodium Monobromoisocyanurate (SMBI). Seminar Proceeding of Recent Innovations in Chemical Sciences and Environment Technology, 3rd -4th March **2017**, 19-20.

Manuscript under preparation/ revision:

1. Rajesh Kumar, Manish Kumar, Neetu Singh, Ankita Singh, **Jyotirmoy Maity** and Ashok K. Prasad; Chemo-enzymatic route to C-4'-spiro-oxetano- β -L-ribonucleosides (Under revision **Carbohydrate Research**)
2. Neha Rana, Manish Kumar, Vinod Khatri, **Jyotirmoy Maity** and Ashok K. Prasad; Enzymatic separation of epimeric 4-C-hydroxymethylated furanosugars: Synthesis of bicyclic nucleosides (Submitted to **Advanced Synthesis and Catalysis**)

Book chapter:

1. **Jyotirmoy Maity**, Smriti Srivastava, Yogesh S Sanghvi, Ashok K Prasad and Roger Stromberg; Facile Access to Bromonucleosides using Sodium Monobromoisocyanurate (SMBI). **Current Protocols in Nucleic Acids Chemistry**; 2017, 68:1.39.1-1.39.9.

Patent applied:

1. *Title*: Novel ligands for prevention of neurotoxicity of the Alzheimer's disease related amyloid-beta peptide. (**Applied for US patent; Application No. 15/111, 248**)
Inventors: Roger Stromberg, Dmytro Honcharenko, **Jyotirmoy Maity**, Firoz Roshan Kurudenkandy, Alok Juneja, Lennart Nilsson, Jan Johansson, Jerry Presto, Andre Fishan.

Paper presentation

Oral presentation

1. **From milligram to gram scale: An efficient method for bromination of nucleosides.** Innovations in Chemistry Laboratory Teaching (INCLAT 2017), Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India. 8th -9th February 2017.
2. **Bromination of Nucleosides by Sodium Monobromoisocyanurate (SMBI).** National Seminar, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India. March 2017.

Poster presentation

1. **Jyotirmoy Maity**, Vipin K Maikhuri, Yogesh S Sanghvi, Roger Stromberg and Ashok K Prasad. **From Miligram to Gram Scale: An Efficient Method for Bromination of Nucleosides.** Carbo-XXXI, Delhi, India. 14th – 16th November 2016.

Dr. Priyanka Thakral

Ph. D. Awarded in 2016

“In-Silico Investigations on Molecular Engineering of Electrically Conducting Copolymers using Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm”

Papers/Articles in Journals

- In-silico analysis of electronic structures of model polypeptide chains using particle swarm optimization, Priyanka Thakral, Vimal Rarh & A K Bakhshi, Current Physical Chemistry, Vol 6, DOI: 10.2174/1877946806666161118155550; Accepted (in print), 2016.
- *Biosensors and Point of Care Diagnostics*, Priyanka Thakral, Amalagam 2016-2017, Rasgandhayan, Chemical Society, Gargi College (College Magazine), 2017, pp 10-11.
- *Understanding Quantum Mechanics: A Chemist's Perspective*, A K Bakhshi & Priyanka Thakral, Science Reporter, CSIR, Vol. 54(3), March 2017, pp 41-45.
- *World's smallest machine makers bag Nobel Prize in Chemistry*, A K Bakhshi & Priyanka Thakral, Science Reporter, CSIR, Vol. 53(12), December 2016, pp 31-32.

Invited Lectures:

- **Dr. Priyanka Thakral**, Alumni Talk - Department of Chemistry, Gargi College, University of Delhi; “**Careers with Chemistry**” – September 9, 2016.
- **Dr. Priyanka Thakral**, invited lecture in the DU Pre-Entrance Summer School organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi.

Oral presentation

- On “*e-labs: A Green Approach to Learning and Research*” – Priyanka Thakral, National Conference on Combating Industrial Pollution For Sustainable Environment – A Fusion Of Industrial And Scientific Efforts (CIPSE – 2016), Department of Chemistry, Gargi College, University of Delhi; September 22-23, 2016.

Publications: e-learning

- Contributed as co-author for developing MOOC for Quantum Chemistry with Prof. A.K. Bakhshi for MOOCs for e-PG Pathshala Project under UGC and MHRD. (Developed e-Content of approx. 500 A4 pages and in all + ~1100 MCQs for Quizzes) under the auspices the Centre for e-Learning, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi.

- Contributed as co-author for developing e-content for Quantum Chemistry, Statistical Thermodynamics and Chemical Dynamics with Prof. A.K.Bakhshi in the e-PG Pathshala project of MHRD under NME-ICT under the auspices the Centre for e-Learning, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi. (Developed e-content of approx. 700-800 A4 pages).

Workshops/Conferences/Seminars Attended - 3

- National Conference on “Combating Industrial Pollution For Sustainable Environment – A Fusion Of Industrial And Scientific Efforts (CIPSE – 2016)”, Department of Chemistry, Gargi College, University of Delhi; September 22-23, 2016.
- STEM Teacher Training Workshop on Research Based Pedagogical Tools, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Mohali, Punjab; January 23-25, 2017.
- Faculty Empowerment Workshop: “WGB1: Workshop on Basic ICT Skills for Educators (e-Content Development and Assessment Tools)”, held at Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre of MHRD at SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi; September 17-19. 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Seminars

1. ‘Pricing Plastic: Experimental evidence on incentives to reduce plastic bag use in India’ by Prof Rohini Somanathan (Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics). Held on 5th October 2016 at 2pm in the Seminar Room.
2. ‘The Black Economy in India and Remedies’ by Prof. Arun Kumar(Professor of Economics(Retd), JNU). Held on 10th January 2017, 3pm in the Seminar Room.
3. ‘Geography and Governance: Evidence from Rural India’ by Karan Nagpal (Alumnus, Doctoral Student at Oxford University). Held on 11th January 2017 at 2pm in Room G
4. Current Research in Political Economics by Dr Anirban Kar (Associate Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics). Held on 18th January 2017 at 3pm in the Seminar Room.
5. ‘Standard of Living and Correlates in Slums of Three Indian Cities: Monetary vs Multidimensional Approaches’ by Dr Sugata Bag(Assistant

Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics). Held on 15th February 2017 at 3pm in Room G

6. 'Demonetization- A Structural Reform' by Dr Indradeep Ghosh(Alumnus, PhD in Economics from MIT, Currently with Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, Mumbai). Held on 6th April 2017 at 2pm in Room XC.

Talks

1. Dr Tarun Gupta(Alumnus, PhD from University of Chicago, Vice President, AQR Capital Management)- Quantitative Investment Strategies, 28th October 2016, Room XD
2. Dr Arvind Panagariya (Niti Aayog)- Indian Economy: Retrospect and Prospect, 13th January 2017, College Hall
3. Dr Abhijit Banerjee (Professor of Economics, MIT)-Entrepreneurship for the Poor, 14th January 2017, College Hall

Panel Discussion

1. Labour Law Reforms- Rewriting India's growth story post 1991. Panel comprising of Dr TCA Anant (Chief Statistician of India), Dr Nitin Desai (Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth), Dr Sandip Sarkar (Institute of Human Development) and Dr Praveen Jha (Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University) on 20th October 2016 at 3pm in the Staff Room.

Workshops

1. Statistical Packages and Academic Writing: An introduction to LaTeX by Dr Hemanshu Kumar Three sessions were held on 20th February 2017, 27th March 2017, 3rd April 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Dr. N.P. Ashley

International Presentations

1. Paper presentation, Asian Theatre Conference, University of Lincoln, United Kingdom: "Hacker Caliban in the Facebook *Tempest*: On the Performativity of Post Colonial(ity and) Science". 10 June 2016.

2. Invited Lecture. Post Colonial Forum. Queen's University, Belfast, United Kingdom: "Indian Borderlands of Shakespeare: Some Notes on the Dramaturgy of College Theatre". 17 June 2016.

National Semiar

1. Plenary Talk, UGC National Seminar. "Thoughts from a 'Post-Meaning' World: On Theatricality and Text, Communication and Power". Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady, Kerala. Febraury 6, 2017.

Translation

1. "When Big Trees Fall", Translation of N.S. Madhavan's Malayalam short story "Vanmarangal Veezhumbol" for *1984: In Memory and Imagination*. Ed. Vikram Kapoor. Delhi: Amaryllis, 2016.

Popular Articles

1. "What is (Differently) at Stake in Delhi University?" *Indian Express Online Blogs*. Feburary 27, 2017.
2. "How Chetan Bhagat Might be Insulting India and Hindus". *Indian Express Online Blogs*. April 11, 2017.
3. "Case for Union Civil Code", *Deccan Herald All India Edition*. October 23, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Naina Dayal : presented a paper on 'The sūtas of the *Mahābhārata*' at an international conference on the *Mahābhārata* last week (6-8 April). this was organised by the English Dept of Delhi University. The more important function (held in JNU on 11 January) was to celebrate the completion of the Princeton University Press *Rāmāyaṇa* translation project which began in the 1970s. Was the discussant for 2 papers presented by Robert Goldman and Sally Goldman at that event.

Aditya Pratap Deo:

A two-year Fellowship at the prestigious Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, to work on a monograph on the history of Chhattisgarh.

2. organized/convened a national seminar on "Anthropological Histories and Tribal World in India" at the Institute, 27th-29th March 2017, in which 25 scholars from all over the country presented papers on the anthropological histories of tribal peoples.

3. presented a paper at the same titled "The Enchanted Realm: The Spirits of the State in Colonial-Princely Kanker, Central India"

Digvijay Singh

Delivered a talk on the theme, **Money at the Coast: The Complex Monetary History of Maritime Malabar, c. 11th- 13th centuries** at the Dept. of History, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, U.P. 12 February, 2016.

PhD degree in History was awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru Univerisity on 12 May 2016

Participated in an International Symposium on the theme **Sea and Knowledge** at Bharuch, Gujarat, 9-11 December, 2016

Presented a paper on the topic, **Perceptions Of Coastal Topographies: Malabar And Its Ports, C. 11th -14th Centuries CE** in an International Conference on the theme, Toward a new urban history: Identity and spatiality in ports-of-trade
c. 100 c.-1850
2-4 January 2017, Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

Malay Neerav in 2016:

- a) Continued to work as the Joint Dean of Students' Welfare and Media Coordinator for the University of Delhi up to 31 May, 2016
- b) Academic Assistant and Media Coordinator for "International Conference on India-Iran, TWO Great Civilizations: Retrospect and Prospects" held at Tehran between 23-25 May, 2016, organized by ICCR, India Foundation, Academy of Persian Language and Literature and Sa'di Foundation, Tehran. The programme was a part of India's Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to Iran for which Media Coordination was also done by me.
- c) Was invited as the Chief Guest and nodal speaker for the Scholar Badge Ceremony of Delhi Public School, R.K.Puram on 17 February, 2016. Addressed the Students on "Exploring and Optimizing Academic Potential By the Making the Right Choice of Stream at the +2 level"
- d) Was invited as the Resource Person and the Keynote Speaker to address the History Teachers of High Schools in a conference jointly organised by

the CBSE and DPS, R.K.Puram on “Teaching History: Challenges and Perspectives”

- e) Presented a Paper entitled “PROLIFERATION OF UNTOUCHABLE CASTES IN NORTH INDIA BETWEEN *circa* A.D. 600-1200” at the 77th Session of the Indian History Congress held at Thiruvananthapuram (28-30 December, 2016)
- f) Paper Entitled “A Historical Analysis of Segregation of Untouchable Castes in North India from *circa* A.D. 600-1200 ” has been accepted for publication in the upcoming Vol.17, No.2, July- December, 2016 edition of Amity Business Review (ABR) which is a bi-annual blind peer reviewed, refereed, multidisciplinary research based international journal having ISSN: 0972-2343.
- g) Guest Speaker at the Department of Psychology, University of Delhi to address the Post-Graduate and Research Scholars on “Functional Complementarity and Interdisciplinary approach to the Study of History and Psychology”.
- h) Appeared as a Senior Sports Analyst and Commentator on several TV News Channels (DD News, Lok Sabha TV, Zee News, WION News, CNBC, IBN7 etc.), BBC World Service and All India Radio throughout the year.
- i) Participated as an expert in Special Programmes for Career Counselling organized by All India Radio.
- j) Currently serving as Staff Advisor to the Planning Forum of St. Stephen’s College

Sangeeta Luthra Sharma

Associate Professor

2. Research Undertaken/Academic Activities:

1. Examination paper setter, head examiner and additional examiner for BA (Hons), BA (Program) and MA (Previous) annual and semester examinations.
2. Member of the Syllabus revision sub-committee on History of China and Japan and Modern East Asia.
3. Regular Evaluation of the BA and MA examination scripts.

3. Publications and Writings

A. Occasional papers on diverse subjects such as Girl Child Labour in Uttar Pradesh; Women Labour in Japan in the 1920’s; Inheritance and Property Rights in the Dharmashastras; Confucianism in Contemporary China

B. Conferences, Seminars, Courses attended.

1. Regularly attended and participated in workshops, seminars and conferences organized by the Department of History, Department of East Asian Studies and Women's Studies and Development Centre (WSDC)

C. Invited talks, lectures and workshops conducted.

1. Gender studies talks through the Gender Sensitization Committee and under the auspices of Sexual harassment committee
2. Theatre workshops with the Shakespeare Sabha of St Stephens College

D. Positions of responsibility and Contribution to academic and extra-curricular life of college

1. Staff Advisor to the Ladies Common Room, 2016-17
2. Member (Infrastructure and Learning Resources)–Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the second cycle of NAAC assessment - 2016

E. Other teaching and learning activity

1. In collaboration with a Mumbai based NGO 'The WorldKids Foundation', been conducting interactive sessions –'Lessons in the Dark' since October 2010. The Foundation is a non-profit organization involved in imparting value based quality education to the school going children of Grades KG to XII by using the medium of films as a learning tool. Its flagship program "Lessons in the Dark" is designed as an interactive film viewing and discussion module which is delivered as a classroom session to the students. And its goal is to add value to the school curriculum encompassing the continuous and comprehensive evaluation procedure. The program helps the students to acquire life skills and build their cognitive and affective abilities. At present the program is being conducted in two schools in the Delhi-NCR, The Step By Step School and Seth Anandram Jaipuria School.

Dr. Tasneem Suhrawardy, Associate Professor

Presented a paper in the National Seminar on Ideas, Traditions and Cultural Values in Medieval India held on 23-25 Feb, 2016 at Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University. The title of the paper was Social Cultural Impact of the Migrants from Central Asia to the Mughal State. This paper will be soon published in an edited volume.

2. Presented a paper at Indo- Arab Cultural Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia University in a two day seminar on Islam in India; Politics Society and Culture held on 15-16th December 2016. The title of the paper was Mughal Identity:

Central or Indian. This paper will soon be published in edited volume by Primus publication.

3. Paper entitled Mughal State: A Study of Offices and Titles has been accepted for publication in Medieval India 4, State, Society and Culture of Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University. This will be published by Primus, Delhi.

Dr. Mahesh Gopalan

Publications

Edited Books:

2016

Pettigrew, William and Gopalan, Mahesh (eds.), The East India Company, 1609-1857: Essays on Anglo-Indian Connection, Routledge, New York

Articles in Edited Books:

2016

'Maritime Society in an Early Modern Port City: Negotiating Family, Religion and the English Company in Madras' in Pettigrew, William and Mahesh Gopalan, (eds.), The East India Company, 1609-1857: Essays on Anglo-Indian Connection, Routledge, New York

Academic and Administrative Committees and Responsibilities

2016-2017

Faculty Representative, Student Faculty Committee, Department of History, St. Stephen's College

2016

Convener, of the committee overseeing the undergraduate end semester examinations, for the paper "History of India 8th to the 18th centuries" in the Department of History, University of Delhi

2016

Special invitee to the Committee of Courses (for the revision of the all CBCS courses in History) Department of History, University of Delhi

2016

Member of the committee for the revision the B.A. Program course “History of India 8th to the 18th centuries” in the Department of History, University of Delhi.

Seminars, Conferences and Lectures

2016

‘The Birth of a new Order: reconfiguring the English Presence in Early Modern Madras’, paper presented in the Colonial Formations Conference, University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia, 23-25 November 2016.

2016

‘Reorienting the Gaze: The Protestant church and the English East India Company in early Eighteenth Century Madras’, paper presented in Ecclesiastical History Society, 55th Summer Conference, University of Edinburgh, 26–28 July 2016

Dr Naina Dayal

Publications:

‘Teaching Early Indian History in 2015’ in Singh, Geeta et al., *Nation Building Through Higher Education*, Delhi: New Delhi Publishers and Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education, University of Delhi, 2016, pp. 47-50.

On the premier performances of the *Ramayana* of Valmiki’, in Kumkum Roy, ed., *Insights and Interventions: Essays in Honour of Uma Chakravarti*, Delhi: Primus Books, 2011, pp. 117-142. Included in Sahapedia 2016.

This can now be accessed at www.sahapedia.org under the module name ‘Ramkatha traditions of India’.

Papers and Presentations:

Invited by the English Literary Society of St Stephen's to speak to the first year students on the Sanskrit epics, and those lectures (4, if I remember correctly) were on 6 and 7 October, 2016.

Invited by the The English Dept. of Gargi College to speak on the historical context of the Sanskrit epics on 25 October, 2016.

A far more important occasion was an event in JNU to mark the completion of a *Rāmāyaṇa* translation project that began in 1969. Robert Goldman and Sally J. Sutherland Goldman presented papers on the last book of

the *Rāmāyaṇa*, the *Uttarakāṇḍa*, and I was asked to be the discussant. The event was on 11 January, 2017. I'm sending one of the posters as an attachment.

Member of Committee for revision of the Delhi University syllabus on Ancient Indian history.

Dr Digvijay Singh

- Delivered a talk on the theme, *Money at the Coast: The Complex Monetary History of Maritime Malabar, c. 11th- 13th centuries* at the Dept. of History, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, U.P. 12 February, 2016.
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Dr Rohit Wanchoo

Publications:

1. Review of Yasmin Khan. *India at War: The Subcontinent and the Second World War*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2015.
Published on H-Asia (January, 2017)
2. Ian Talbot. *A History of Modern South Asia: Politics, States, Diasporas*. New Haven Yale University Press, 2016.
Published on H-Asia (July, 2016)

Member and Convener of Committee for revision of Delhi University syllabus for two courses.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS.

The Mathematics Department conducted a “Symposium on Applied Mathematics” at St. Stephen’s College on March 21-22 2017.

Dr. Radha Mohan

Publications

- Radha Mohan and Rajesh Singh, Primary Decomposition, published by Institute of Life Long Learning, Nov. 2016.
- Rajesh Singh and Radha Mohan, Cyclic Decomposition, published by Institute of Life Long Learning, Nov. 2016
- Rajesh Singh and Radha Mohan, Rational and Jordan Form, published by Institute of Life Long Learning, Nov. 2016.

Dr. Prahsanto Chatterjee

- Attended a Symposium on Mathematical Programming and Game Theory held at Indian Statistical Institute during Jan 9-11,2017
- Was the Convenor of Symposium on Applied Mathematics held at St. Stephen’s College
During March 21-22 2-17.

Ms. Divya Bhambri

Publications

- Bhambri Divya, Factorization of Polynomials, published by Institute of Life Long Learning.
- Sapna Mahlotra and Divya Bhambri, Divisibility in Integral Domains, published by
Institute of Life Long Learning.

Dr. Manisha Aggarwal

- **Received Ph. D. degree in Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi on 6th November 2016.**
- Attended Science Academies Lecture Workshop on “Groups in Geometry and Applications” held during 13- 15 October, 2016 at Maitreyi College, University of Delhi.
- Participated in Faculty Development Programme on “Computer Algebra System and Latex” held during 16- 17 February, 2017 organised by Department of Mathematics, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi.

- Participated in Faculty Development Programme on “Statistical Computing Software ‘R’ ” held on March 24, 2017 organised by Department of Mathematics, Keshav Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi.

Publications

- Manisha Aggarwal and S. Kundu, “More on variants of complete metric spaces”, **Acta Mathematica Hungarica**, 151 No. 2 (2017), pp 391-408.
- S. Kundu, MANISHA AGGARWAL and S. Hazra, “Finitely chainable and totally bounded metric spaces: Equivalent characterizations”, **Topology and its Applications**, 216 (2017), pp 59-73.
- MANISHA AGGARWAL and S. Kundu, “Cauchy metrizable of bornological universes”, **Journal of Convex Analysis**, 24 No. 3 (2017).
- MANISHA AGGARWAL and S. Kundu, “Boundedness of the relatives of uniformly continuous functions”, **Topology Proceedings**, 49 (2017), pp 105-119.
- MANISHA AGGARWAL and S. Kundu, “More about the cofinally complete spaces and the Atsuji spaces”, **Houston Journal of Mathematics**, 42 No. 4 (2016), pp 1373-1395.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

- Dr. Anu Malhotra have been awarded the following Delhi University Innovation Project with Dr. Vibha Sharma and Dr. Ekta Arora of Chemistry Department for the academic year 2016-2017.
Project Title: Smart Medicines: investigation of physico-chemical and Nanoscale properties of materials and study of Mathematics of dilution with respect to Homeopathy
- Dr. Sanjay Kumar presented a paper titled "*Cosmopolitan Strands in Science in Colonial and Post Independent India*" in an international conference on Cosmopolitanism in the History of Science, held at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla on 9th and 10th of August, 2016.

Following B.Sc. (Hons.) Physics students have been selected for “Meritorious Award” for the year 2016-2017 by the Delhi University, for academic excellence

B.Sc (Hons) Physics 3rd Year

- 1) SAURABH KUMAR (**First**)
- 2) ANKITA
- 3) NAAGESWARAN M

B.Sc (Hons) Physics 2nd Year

- 1) VINAY GUSAIN (**First**)
- 2) MEGHA CHAKRABORTY
- 3) PRAGYAN BADHANI
- 4) T ROCKET SINGH

B.Sc (Hons) Physics 1st Year

- 1) ANUJ KUMAR SINGH (**First in list**)
- 2) ELMA JOSHY
- 3) SATVIK MISHRA
- 4) ADITYA SINGH SHEKHAWAT
- 5) RONIKA SARKAR
- 6) SHRADDHA P JAIN
- 7) ARUNIMA
- 8) DIWAKAR SHARMA
- 9) NILAY KRISHNA
- 10) SHUBHRA SHUKLA

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ms. Garima Bhabai

Presentations

Presented a paper titled ‘From Princely to the Popular: Jaipur’s transformation to a Capital City’ at BASAS Annual Conference held at University of Cambridge on April 6-April 8 2016.

Presented a paper titled ‘Crafting Cityscapes: Deciphering the ‘Political’ in Beautification Regime in Contemporary Jaipur’ held at Gottingen University, Germany on June 24-June 25th 2016.

Presented a paper titled 'Excavating the city: Metro Construction and Imagination of 'Past' in Contemporary Jaipur' in Making, Sustaining, Breaking: Politics of Heritage held in Heidelberg University, Germany on 12-14 October, 2016.

Participated in a Round Table on 'Revisiting Delhi: Urban Heritage and Civic Services' held in Ambedkar University on 16-18 December, 2016.

Presented a paper titled 'Political Public in A Princely City: Land and Mobility in Contemporary Jaipur' in Rethinking Political Publics, DSA Seminar, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, 9th November, 2016

Publication:

'Excavating the City: Metro Rail Construction and Imagination of Past in Contemporary Jaipur' in Tereza Kuldova and Mathew Varghese (eds.), *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsions in Neoliberal South Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017

Ms. Alia Zaman

Workshops and Presentations

Successfully completed a summer school/workshop - 'Ethnicity, Conflict and Inequality in a Globalizing World' at Brown University International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI 2016), Brown University, Rhode Island, USA (4th June-18th June 2016).

Presented a paper titled 'Dr. Ambedkar's Social Vision: A Cross-temporal Reading' in the National Seminar on "The Contemporary Relevance of Social and Political Thought of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar" at the Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad (March 2016). Publication forthcoming.

Ms. Pia David

Presented a paper on Ambedkar in the National Seminar, "Reimagining South Asia: An Exploration into the History of Ideas". University of Delhi. 17& 18 February 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

Dr. A.D. Mathur

presented a paper on 'The Principles of governance in the Shanti Parva of the Mahabharat' at an international seminar at the National Museum, New Delhi;

Invited by Shayama Prasad Mukherji College, Delhi to speak on 'How to study Dharma shastra';

Gave a special lecture to M.Phil. students at the Department of Sanskrit, DU, on Ancient Indian Legal Institutions; has been taking special classes in Sanskrit language at the Centre for Languages, St. Stephen's College for diploma students.

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Jha

(A) Membership of Learned Bodies --

1. Contributed as the elected Sectional President for the " Pali and Buddhist Studies " section in the 48th session of All India Oriental Conference (the largest forum of Oriental scholars) at Haridwar . Had to single handedly scrutinise and select Research Papers for presentations ; preside over all the sessions for three days ; and choose the best Research Paper for a prize entitled " Shree Jyotsnamoy Chatterjee Prize " .

2. Elected Sectional President for the " Classical Sanskrit " section (a section which attracts the largest number of contributors at AIOC) for the forthcoming 49th session of three day All India Oriental Conference , to be organised at Shree Somnath Sanskrit University , Gujrat in 2018 .

3. Invited to contribute as the Sectional President of " Modern Sanskrit " section , in two day 1st national conference of All Bengal Sanskrit Lovers' Association in Kolkata . Presided over all the sessions and chose the best Research Paper for " Vyasshree Young Sanskrit Scholar Prize " .

4. Contributed as an External Member in the " Expert Committee on Research Journals in Sanskrit " , constituted by Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth , New Delhi as per instructions of UGC.

(B) Delivery of Special Lectures / Invited Paper presentations --

1. Delivered Inaugural Keynote Address in 1st national conference of All Bengal Sanskrit Lovers' Association in Kolkata .

2. Delivered Presidential Address in the " Pali and Buddhist Studies " section at 48th session of AIOC at Haridwar .

3. Delivered concluding remarks as the Chairperson of a technical session entitled " Vedic Spiritual Vision " at the jointly organised 20th National & 12th

International conferences of WAVES (Worldwide Association for Vedic Studies) , at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan , New Delhi .

4. Presented an invited Research Paper on " Artcrafts in Dandin's work " in an International Seminar , organised at Ranchi (Jharkhand) by the University of Ranchi .

5. Presented an invited Research Paper on " Life and Works of Panditaa Kshamaa Rao (the very first poetess of modern age , in Sanskrit) " in a national seminar, organised on the eve of her 126th Birth Anniversary by Sahitya Akademi , Delhi at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth , New Delhi .

6. Delivered a special lecture on "Challenges and Prospects in Sanskrit Journalism" , organised to mark the completion of 150 years of Sanskrit journalism , by Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrit Sammelan at Sanskrit Bhavana , New Delhi .

7. Delivered a talk on "Sanskrit Journalism " at the 40th Annual Resolution Day function of Devavani Parishad at New Delhi .

8. Presented Maithili translation (done by myself) of GANGALAHAREE (monumental work of Panditraj Jagannath) at 29th Panditraj Festival at New Delhi .

9. Participated in a three day national " Multilingual Short Stories Translation Workshop " , organised by Sahitya Akademi , New Delhi at Mount Abu (Rajasthan) , translated short stories from Sanskrit to English .

10. Presented an invited Research Paper on "Guru Gobind Singh in Sanskrit Literature " in a National Seminar , organised at Guru Nanak Deb University , Amritsar .

11. Presided over a technical session on "Natyashashtra and Sangitshashtra " as its Sectional President in an all India Sanskrit students' conference, organised by Delhi Sanskrit Akademi at Vigyan Bhavan , New Delhi .

(C) Award/Honour --

1. Bestowed upon the " Lifetime Honorary Membership " award by Devavani Parishad , Delhi

(D). Self composed Sanskrit Poems recitations --

1. Invited to recite a self composed Sanskrit poem in a national Sanskrit Poets' Meet, organised at Gurugram, by Haryana Sanskrit Akademi , on the eve of Sanskrit Week .

2. Invited to recite a self composed Sanskrit poem in a national Sanskrit Poets' Meet, organised in Delhi, by Delhi Sanskrit Akademi , on the eve of Republic Day .

3. Invited to recite a self-composed Sanskrit poem at All India Radio, New Delhi, on the eve of Holi festival .

(E) Contribution as a Paper Setter / Evaluator --

1. Examiner of Ph. D. thesis -- 3 (Three)

2.. Examiner of exams. conducted for some courses in Sanskrit at IGNOU .

3. Paper setter for some exams . conducted by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Jiwaji University at Gwalior in M. P. & University of Delhi.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETIES FOR DISMISSAL SERVICE
ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, DELHI (2016-2017)**

B.A. PROGRAMME SOCIETY

The B.A Programme Society conducts diverse events every academic year. The aim of the society is to cater to the multi-disciplinary interests of the students. Following events were conducted during the academic year:-

1. Curiosity: The B.A (P) of all quizzes

The society started this academic year by conducting a General Quiz, which saw avid participation by junior members of all courses. This was the first edition of this quiz.

2. Talks and Discussion:

Invited Dilip Simeon, an acclaimed Labour historian to talk about the attractions of extremist politics. Appu Suresh, an award winning investigative journalist talked about the rise of communal politics in India.

3. Mentor Talk:

Invited Ms.Areeza Peerzada an alumna of the college, for a mentor talk about her journey as an International relations student at LSE.

4. Mentorship Programme:

A programme exclusively for the department students, wherein the seniors guide the juniors in the department academically and other wise.

5. Confluence'17:

The society's two day annual fest, "Unraveling Delhi: A microcosm" had a lot to offer in terms of both academic fervour and fun! Talks by Sohail Hashmi and Mihir Pandya to discuss architecture and cinema in Delhi, respectively. A Delhi-themed Treasure hunt and Kebab eating competition was a huge hit and saw enthusiastic participation. 'Delhi in a day,' a movie was screened besides a photo exhibition during the fest.

6. Annual Trip:

A 3 day trekking trip to Triund and Laka glacier for the department students was organised.

7. Melange:

The society's annual journal, Melange has received some diverse and amazing entries this year.

8. Musaafir-e-Dehli:

Musaafir-e-Dehli is a series of walk organized by the society around Delhi. The members of the society went to Nizamuddin Dargah, Humayun's Tomb, Red fort and Jama Masjid.

BAZM E ADAB

1) Organised one unique event 'Milaap 2016'. It was an attempt to bring together the distinct and diverse cultural and literary societies of the college such as the Malayalam literary society, Punjabi literary society, North East society and the Bengali society under one roof. All these societies presented a taste of their poetry with English translations. It was held on 8th September on the SCR lawns. No. of participants must be around 50. Convenor of the event was Hishma Nazir III BA(P).

2)**The annual inter college Ghazal recitation and Bait Bazi competition:** The society organised annual inter college Ghazal recitation competition for the Ghalib running trophy on 15th Feb 2017 in College Hall. Around 36 students from various colleges and diverse departments participate in this programme with great enthusiasm. It is then followed by the much sought after Bait Bazi competition. Special Guest for the event was Prof. Abdul Haq, Prof Emeritus, Department of Urdu, Delhi University.

BENGALI LITERARY SOCIETY

Bengali Literary Society - is one of the oldest societies, established in 1920. It was re-founded and made active again by Adhiraj Ghosh and few others around ten years back. The efforts of the Bengali Literary Society in the academic year 2016-17, to uphold and promote the rich literature and vibrant culture of Bengal are as follows:

1. Organized the Adhiraj Ghosh Memorial Debate on 22nd September, 2016. The motion was "This house believes that the West Bengal Government needs to come up with more proactive policy measures for Bangladeshi refugees".
2. Celebrated Mahalaya in college to mark the onset of Durga Puja.
3. Organized a talk on "The History of Bengali Literature" by Prof. Indra Nath Choudhuri (an alumnus; Professor of Indian studies and comparative literature) on 3rd November, 2016.
4. Organized a Talk by Mr. Titas De Sarkar (PhD student at Centre for Historical Studies, JNU) on "Poems of the Damned: Introducing the Hungry moment of Calcutta" on 10th January, 2017.
5. Organized a Cultural Evening – Abhisaar on 30th January, 2017.
6. Organized the Annual Bengali Lunch on 20th February, 2017.

7. The Annual Journal “Darpan” is in the making and shall be released by the end of the semester.
8. Planning to organize a paper presentation competition on “Regional Literature” followed by a movie screening on 10th April, 2017.

B.SC. PROGRAM SOCIETY

The B.Sc. program Society is a newly formed society of the college which is formulated on the idea of importance of multi-disciplinary knowledge in today’s world. It aims at organising events like talks, workshops, discussions, seminars, quizzes etc on topics which covers all aspects of sciences and help in enriching the passion for sciences among the students.

1. Conducted a Career Development Session by Mr Rahul Kapoor. He is an alumni of B.Sc Program, 2005 batch and is also the owner of a startup called CareerBelay.
2. A talk on IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENT ON HEALTH - by Dr. Srinivas Kaveri (director of CNRI office in India and an Embassy of France)
3. A talk on the Indian Education System by Mr. Aditya Iyer the author of the Great Indian Obsession.
4. Conducted a talk by Mr. Martinosincasia, a Professor from Amsterdam on the topic- 'Challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goals'. This event was a huge success as it was attended by around 60+ students from various courses like physics, chemistry, history, philosophy etc.

THE CAMPUS PLACEMENT CELL

The Campus Placement Cell is the sole body responsible for conducting internship and recruitment process on campus. In the last week of August 2016, the Campus Placement Cell had organized 'The Career Awareness Week' with the aim of helping students decide the right career path for themselves. It included talks which catered to more than 7 career opportunities such as actuarial science, finance, entrepreneurship, legislative research, social development, media outreach and travel writing. The interactive sessions were conducted by professionals and entrepreneurs among the best in the industry. The event saw a participation of 300+ students. The workshops which followed also provided insights and guidance to the students on how to give their desired career a head-start.

CPC has organised talks by various institutes of India (such as MICA), career advisors (such as Times Pro Group) and non profit organisations (such as Teach For India). Information sessions on scholarships (such as Schwarzmann Scholarship) and fellowships (such as Gandhi fellowship, Young India Fellowship and that offered by International Innovation Corps) were also scheduled for the benefit of the students.

Till now more than 65 companies have shown interest in recruiting students of the college this academic year for placements.

The placement season of 2016-17 has been one of the most successful one with international offers being extended to three students. The management consulting firm, Arthur D Little, extended the highest paid offer to one student in Dubai. Two students were extended offers in Bangkok by Zilingo, a start up.

The country's top management consulting firms such as McKinsey & Company, Parthenon-EY, A. T. Kearney and Bain Capability Center visited campus for final placements. In addition, other consulting firms such as FTI Consulting, Takshashila Consulting, Indus Insights, Cogito Hub, Arete Advisors, CBRE and Koan Advisory Group also hired from campus.

Firms specializing in the field of governance and developmental consulting such as Dalberg Global Development Advisors, ID Insights, Samagra Development Associates and Quality Council of India successfully recruited students. One Acre Fund, a non profit organisation working with farmers in East Africa, also participated in the placement season. Market research and analytics firms such as IMRB International, Ken Research, Optimal Strategix Group and MuSigma also extended Analyst roles to students. Deloitte selected one student for Technical Analyst role. HR Roles were offered by Executive Access & D E Shaw.

Among banking and finance companies, Citi Bank, Nomura, American Express, IFMR Holdings, TresVista Financial Services etc. offered roles such as Management Associate and Junior Analyst.

RSA Actuarial Services and Willis Towers Watson in the actuarial and risk consulting sector offered executive profiles of a graduate analyst in diverse fields.

In the education sector Nirmal Bhartia School, The Princeton Review, BML Munjal University were some of the first time recruiters. Organisations such as Teach For India, Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership, Educational Initiatives also showed interest in the recruitment process.

Hospitality management chains such as ITC Hotels, The Oberoi Group visited campus as well.

Media, Publishing & Advertising firms such as ITV Network, Dorling Kindersley, Leo Burnett, Cactus Communications and Inshorts Media actively recruited for diverse roles of content writers, assistant editors, reporters, anchors and creatives.

Also, start-ups such as UrbanClap, VMock, MyOperator, Simpl, Smartprix, eWards, HiringPlug, StartupEd etc. were active recruiters as well.

Students were provided with Learn cum Work opportunities by Accenture HR Academy (in collaboration with XLRI) and Crisil (in partnership with NMIMS).

The Campus Placement Cell has been able to put forward extremely promising placement statistics this academic year. Till now, out of the 80+ students who have shown interest in placements, 68 offers have been made. This academic year, the average pay- package is 8.03 lakh per annum, the highest pay-package offered is Rs. 40 lakh per annum for an international role and Rs.14 lakh per annum for a domestic role. The highest package has increased from 2015-16 where it was 29 lakh per annum.

We are currently organizing our Internship Fair 2017, wherein companies from different sectors participate and hire summer interns. Till now, more than 60 companies have participated with prominent recruiters being Willis Towers Watson, JSW Group, Bullero etc. A large number of new companies from various different fields have participated this year as well such as YourNest Capital Advisors, Money Roller, EOS Capital Advisors etc. For the first time, venture capitals have participated in hiring interns. Various non-profit organisations such as Umeed, Teach for India, People for Parity and government organisations like Rakshak Foundation, Gram Manthan, Cafral (promoted by RBI) etc participated in IFair to hire summer interns. Department of Higher Education under the Government of Andhra Pradesh offered summer fellowship programme to the students. Adecco conducted an interactive session with students on their 'The CEO For One Month' Program and various internship opportunities offered.

Companies are invited to hire for both part-time and full-time internships throughout the academic year. Volunteering opportunities for various non-government organisations are actively pursued.

In addition, CPC continues to offer opportunities for alumni of St. Stephen's College. This year, the cell managed process of companies such as Cactus Communications, Executive Access, United Airlines, Samsung Research Institute, CEB, Kuliza, Technoserve etc which were interested in hiring alumni.

THE CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

The Chemistry Society initiated its events with an Inaugural talk by Dr. Shashank Deep on the topic, "Controlling protein and peptide aggregation and its drug discovery". The event was held on 26th of August.

The next event of the society was an Interactive Session with Ms Nuzhat Hassan on 15th September. Ms Nuzhat Hassan is an alumna of the college. The discussion initially involved the struggle for the Civil Service examination, which later went into how chemistry and college played an important role in developing her personality and the career choices she made.

The society also conducted a visit to Ranbaxy Research and Development Center, Gurugram. This was held on 1st October. The guided tour was helpful for getting a practical experience at how various techniques like gas chromatography work.

The Public Health Foundation of India in collaboration with Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance conducted its first in the VOICES FOR HEALTH series of workshops conducted nationwide. The chemistry society had provided the platform for the same. The workshop started with presentations by researchers from Centre for Environmental Health, followed by group activities and presentation of community awareness programmes.

With the end of the odd semester of the year 2016, we organized a talk on current challenges in science & opportunities for young students by Professor V.S Parmar. Sir discussed about the opportunities science offers for young students, and the career prospects in research and innovation. This being the last event for the semester was, conducted on 24th October.

The first event of the even semester was the Intra College paper presentation held on 11th January. There were around nine participants for the event.

January 31st was one of the biggest day for the society, for we started the first ever Charusita Memorial Lecture. Our speaker for the day was Professor Richard N Zare, Chair, Department of Chemistry, Stanford University USA. The lecture was in the memory of our distinguished alumna and a leading women scientist of the country, Prof. Charusita Chakravarty.

The Annual Fest of the society, Resonance lasted for three days, i.e., from 8th to 10th March. On the first day of the fest, the Keynote Address was delivered by Prof Jayaram, Department of Chemistry & School of Biological Sciences, IIT Delhi.

The second day of the fest received a good participation from other college in the Inter College Paper presentation.

The fest ended with the famous event, The Chemistry's Got Talent which received a participation of chemists with witty performances.

The society ended the year with a closing lecture on 29th March with by Prof. S.V Eswaran. This day was specifically chosen in order to mark the first death anniversary of Prof. Charusita Chakravarty.

The year will end with the release of our annual magazine OXYGEN, on April 18th, 2017 in the departmental farewell.

THE INDIAN CHOREOGRAPHY SOCIETY

The Indian Choreography Society of St. Stephen's College known for its vibrancy, energy, passion, and dynamism was founded in the year 2007 with the aim of promoting the rich tradition of Indian dance forms among the students of the college. It has been very active since then with its exceptionally talented group of people who proved that college serves as an incredible platform for enthusiasts to develop their artistic skills. The society is not just about dancing, but also provides one with opportunities to develop skills in lights, sounds and production techniques.

The society kicked off formally this year with its launch production, LASYA on August 18, 2016 marking a beginning to its yearlong activities.

The Midterm production of the Society was held on October 20, 2016. The spring of affection cannot be enchained by words or actions. Through the production titled- ANURAKTI, an attempt was made to outgrow this understanding of various forms of love-love of the mind, love of the self, love of the body, and the platonic love.

The intercollege dance and choreography festival-RAQS UTSAV was held on 16th and 17th January, 2017. NATYARPAN is the segment organized by Indian Choreography Society to nurture the love for various Indian Classical and Folk dance forms, to foster love and harmony within the student community of budding artistes. Natyarpan comprises of two parts: Nrityaanjali- classical dance competition (solo) and Raas- the Indian folk dance competition (group). The competition was great success with 16 participants for Nrityaanjali and 9 folk teams performing for Raas.

A major achievement of the society this year was the formation of an external contemporary team- Navarasa. The team Navrasa performed in the Engifest organized by Delhi Technological University and bagged third prize under the category Indian Choreography. They showcased the life of a rape victim through nine rasas depicted in the Abhiunaya Darpana. The dance piece was a fusion of Kalari, Kathakali, Mahiniyattam, Kuchipuddi, Barathnatyam and Indian contemporary dance forms.

After witnessing the energy and enthusiasm spread by the powerful Garba steps of the folk team of the college, the folk team was given an opportunity by the Sahitya Kala Parishad to perform for the Delhi Youth Festival 2016 organized by the Government of Delhi

All the hard work and technique enhancement throughout the year finally culminated in the 11th Annual Production MAHAKAAVYA-THE EPIC OF KALIYUGA, which was held on March 24, 2017. Inspired from tales of Sita and Draupadi, the heroines of Ramayana and Mahabharata, Mahakaavya turned out to be a proclamation to the women of kaliyuga to keep shining, to keep fighting and to rise despite the troubles and oppression that they face in today's era. Directed by Shashrek Ambardar and Rhea Gomez, the annual production added to the glory of the society.

THE COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY

Workshop on Python:

November, 2016: An intra-society workshop on the basics of Python programming language was conducted for the first years of the society.

QuickPython:

10th March - 7th April, 2017: A series of weekly workshops on Fridays held in NPLT at 2:00 p.m.

Talk on Data Science:

10th February: A talk on Data Science was conducted by Ms. Ankita Gupta, co-founder and principal consultant of Analytixlabs, an alumni of the college from B.A. Mathematics (H). Number of participants: 50

Orfik:

10th February: An online treasure hunt held on the society website from 12:00am to 11:59pm. Number of participants: 150

Tech hunt:

10th February: A tech based treasure hunt held in the SCR lawns at 3:00 p.m. Number of participants: 25

Import this:

10th February: A programming competition held in the IRC at 3:00 p.m. Number of participants: 20

Sell it:

10th to 17th February: A week long online website designing competition. Number of participants: 10

X-centricity:

10th February: A tech quiz held in the NPLT at 3:00 p.m. Number of participants: 16

LAN Gaming:

10th February: A LAN gaming event with two games, namely Counter Strike and Mini Militia, held in Room M at 3:00 p.m. Number of participants: 10

ENABLING UNIT

The Enabling Unit is a society which provides a platform for the differently abled students of the college to overcome their limitations and showcase their talents and organizational skills. There is a team of dedicated volunteers who work diligently for the smooth functioning of the unit. The motto of the unit is “Join hands to enable the world”. The society believes that disability is not something physical (which is personal) or any kind of deficit. Rather, it is an outcome of the interactions between individuals and the environment. This implies that a physically impaired person does have his/her own disability, but when he/she faces the skeptical, prejudice stricken society and inaccessible surroundings, his/her problems (which could have been dealt with otherwise) become a disability which is incurable.

On the contrary, the unit believes that this is curable! Keeping this in mind, the second statutory body of the newly-built Unit formulated in January 2016, along with its devoted members and dedicated volunteers, coursed the unit in the academic year 2016-17. Following is a report of the enterprises which the unit carried/conducted in the aforementioned time—

1. Organized a talk on “Disability: An Imaginary Boundary” by Mr. Ajay Kumar Mittal, on 6th September 2016.
2. Organized a movie screening and discussion on the theme “Disability and Sexuality”, in collaboration with the Gender Studies Cell.
3. The students of the college came together for the first time to discuss the issue of disability and its present scenario in India in a declamation competition organized by the unit on the topic “How to develop India into an accessible country”.
4. Organized a movie screening and Braille Workshop on 9th January 2017, commemorating Louis Braille.
5. Organized Drishtikon 2017 in collaboration with the Social Service League. The event this time started with a sensitization drive and was for the first time opened for all PWD.

6. Organized a documentary and discussion session on “The Depiction of Disability in Indian Culture” by Mr. Naresh Kumar Arora, Professor, Department of History, Kamla Nehru College on 3rd April 2017.

Good use was made of the completely accessible Enabling Unit room in the college that also houses scanners and recording devices, particularly for the visually challenged students. A close walk was observed along with College’s administration in identifying faulty and inaccessible places in the campus to do the needful, and the room has been furnished with the latest technologies in the form of assistive devices, namely, a high-tech scanner, a laser printer, and highly-efficient recording devices. In addition to these, an audio-visual notice board was dedicated to the college to ensure that every information reaches to every single student.

Our members have been vibrantly active in the activities organized by different societies of the college, thereby making inclusion in the day-to-day running of the college. Not only that, the esteemed members have represented the college throughout the year on different platforms, especially across the university circuit in a range of activities, be it sports, music, and other cultural-academic and other co-curricular activities, and have backed up many prizes, along with immense appreciation and applause, thereby radiated the light of their immense talents and capabilities, and spread the name of the college.

In the society, inclusion is practiced and herein everyone helps each other and most importantly, learns from each other. This is our pivotal strength, and shall continue to be our strength for years to come.

THE ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

The English Literary Society works as a unit of the English department, but is open to reading enthusiasts across all courses. For those in the department, it opens up arenas of literature beyond the scope of the course material and for others it offers a deeper insight into the world of words. Our tryst with literature is not limited to reading but experiencing literature through a diverse array of events throughout the year. We organize talks where distinguished speakers and the students engage in dialogue with each other and paper presentations by teachers and students exploring themes restricted only by their imagination. Last year we organized a conference called ‘The Rise of the Graphic Novel’. One of the major events that we coordinate is our annual society fest, LOGOS, theme for which was ‘Indian Literary Legacies’, which spans over two days. We also look forward to continuing with The Book Club, a weekly book discussion session initiated in the previous academic year, where we discuss and analyse a plethora of literary works.

The year 2016 was a busy yet successful one for the Society, littered as it was with various events which never failed to attract huge audiences, both within and without the college. It began with a social enterprise undertaken by the

Society in setting up a book stall in collaboration with award-winning NGO, Goonj, from 18th to 19th January. Books were sold at lower than the MRP, and the proceeds went to Goonj to aid the organization in carrying out its relief and rehabilitation activities aimed at the deprived sections of society. This was followed by a talk cum interactive session with war reporter, Shyam Bhatia, on his autobiographical work *Bullets and Bylines*.

LOGOS 2016, the latest chapter of the annual festival of the English Literary Society of the St. Stephen's College, Delhi, was celebrated last March with great aplomb. It worked with the vast critical discourse of "Indian Literary Legacies", ranging from the poetics of Ghalib to the politics of the Indian Progressive Writers' Movement. Initiated by the very talented Dr. Syeda Hameed, former member of the former Planning Commission, LOGOS hosted scholars of international repute: Urdu scholar Mehr Farooqui on "Ghalib and the Persian Muse"; Dr. Premanathan K. of Delhi University on post-colonial Tamil literature; literary historian Rakshanda Jalil; Dr. Geeta Patel of Columbia University, America, on the gender politics of Miraji's Urdu poetry. The festival also organized several fun-filled competitions for its young audience, viz. "Taboo/Not Taboo", "Caption It", and a Fairy Tale Quiz, all of which garnered immense popularity and participation within and outside the college. A 3-day long book stall on the works of Manto, Ismat Chughtai, Romila Thapar and others also accompanied the festivities. A music event rounded up the 2-day long LOGOS.

LOGOS 2016 was followed by the publication of "Postscript", the annual academic journal released by the English Literary Society of the college. Apart from that, we had book club meetings with students both within and without the students of the English Department. These meetings dealt with topics as diverse as Harry Potter fanfiction to behavioural norms in the fiction of Enid Blyton. We also watched the documentary "Cities of Sleep" by Shaunak Sen and also held a Question and Answer session with the director. The Book Club also held sessions on popular literature in India as well as on the highly relevant issue of "Students and Sedition".

The Society began the new academic year with an orientation on the 9th of August welcoming all first-years and newcomers to the society. On 24th August, the English Literary Society conducted its first event of the new academic session with a session on "Blackout Poetry", in collaboration with the Poetry Society of the college. Shortly afterwards, on 29th August, members of the Society visited several Teach For India classrooms at a government school in Munirka, and interacted with the students there and encouraged them to inculcate a love for reading. In collaboration with the Quiz Club of the college, the English Literary Society organized a "Back to Hogwarts" Quiz based on the popular Harry Potter series. An immensely successful event, it enjoyed the participation of 81 teams from all over the Delhi University. This event was followed by "What Villanelles

Will”, a villanelle writing workshop by Dr. Anannya Dasgupta, assistant professor at Shiv Nadar University and an alumni of our college. In order to get better acquainted with and promote fellow-feeling among the members of the English department, we also organized a department trip to Chail, Himachal Pradesh. On 19th September, 2016, the Society organized a talk on “Genre Making” by Dr. Bodhisattva Chattopadhyay, who joined us all the way from Norway over Skype. In order to assist the junior members of the society in their academics, the English Literary Society also organized, the Society conducted a lecture series by Dr. Harriet Raghunathan on Milton’s *Paradise Lost Book 1*, and by Dr. Naina Dayal on themes pertaining to Indian Classical Literature.

The final event of the year 2016 was our Annual Conference, the theme for which was “Between the Folds: Exploring Erotica”. We hosted scholars such as Rosalyn D’Mello and Dr. Karen Gabriel, who delivered lectures pertaining to the myriad themes pertaining to erotica. We were joined by Dr. Sampa Biswas, who acquainted the audience with the history and erotic value of the Japanese Shunga art of the Edo period. Students from various colleges, from Delhi University and Jawaharlal University, presented papers on diverse themes—from erotica in Shakespeare to spiritual carnality, erotic culture in India to the eroticization of black bodies.

We kickstarted the year 2017 with a talk by Dr. Ruth Vanita on “Sharing the Erotic Imagination: Courtesans in Bombay Cinema” on January 6th, which was quite a success and saw participation from all over the Delhi University. Keeping up with the collaboration we had with Goonj (NGO) last year, we once again joined hands to set up a second-hand book sale on 24th and 25th January. This was received enthusiastically by the college student community, and all the proceeds from the same went to Goonj.

Our final event for the academic session 2016-17 was LOGOS 2017, a three-day fest held from 22nd March to 24th March. Titled as “Revolution: Literature and Beyond”, we had a diverse array of speakers enlightening us on this very relevant issue. The first day of LOGOS saw Dr. Rukmini Sen, an Associate Professor of Sociology in the Ambedkar University, currently one of the panelists on the Experts of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, since 2011, offer a feminist perspective on the idea of revolution. She was followed by Dr. Durba Chattaraj, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Ashoka University, on auto-ethnography and revolution. This was followed by an interesting array of paper presentations by students from across universities in Delhi. The second day of the festival began with Dr. Arjun Ghosh’s insights into the the Bengal IPTA in the mid 1940s, who drew from his experience as a scholar of Theatre and Performance Studies. Dr. P. Kesava Kumar from the department of Philosophy, Delhi University spoke on “the Literary Voices of Indian democratic Revolution”. The day ended with the second set of paper presentations. On the last day of the

fest, we had Dr. Anuradha Ghosh, Assistant Professor of English at Jamia Millia Islamia, who took an unusual approach to revolution as an idea in itself and for the last talk of LOGOS'17 we had Dr. Sumangala Damodaran, renowned musician and economist who delivered a talk on music and revolution. As the final event of LOGOS'17 we invited the students to share their poetry on the theme of revolution. As our final venture this year, we will soon be releasing our journal, "Postscript".

We look forward to organizing events and activities in the next academic year and explore our potential as a society.

ELECTRONICS SOCIETY, ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

Making the EVM (Jul 25 - Aug 10)

The electronics society took up the task of designing a new EVM for the upcoming SUS elections. Using the popular Arduino platform, we developed the prototype for the electronic voting machine by the end of July. A meeting was held with the principal, with the election candidates in attendance and everyone was briefed and informed about the device. Then we made 10 such EVMs. The way these machines were designed makes them reusable and also expandable to new features. On election day, each polling station had a volunteer from the society to ensure smooth conduction of the elections. After polling was complete, the counting was finished in around an hour and the results declared. Overall the venture was a huge success.

Breadboard Workshop, NPTEL (10th September 2016)

A workshop on basic electronics prototyping practices and how to rapidly design and test circuits was carried out for the first year members. We provided the parts and tools and they got a chance to make two different circuits and see them working. We also taught the basics of troubleshooting designed circuits.

Chandni Chowk Visit (17th September 2016)

In order for the society to learn and grow, we require materials and tools to design and test our projects. The society organized its annual visit to the Lajpat Nagar market in Chandni Chowk. Around 30 members went for the visit. The first year members were introduced to different shops and the plethora of products on the market. The trip concluded with the traditional visit to Paranthi-wali gali for snacks.

Arduino Basics Workshop, NPTEL (4th February 2017)

In order to work on more complex projects, a workshop on the Arduino platform was organized for the first year members. The basics of the Arduino platform were introduced alongside hands-on experience. The members made use of the materials bought during their visit to Chandni Chowk.

Advanced Arduino Workshop, NPTEL (8th April 2017)

This workshop focused on connecting the Arduino Uno to peripherals like a screen, keypad etc. and modules for different sensors for use in various sensors. This also used the EVMs developed at the beginning of the year as a case study so that the members are now capable of modifying and operating the EVMs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

Formerly known as the Wildlife Society, The Environmental Society seeks to promote an appreciation of nature's wonders, the impact of human activities on it. The Society functions with the aim to foster beneficial changes for a sustainable future and to discuss and spread awareness of issues pertaining to the environment. The following are the events organized by the Society in the academic year 2016-17.

- **'Scavenger Hunt' the inaugural event of the Society was held on the 22nd of August, 2016 in the SCR Lawn.** A treasure hunt spread across the campus, the hunt was based on clues pertaining to the environment so as to spread more awareness of the college and its environment.
- **A talk by Mr. Indra Shekhar Singh on 29th August, 2016 in the Seminar Room.** The topic: Youth and Environment. A spokesperson of 'Navdanya' - an initiative of noted environmentalist Vandana Shiva., he talked about the prevalent issues and the students' contribution to the environment.
- **Paper and Plastic Recycling Drive.** A month-long initiative to collect and recycle paper and plastic waste produced in and around college. It took place in September. Cartons were placed on campus for collection and the NGO, 'Pom Pom' was contacted for recycling. The NGO provided us with recycled paper which was distributed between the College library and the office.
- **Dog Vaccination Drive was conducted on 8th November, 2016.** In collaboration with the NGO, 'Neighbourhood Woof', almost all the dogs on campus were given anti-rabies shots and deworming medicines.
- **'Green Diwali Campaign' was organized on 27th and 28th of November, 2016.** In a bid to raise awareness of the many harmful effects of chemical rangoli colours and crackers on both humans and animals alike, the

Society interacted with students on campus, made an eco-friendly rangoli and held poster campaigns.

- **'Prakriti'17', the annual festival was held on 24th and 25th of January, 2017.** Two days filled with talks, an online photography competition, environment based quiz and upcycling workshops, the annual festival garnered great interest and participation from students. Environment based NGOs were present as well.
- **A Nature Walk at the Yamuna Biodiversity Walk was held on 28th January,2017.** Students along with Ms. Veronica Bor spent an enriching and informative afternoon experiencing nature at its finest.
- **Earth Hour was observed on March 25th, 2017.** The universally observed hour was celebrated in college by switching off all the lights and having cultural activities at the Main Portico between 8:30pm and 9:30pm.

THE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT CELL

The Finance and Investment Cell is a large student body dedicated to spreading knowledge about finance and its applications in an interactive and novel way. Founded in 2007, it has witnessed remarkable growth over time. The society is identified as one of the most active ones in St. Stephen's College. Over the course of the year, F&IC organises a number of events and sessions to facilitate learning.

The society recognises the relevance of case studies in day-to-day to problem solving. As a result of which, two of the biggest events organised by the society are centered around the same.

The year's activities began with the "First Year Orientation Ceremony" along with Inaugural Speech on "The Brexit Fallout" in August 2016. Following are the verticals:

Case Club League (CCL) 2016: (August-November 2016)

First off, the Case Club League, regular case study solving sessions were conducted. It also organized a case study competition wherein people solve real-time cases and guesstimates. Involving the usage of logical and analytical skills, the competition allows students to step into the shoes of business analysts. This year, the final round was in the form of an interview, thereby making participants think on their toes, akin to the real life case interviews conducted by firms. The event has grown over the years to attract huge participation from undergraduate students.

DreaMerger 2016: *(August-November 2016)*

The International DreaMerger is an event which is immensely popular throughout the city, to the point that it has become a buzzword. It follows a case study based pattern centered around Mergers and Acquisitions. The quality of competition at this event continues to unbeatable. Spread over three taxing rounds, DreaMerger puts all financial concepts to test. Preparing for the DreaMerger is a great learning experience for the society. DM, as the event is popularly called, was held alongside the CCL, from August to November. This year's edition also saw the very first online promotional quiz with exciting coupons as prizes.

Finatic 2016: *(October 2016)*

The society takes pride in bringing together the worlds of finance and quizzing under Finatic- an online quiz competition organized by the society that attracts the attention of all quizzing geniuses. Because of the sheer popularity of this event amongst the quizzing circuit, it was organized twice in October this year, with the winners of the second quiz automatically qualifying for the finals of the offline quiz at Das Capital.

Financial Summit 2016: *(October 2016)*

The society has a little something for everybody. For the public speaker, there is the annual public speaking event: Financial Summit. It's an event that sees simulations of important committees that discuss important financial issues plaguing the world. The event attracts students from a multitude of backgrounds for discussion, debate and deliberation. Held in October, Financial Summit 2016 saw a plethora of issues being discussed: from the 'International Oil Crisis', 'RBI's Autonomy' to reviewing the 'Chinese banking Crisis'.

The Financial Literacy Campaign:

Through the thorough understanding of finance, the society realizes the magic it could unleash if even an element of this knowledge could reach the masses. This revelation led to the development of a fairly young branch: an initiative called the Financial Literacy Campaign, a campaign that aims to empower the financially illiterate, through the dissemination of financial knowledge and real-time practice of the same. It plans to expand its base in the forth coming months, already having started with the karamchaaris of our college, their children, and collaboration with a few established NGOs, like Teach For India

and Make A Difference. The society continued the Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojana from last year, targeting the college kara mcharis.

Excel Modelling:

To enlighten the student body of the intricacies of finance, the crux of the society lies in the Investment Group Sessions and the Excel-modelling Sessions that are held regularly, where members of the society gladly take it upon themselves to discuss and interact with students regarding the splendor of finance. Innovative methods are employed to make topics ranging from stocks and bonds to derivatives and technical financial economics interesting and fun to learn. The purpose of these sessions is to impart financial knowledge among the student body at large, one of the core objectives of the society. Many a times these are followed up with a set of questions testing the concepts discussed in the session to ensure that the ideas are clearly understood.

Excel Modelling infuses the knowledge of MS Excel which is the base of games like stock exchange simulations. The scope of financial modelling has expanded in the society since the formation of this vertical, leading to the conducting of an annual mock stock game "Financial Knights".

Of course, learning is not limited to the classroom. Talks and discussions were held over the course of the year, the society hosted the World Bank's Senior Country Economist for India , Mr. Frederico Gil Sander; Former Chief Economic Advisor of India, Dr. Arvind Virmani; Chief Operating Officer C RISIL Foundation, Ms. Maya Vengurlekar and renowned Economist, Dr. Jayati Ghosh.

Research & the Editorial Board:

The society undertook research projects to gain deeper insights into topics such as the Indian Economy after demonetisation; thus supplementing current understanding of the subject. These findings and more are published in annual journal Stephen's Finance Review (SFR), the only finance journal at the undergraduate level.

Annual Fest : Das Capital 2017

On 6-7 January'17, the society organized Das Capital, the annual festival, a true financial extravaganza with a multitude of events. These events cover all the activities that we do all round the year. Students from various colleges in and around Delhi duly enjoy the festival. The events include mock stock exchanges, debates, simulations, quizzes and excel games.

THE FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The inaugural event of the society was held on 25th August which is commonly known as Face Painting. It received a participation of around thirty with individuals pairing up in teams of two. The winner of the event was awarded a Food Coupon.

The other event of the society was Community Art which was held on 28th September. In this event an individual was given a part of a drawing and was asked to paint it. This part was later put up together to form the original picture. It was a non-competitive event and around 50 plus participation was seen.

The society also conducted an Art Walk to the National Gallery of Art Museum on 10th of September. There were around 20-25 students who went for the walk.

The society also put up an exhibition during the Alumni Meet on the theme “Spirit of Stephania”. The exhibition was set up in the SCR lawns. The artwork for the exhibition was not only submitted by the present students of college however, the Alumni of the college also had sent in their entries.

On 28th of October a Pottery Workshop was held. A potter from Malka Ganj was invited in order to teach the students about Pottery. It was a hands-on workshop and more than fifty people turned up for the event.

In the even semester the society started with the Art Tutorial Week. It was a five day event starting from 16th of January up to 20th January. The event included workshop on Origami, Acrylic painting, Card making, Comic illustration and Water Colour painting. The tutorial was conducted by the 2nd and 3rd year members of the society who have an experience in the field. The number of participants per workshop was around ten.

The Annual fest of the society i.e., Artipelago which was three day fest was held from 27th-29th February. The theme for this year’s fest was Art in public spaces.

On the first day an inaugural talk was given by Anpu Varkey who is a renowned street artist. The topic for the talk was Art in Public spaces. During the talk she also talked about her Graffiti Work. The talk lasted for an hour. This was followed by a Graffiti competition which received participation from other colleges as well.

On the second day of the fest a movie screening on Brazilian culture on street art was conducted followed by a pottery workshop.

On the final day of the fest an Installation Art competition was held followed by a Panel Discussion on Art in Public Spaces by Dr Jyotindra Jain, Kirti Sood and Radha Mahendru.

HIKING CLUB

The Hiking Club had yet another exciting and productive year, beginning with a seven day long trek to Vasuki Tal near Gangotri Glacier at 5200m in May 2016. The ten member team was led by Dr. Sanjay Kumar. The club brought out its annual journal 'Miscellany', a collection of memoirs by happy trekkers, climbers and adventure enthusiasts, in July when college reopened after summer vacation. On 4th September early morning, much before the city's drivers were awake, students cycled up to India Gate, followed by a brief visit to the Rashtrapati Bhavan and Connaught Place.

Fourteen students led by Mr. Rishi Nanda trekked from Chhika near Manali to Chhatru in Lahul valley during the mid-sem break from 10th to 16th October. On the way they got a chance to scale Hampta Pass and enjoy its serene beauty. A four member team from Hiking Club represented St. Stephen's College at Aquaterra Challenge 2016. The event spread over 2 days involved a time base gruelling 24 km walk, a 26 km Cycling Leg, and a 25 km raft race down the mighty Ganges.

The 12th St. Stephen's College Rohan Kanhai Datta and Sunil Chandra Memorial Open Sport Climbing Competition saw the participation of the best climbers from all over India, including teams from the Indian Army and Indian Mountaineering Foundation. This year's edition of the competition saw the largest ever participation in its history. Chandni Kapoor of 3rd Physics, was adjudged the best climber from Hiking Club and awarded Easwaratan Bharatan Medal.

On 17th February, Mr. R.S. Sethi, an alumnus of the college and former secretary of Hiking Club, told students enthralling tales of his treks and journeys from Arunachal Pradesh to Karakoram Pass and the North Pole. On the 4th and 5th of March, 52 Stephanians championed the whirls and rapids of the mighty Ganges in Atali, Rishikesh. The 40 km journey spread over two days was the best practical lesson in teamwork and camaraderie and also helped the students overcome their biggest fears. As part of Harmony, the club organised 'Takeshi's Castle', a fun-filled event with mud and muck-filled trenches and obstacles in which participants had to prove their strength and stamina in a race against time.

HINDI SAHITYA SABHA

Hindi Sahitya Sabha or the Hindi Literary Society, St Stephen's College provides a platform for innovation for emerging writers, playwrights, journalists, critiques and anyone who is interested in Hindi. Throughout the course of the year, with the organization of rich events, the society has grown, as has its individuals.

The first event of the year was the orientation programme to the society for enthusiastic first year members. They were introduced to the functioning and events of the society and many since then have become active members of the society.

Subsequently, the society organized various events under the Hindi week from the 9th to the 17th of September, to mark Hindi Diwas which falls on the 14th of September. The competitions organized were as follows:

1. Essay and Writing Competition – 9th September
2. Creative Writing Competition- 14th September
3. Debate Competition- 15th of September
4. Poetry Recitation Competition- 17th of September

On the 23rd of January, 2017 the society members, in memory of Shri Harivanshrai Bachchan organized an inter-college poetry recitation competition, called "Madhusmriti". A number of students from various colleges participated and mesmerized the audience with Shri Harivanshrai Bachchan's works.

On the 21st of February, the society's annual fest "Dharohar" was celebrated with much enthusiasm. A great number of scholars, artists and students competed in the three events which were organised as a part of the festival.

1. Literary Quiz
2. Debate Competition
3. Essay Writing Competition

The academic year proved to be a fruitful one where members of the society got a chance to participate and organise a range of literary activities. We look forward to organise more such productive events in the next academic session.

HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society has attempted to continue the tradition of engaging with the discipline beyond the classroom, and the activities of the year 2016 – 17 reflect this effort. Various talks organised through this academic year focused on Modern and Early Modern History. The new academic session in July 2016 started with talks that focussed on the colonial period. The first by Prof. Jon Wilson from King's College London, engaged with a discussion evaluating the British Empire in India, based on his recent book, *India Conquered: Britain's Raj and the Chaos of Empire*. This was followed by a lecture on 'Nehru and Bose: Parallel Lives' by Prof. Rudrangshu Mukherjee (Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University). The talk explored the relationship between two prominent leaders of the national movement. In January 2017, the society also organised a panel discussion titled 'Writing the history of the English East India Company in South Asia' by Prof. Rajat Datta (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University), Prof. Amar Farooqui (Department of History, University of Delhi) and Prof. Rohit Wanchoo (Department of History, St. Stephen's College). The discussion was followed by the release of William A. Pettigrew and Mahesh Gopalan (eds), *The English East India Company (1600-1857): Essays in Anglo Indian Connection*. The society also organised talks on issues in Contemporary History. A social and literary dimension of early 20th century history was examined in a performance titled, "Aasmaan Hilta Hai Jab Gaate Hain Hum: Readings from Works of Progressive Writers" by Prof. Saman Habib and Prof. Sanjay Mattoo. This performance used images, music and the reading of letters that explored the early period of the Progressive Writer's movement. A lecture titled 'History and Memory' by Prof. Sucheta Mahajan's discussed how historians engage with embedded memories of the past. This talk complemented some of the collaborative events of the Society like a program titled 'Conversations 84'. This event organised along with the Informal Discussions Group and Amnesty International discussed the 1984 Sikh riots. This took place through a conversation between survivors of the massacre and panelists including writer Harminder Kaur, Siddharth Vardarajan of *The Wire* and Dr. Vijay Tankha (Head of the Department of Philosophy, St. Stephen's College). This year the Society also collaborated with the Gender Studies Cell on screenings of short films on gender based violence, with a discussion chaired by Prof. Amrita Tulika (Department of History, St. Stephen's College).

Alongside a wide ranging academic engagement with the discipline of history, the Society also attempts to promote a more practical oriented engagement with the discipline. The annual department tours and walks to historical sites organised by the History Society are annual earmarked events. This year was to Ajmer and Pushkar, organised over 3 days with over 60 participants. The department explored the Dargah, the Addhai Din ka Jhopda, Akbar's Palace, Taragarh Fort, Mayo College, and several temples and places of interest in

Pushkar. This included a walk visiting important sections of the Dargah Complex and a walk through the Old Town in Ajmer. A Tour of Mayo College which included a visit to the College Museum. This was followed by a high tea with the Principal of the college and a few senior faculty. Apart from academic engagement and walks, the Society also sought to engage with heritage activities. Students attended an INTACH workshop on Heritage Conservation. In March, Mr. Debashish Nayak from Centre of Heritage Management, Ahmedabad University delivered a lecture on 'Getting the City back to its People: The case of Ahmedabad. A research project on St. James' Church has been initiated. The Society hopes to continue its involvement with this project and gradually extend its scope to cover the history and urban transformation of certain parts of North Delhi.

The History Society has had a productive year so far and hopes to conclude this session with its Annual Fest *Kaalchakra* scheduled for the 7th and 8th of April on theme *Questioning the Past: The Many Sides of History*.

THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Informal Discussion Group had a really active year with over thirteen events held. The academic year started with the inaugural session by V Sanil on the pop phenomenon Pokemon Go. Through the course of this year, the IDG held a number of talks on topics ranging from the future of Indian democracy, to the increase in extremist politics in India. We've had a number of eminent speakers exploring these topics, such as Madhavi Kuckreja, Dibyesh Anand, and Shabnam Hashmi. Madhavi Kuckreja also enlightened us about the aftermath of the Muzzafarnagar riots and the rehabilitation that followed.

There were women social activists who spoke about the inherent patriarchal structures that govern our society, and their ways of resisting the same. Covering the topic of women representation in India, Ms. Lalitha Kumaramangalam, and Ms. Teesta Setalvad on the contents and discontents of social activism. Ms. Maya John, the first woman president of the St. Stephens Student Union talked about her experiences with inequalities within the Higher Education system. Another member of the alumni who interacted was Ms. Karuna Nundy, eminent lawyer and social activist on the dimensions of power.

Manishankar Aiyer, former diplomat turned politician and an alumna speak about the role of the Congress in the current political scenario. We also had the former Justice of the Supreme Court, Marakandey Katju, on his vision for the future of India. Sugata Bose, A well known historian addressed on "India's Freedom: A 70th Anniversary perspective.

This year, the IDG also held a collaboration with the History Society and Amnesty International on the 1984 Sikh massacre. The session had five panelists sharing their experiences and thoughts on the same.

Besides this, the society had student led discussion forum on the issue of Kashmir. The session attracted a large number of students, and proved to be one of great healing in the face of extreme trauma. The year also saw the revival of the famous IDG post-dinner sessions, inaugurated with a follow up discussion on the Kashmir issue.

THE MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

The Mathematics Society of St. Stephen's College aims to spread knowledge and ideas about mathematics, in settings beyond classroom lectures. The major events conducted by the Society from July 2016 to February 2017, in a chronological order, are as follows:

22-23 August, 2016: Rubik's Cube Workshop

An introductory Workshop conducted by members of the Society, aimed to train first year students in basic cube-solving techniques.

30 August, 2016: Summer Fellowship Presentation

An academic showcase wherein second and final-year undergraduate students presented mathematics projects completed over the summer with professors at research institutes, including IISER Pune, NISER Bhubaneswar and TIFR Bangalore, on topics such as financial mathematics, linear algebra and partial differential equations.

8 September, 2016: Treasure Hunt

An event wherein students are provided logic and mathematics-based clues to solve, and trace a path through the college. Over **350 students** took part in the event.

26 September, 2016: A Talk on "The marvelous number Pi"

The Mathematics Society hosted **Prof. Rajendra Bhatia** of ISI Delhi, a Stephanian and SS Bhatnagar Prize awardee, who delivered a non-technical lecture on the Pi.

3,5,6 October, 2016: Professor SB Mathur Memorial Lecture Series

The Prof. SB Mathur Memorial Lecture Series is an annual lecture series, wherein the Mathematics Society plays host to eminent mathematicians, who introduce undergraduate students to advanced topics beyond the scope of the academic syllabus. This year's speakers were:

Speaker	Institute	Topic
Prof. RK Sharma	IIT Delhi	Algebra & Cryptography
Prof. Ravindra Bapat	ISI Delhi	Graph Theory, Sperner's Lemma

Prof. Shobha Bagai	CIC, University of Delhi	Differential Equations and Wildlife Modelling
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4 October, 2016: Guesstimate

An event wherein participants use estimation powers in order to solve problems involving heavy calculations.

18 October, 2016: A Gentle Introduction to Ramsey's Theorem, by Prof. Amitabha Tripathi

An introductory talk was delivered to an audience of 30 students by Prof. Tripathi (a Stephanian) of IIT Delhi, on Ramsey's Theorem, which draws heavily on graph theory and combinatorics.

27 October, 2016: Math Me If You Can

An event wherein participants are given mathematical and logical problems to solve, with time constraints, over three rounds.

5 November, 2016: Professor Nagpaul Fellowship Presentations

The Professor Nagpaul Fellowship is an undergraduate level fellowship for Stephanians organised by the Mathematics Society to encourage exploration of mathematics content left untouched by the standard curriculum and in-depth analysis of concepts, under the aegis of guides. The following projects were completed under the Prof. Nagpaul Fellowship (October 2015-November 2016):

Name of Student(s)	Topic	Title	Guide
Aparna Misra	Probability: Financial Mathematics	Black-Scholes Model as a limiting case of CRR Model	Dr. Resham Vinayak
Arushi Vishwakarma	Probability: Theoretical Statistics	Hypothesis Testing	Dr. Resham Vinayak
Inderpreet Singh	Probability: Markov Chains	Applications of Semi-Markov Chains	Dr. Resham Vinayak
Deepak Gothwal & Taru Tekriwal	Algebraic Topology	Proof of Fundamental Theorem of Algebra using Algebraic Topology	Ms. Jaspreet Kaur

10 January, 2017: A Talk on “Mathematics of the Infinity”

The Mathematics Society hosted Prof. K. C. Sivakumar of IIT Madras, to deliver a talk on the rigorous meaning of infinity. The talk attracted over **60 students** from across the University.

21-22 January, 2017: Mathsoc Open 2017

The annual cubing event of the Society attracted 110 cubers from Delhi-NCR and beyond.

13-14 February, 2017: Integration 2017

Integration 2017 started with an Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Rahul Roy of ISI Delhi on “Pythagorean Theorem in Ancient Culture”, and witnessed paper presentations, quizzes and mathematics-based games for undergraduate and post-graduate students.

21-22 March, 2017: Symposium of Applied Mathematics

The Symposium of Applied Mathematics, is a two day lecture series, wherein The Mathematics Society played host to six mathematicians from diverse backgrounds of applied Mathematics. The main aim was to spread awareness about the scope of the application of the subject beyond the realm of curriculum. This year’s speakers were:

Speaker	Institute	Topic
Prof. Sanjay Jain	Delhi University	Mathematical Biology
Dr. Ajit Kumar	Shiv Nadar University	Partial Differential Equations
Prof. C. S. Lalitha	Delhi University	Optimization
Dr. S. K. Pal	DRDO	Cryptography
Prof. Amber Habib	Shiv Nadar University	Financial Mathematics
Dr. Deepa Sinha	South Asian University	Applied Graph Theory

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society began its year with the Launch concert on 1st September 2016 in the College Hall, which had 24 performances covering various genres in both Indian and Western music. In the same month, on the 22nd of September, the music society held its first ever talk by an alumnus and a former president of the Music Society, Mr. Jayant Kastuar on ‘The history of performing arts in India’, where he also shared his personal experiences in the field of performing arts. On the 30th of September the Music Society hosted the ‘Fresher’s Acoustica’, an event which provides a stage for the 1st year junior members to showcase their musical talents.

In the month of October, The Music Society held its first ever fest in the first semester called the 'October Fest'. This was a two-day musical bonanza, with the 'Seniors' Acoustica', an event that provides a stage for 2nd and 3rd year Junior members to showcase their musical talents, on 26th October and an 'Orchestra Recital' by the award winning 'The Accordion State Youth Orchestra' of Baden Wurttemberg, Germany in the College Hall on 27th October.

The Music Society began its second semester with 'The Winter Jam' on 20th January 2017, an event in the SCR lawns where the audience enjoyed some excellent music under the sun on a chilly winter afternoon.

On 13th February, the Music Society hosted its biannual intercollegiate band competition 'Acoustica Originals'. This event is aimed at encouraging bands across the Delhi circuit to compete solely based on original compositions. On 25th February, the Music Society in collaboration with the Students Union Society, hosted the 'Battle of the Bands' as part of Harmony '17. This was a national level intercollegiate band competition, where 10 best bands from across the country competed after being shortlisted from a preliminary round. In the following week, on the 27th and 28th of February, the Music Society held its annual fest 'Crosswinds'. This is an intercollegiate competition with various events like solo singing, instrumental duets and group singing, in both Indian and Western music, over the two days.

On 6th April the Music Society held its 'Annual Production,' a final event, wherein the entire society unites to put together a thematic concert that aims to convey a message and inspire its audience, either in aspects of music or the emotions that it conveys.

Apart from the aforementioned events, members and groups of the Music Society participated in various competitions. 'Naqsh', the Indian Classical group successfully participated in various competitions for the first time since its inception. 'Sound Machine', the Western A Capella group successfully participated in various competitions and placed second at Jesus and Mary College and got special mention at Gargi College. We also received prizes in Solo singing competitions at Jesus and Mary College, Hindu College and DTU and the second prize in Instrumental duet at NSIT Dwarka.

In this year, the Music Society also began work to compile a journal that traces the journey of the Music Society, right from its inception up till now. The Music Society was also granted a Music room this year, for which it conveys its heart felt gratitude.

THE NORTH EAST SOCIETY

The St Stephen's North East Society is the youngest society of the college, officially formed on the 1st of February, 2016. It is an embodiment of the college's ideal of unity-in-diversity, founded upon the vision of provide a platform to showcase and share the various cultures of the North-East, and discuss and spread awareness of issues pertaining to the North-East. The following are the events organized by the society since its existence:

1. **'Unicolour', the annual event of the Society was held on the 25th of October, 2016 in the Mess lawns** .Unicolour was an evening of cultural extravaganza celebrating the various cultures of the North-East, flaunted with an array of splendid performances like the Zeliangrong dance, the Warrior dance and the Thougol Jagoi of Manipur, the Bamboo or Cheraw Dance of Mizoram , Gorkhali and Khasi songs and a display of the traditional attires of the North-Eastern states. The programme was open with the ringing of the Gong, by the Bursar Sir Renish Abraham.
2. **A talk by Professor Sanjoy Hazarika** on the topic: Irom Sharmila and AFSPA, a New chapter took place on the 23rd of August . He talked about the prevalent issues and missing rudiments in the troubled state of Manipur in relation to Irom Sharmila and AFSPA.
3. **IAS officer Armstrong Pame delivered a talk on the evening of the 3rd of October.** He spoke about his experiences and encouraged both IAS aspirants and non-IAS aspirants alike.
4. **The North-Eastern Lunch in college was organized in the Dining Hall on the 17th of February, 2016:** It featured a scrumptious meal with dishes from different North-Eastern states.
5. **A documentary screening : Rambuai: a film on Mizoram's 'troubled' years" was organized in the Seminar room on the 5th of April.** The film ' Rambuai' looks not just at the years of conflict and disturbances in this beautiful pocket of India, but also at the transition in mind-sets that has enabled peaceful change to endure the resolve that drove the Indian State, and the challenges that remain. Sanjoy Hazarika, Producer of the documentary and Director of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative graced the event , which was followed by an interactive discussion.
6. **The annual journal, "Orchid"** was launched on the 7th of April, followed by a talk by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barman, the current Head of the Royal House of Tripura. He is the President of the Tripura Congress and the Editor in chief of The North-East Today.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Photographic Society had an eventful year with the Society organizing various photo walks, talks and other events. The Society orientation on 5th August witnessed a packed room of eager first years. Over this academic year, the Society organized various Photo Walks and picnics to many locations like the Qutub Minar, Lodhi Gardens and Connaught Place. The main aim of these Photo walks was to interact with the other Society members, to learn the basics of a DSLR and to get accustomed to clicking photographs in foreign spaces. The Society members also organized a 'Basic DSLR Workshop' for all those who wanted to learn the basic techniques and functions of a DSLR as well as a Fresher's Exhibition to showcase the photographs of the first years.

Photo talks are another important aspect of the Society, wherein eminent photographers, photojournalists and enthusiasts are invited to interact with the society members and discuss their work and experiences. The year started off with a Photo Talk and exhibition by photojournalist Amirtharaj Stephen, who spoke about the Koodankulam Power Plant and its impacts. Mahesh Shantaram an eminent photographer addressed the Photographic society in April.

The Society also has an important task; which is to bring out the College Calendar every year. This year the Society was successful in bringing out a much appreciated calendar, based on the theme 'Hues of Stephen's'.

FRAMES, the colorful annual event of the Society, took place in the month of March, and witnessed around 6 exhibitions spanning all over college, as well as photography competitions (which saw participants from colleges across the country), Photo talks by eminent photographers like Vicky Roy, Altaf Qadri and Aditya Arya and various other events which went on for 3 days.

Apart from these events, this year the Society members also started another venture called the 'Photo of the Month' initiative, which invited entries from the Society members based on themes given at the beginning of every month. The entries were then voted upon and the winner declared at the end of each month. Apart from this, the Society members also took the initiative to document and cover the important events of all the other Societies in college.

THE PLANNING FORUM

The Planning Forum was established at the prestigious St. Stephen's College in 1960 at the behest of the first Prime Minister of the country, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, to **encourage the participation of students in public policy formulation**. The objectives of the Planning Forum today are two-fold in nature:

- To **empower scholars of diverse backgrounds with a platform to critically analyse, discuss and articulate opinions** on matters of social, economic and political relevance to the nation and to the world, and
- To **establish a culture of implementing pragmatic and unique solutions** to problems faced by people around us.

In the academic year 2016 – 2017, the Planning Forum organized the following events and activities to achieve its objectives:

1. Talks and Discussions.
2. Vox Populi 2016
3. Policy Summit 2016
4. Stephen's Model United Nations 2017

1. Talks and Discussions:

Following is the list of honourable guests invited by the Planning Forum –

- **Mr. Harsh Mander:** Well-known Social Activist, formerly served in the IAS shared his insight on communal harmony, tribal, Dalit and disabled persons and their rights.
- **Dr. Raghuram Rajan:** the former RBI Governor delivered his last public lecture while in office, at St. Stephen's College in the event hosted by Planning Forum. Dr. Rajan explained the intricacies of the Indian Economy and highlighted the importance of the 'Independence of the Central Bank of India (RBI)'.
- **Ms. Yasuko Shimizu:** Chief of Mission for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in India and Maldives, delivered a lecture on 'World Refugees - Rights and Responsibility'.
- **Ms. Namita Bhandare:** Consultant Gender Editor Mint, she had an interactive session with the junior members of our college on the topic 'Reclaiming the F word- Why am I a Feminist and What it means to my life.'

2. Vox Populi 2016:

Vox Populi was a platform provided to nascent and successful initiatives with the intention to bring change to the society. The Society invited social

activists and NGOs like –**Rohan Chakravarty** (a cartoonist and conservationist of Green Humour website), **Alexis Youth Society, The Dais, Udaan, Udayan** and **Sayfty**. The aforementioned NGOs are engaged in spreading awareness and catering to the needs of the vulnerable sections of the society. Therefore, this was an initiative to shape the entrepreneurial and social responsibility skills of the junior members of the college through these inspirational examples, and to stimulate the responsibility towards the marginal communities.

3. Policy Summit 2016:

The Policy Summit was a 2-day event. The Society invited insightful and sound policy papers from all over the country pertaining to the topic **‘Reforming the Higher Education Affiliation System in India’**. Dr. Madhu Prasad, Dr.Satish Deshpande and Dr.Vikas Gupta were invited as the judges. On the second day, there was a Paper Presentation wherein the planning forum members presented their ideas and criticism regarding the **MHRD’S Draft National Education Policy** to an esteemed panel consisting of – Dr. J.S Rajput, Dr.Shailja Chandaran, Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay, Prof.Srinivas Rao and Dr.Kiran Bhattu.

4. St. Stephen’s Model United Nations 2017:

The SMUN 2017 was held on three days (27th, 28th and 29th January 2017). The St. Stephen’s Model United Nations Conference is known for its enriching academic experience. We had Mr. Shivshankar Menon, former National Security Advisor, as our Honorary Secretary General. Around 280-300 college and school students, from all over the country participated in the conference, deliberating and negotiating on a whole range of issues from international maritime and aviation security to linguistic division of states in India. The conference won applause for its management and academic credentials.

VIRSA-THE PUNJABI LITERARY SOCIETY

VIRSA - The Punjabi Literary Society, St. Stephen's College was founded in January, 2015.

The idea behind forming the society was to gain a platform to represent the culture of native and non-native Punjabis in college. The society is aimed at familiarizing the junior and senior members of college with the rich literature, colorful culture and tradition of Punjab and Punjabis all over the globe.

This year VIRSA organised and participated in a number of events.

It attracted large and very excited crowd at the inaugural event-the Lassi Drinking Competition on 8th September.

A stall was put up representing Punjabi culture in the form of a showcase of various artefacts including a dholki, parandis, pagdi, jootis etc. as well as an enthusiastic Bhangra performance in Milaap- a confluence of cultures, an event by the Urdu Literary Society in September.

The Lohri celebrations on 13th January were one of the most enjoyable and enthralling events in the college. Over a 100 students turned up to warm themselves by the bonfire and relished the chai, jalebis, popcorn and other goodies that were served.

A Punjabi short film was screened in the film festival organized by the Malayalam Literary Society at the end of January.

PHYSICS SOCIETY REPORT

The Physics Society started in full swing with the newly appointed members of executive council assuming their responsibilities. They were backed up by a set of enthusiastic first and second years. The Feynman Club lectures were conducted on most Friday afternoons in their designated 12:20 PM slot. The first talk of the year given by Dr. Sanjay Puri from JNU was titled “Pattern Formation in the Kinetics of Phase Transitions”, next by Dr. Patrick Das Gupta from University of Delhi on “Quasars, Semi Massive Black Holes and Cosmology”, the following Fridays, talks were presented by 3rd year students Saurabh Kumar on “Study Of Phase Transitions and Calculation Of Entropy in Disordered System” and Atif Javed on “General Relativity”, succeeding which we had Dr. Tabish Qureshi on “Quantum Erasers and Enigma Of Wave Particle Duality,” by Dr. A.K. Rastogi from JNU on “Classical Measurements and discoveries in the Condensed matter Physics”, Talks by alumni, Akshit Goyal from NCBS, Bangalore on “A toy model for living populations in equilibrium”; Archishman Raju from Cornell University on “ The renormalization group and information theory”; Jerry T. John from Carnegie Melon University on “Baby Steps in Game Design”, followed by Prof. Deshdeep Sahdev and Dr. Mani Chandra Morumpudi on “The Story of Quazar Tech - an Innovative Physics Start-Up”, after that Captain Tinkle Gupta who gave a talk titled “A session on Soft skills i.e communication and behavior.” Prof. Ratnamala Chatterjee from IIT Delhi gave a talk on “Topological Insulators: The new Spintronics Materials” and Dr. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya from Ashoka University on “Perfectly reasonable approximations : working with the physical world”.

The Ranjan Roy Memorial Lecture was conducted on 30 September 2016. Dr. Scott T. Dixon from Ashoka University introduced us to the world of Metaphysics. He gave a talk titled “The Possibility of Time Travel”. Barring the science, he discussed various scenarios based on the logical aspect of time travel. The Meera Memorial Paper Reading Competition was held on 20th – 21st October 2016 and saw enthusiastic participation from first, second and third years. The Popli Memorial Lecture Series were held from 16th January to 18th January 2017. Speaker, Dr. P. Ajith from International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Bangalore gave a talk titled “The Physics and Astronomy of Gravitational Waves” discussing the most important discovery of our times yet. The Astronomy Club organized a field trip to The Nehru Planetarium on 21st August 2016 and conducted sky viewing sessions on 17th and 18th of September 2016. The Problem Solving Club released around 10 interesting problems and their solutions throughout the year. The Science Library is functioning well and it added new books to its collection this year. The Popli Memorial Aptitude Test were the last of the activities held on 13th April 2017.

THE QUIZ CLUB

List of events conducted by the Quiz Club from 21/7/16 – 31/10/16:

1. Event – All Things Trivial, Intra College Fresher’s Quiz.
2. Event – Inter College Fresher’s Quiz
3. Event – All Things Quizzing, a quizzing workshop by Aryapriya Ganguly
4. Event – Enigma by BITS-Pilani Hyderabad, Delhi Regionals.
5. Event – St Stephen’s Annual Quizzing Championship

Following are the events conducted by the Quiz Club from 01/01/17 to 30/03/17:

1. Workshop by Debobroto Sensharma
2. Inter Departmental Quiz by Avinash Mathews and Rabin Jacob
3. Delhi round of ‘Magister’ a written solo quiz by St Joseph’s College, Bangalore and the Karnataka Quizzing Association: Venue – OCLT, St Stephen’s College
4. Quizzes conducted at Quizotic 2017(Annual Festival)
 - College Sci-Biz-Tech by the Quiz Club
 - College General Quiz by Shubhankar Bahl

- Open Music Quiz by Rabin Jacob and Mohammad Zanskar Danish
- Open India Quiz by Archana Garodia Gupta
- Open General Quiz by Major Chandrakant Nair
- Open HATE Quiz by Akul Gurtu
- Open FLAME Quiz by Aryapriya Ganguly

**SABHA, THE MULTILINGUAL DRAMATICS SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S
COLLEGE**

- 1.) The Launch Production, Surkhiyaan
A satire based on the politics of newsroom drama and the society in general.
Director: Vikram Grewal
- 2.) Play Reading session by Sabha Alumnus Ankit Gupta
- 3.) Lights' Workshop by Sabha alumnus and former Secretary Jordan Tsering Namchu
Coordinator: Ankita Srivastava
- 4.) Annual Production, Siyah Hashiye
A play on the life and stories of Saadat Hassan Manto
Director: Ankita Srivastava

Annual Theatre Festival, Dastaan
Convenor: Leah Thomas
-Inter-College Streetplay Competition
Convenor: Insha Mushtaq

-Inter-college Stage Play competition
Date: 6.03.2017-7.03.2017

SANSKRIT SAHITYA SABHA

Sanskrit Sahitya Sabha is one of the oldest societies of St Stephen's College .It provides a platform to all Sanskrit enthusiasts who wish to start any sort of work in this vast and varied literature. Regular group discussions guided by the Sanskrit Senior members and learning through engagement in various inter and intra college competitions are an integral part of our course of action.

The first event of the society was held on 19th August. It began with a formal meeting where the first years were introduced to the functioning of the society and were briefed about the upcoming events, which was later followed by a seminar where they were demonstrated the art of Prose and Verse recitation along with the techniques of Sanskrit speaking.

On September 23rd we organised a talk on the most renowned work of Kalidasa “Abhigyan Sahakuntalam” .It was delivered by Sanskrit Professor Dr Pankaj Mishra where the relevance of its theme in the modern context was discussed and some of the elements deployed by Kalidasa which are exclusive to the text were also explicated.

Our Annual Fest ‘INTER COLLEGE KALIDASA JAYANTI’ was organised on 20th February 2017. Around 50 students from other Colleges competed in the events held as a part of our annual fest.

- Sanskrit Speech
- Shloka Recitation
- Sanskrit Quiz: Like every year Sanskrit quiz continued to be the focus of the event as it was conducted Dr Pankaj Mishra who as usually stumped the participants with his bewildering yet amusing questions.

On April 3rd, Chandragupta Bharti an alumni of Sanskrit Department St Stephen’s College was invited to speak on the “Journey of Panchatantra to the West”. And in his lecture emphasized upon the influence of Panchatantra on Arabic, Persian literature and European fables.

The participation of the members of the society was not just limited to the events happening within the college but a majority of them also participated in various competition held outside college and bagged several prizes in the academic year 2016-17

- Sanskrit Speech: 1 Third Prize
- Shloka Recitation: 7 first Prizes, 5 Second Prizes and 2 Consolations
- Speech Competition: 1 Third Prize
- Debate: 1 Third Prize
- Quiz: 1 First Prize,2 Second Prizes,1 Third Prize
- Play: 1 Third Prize

The academic year 2016-17 has proven to be a great year of learning as most of the members got a chance to enhance their experience and knowledge through their participation in various society activities.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

A REPORT ON –DRISHTIKON 2017

DRISHTIKON- The Annual State level fest for the visually challenged students was organised by the Social Service League on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of February 2017. This three day extravaganza was marked with the active participation of students from colleges all over Delhi NCR who came with enthusiasm at the pinnacle to showcase their talents with perfection, gained after years of dedicated practice guided by the inner sight which is much stronger than the sight that many of us have. The first day of the event had sensitization for the volunteers of Drishtikon'17.

Drishtikon proved itself as one of the best opportunities for the differently abled individuals to exhibit and compete with each other in various events that brought out their artistic, literary, theatrical, sporting and quizzing skills. The various events were Mindathon, Math Me If U Can, Hiking, Talent Hunt, quiz, and One Act Play. All the events had a lot of participants and the smooth running of all the programmes were ensured by a dedicated team of volunteers.

The first day started at 10am, with the inaugural ceremony. The President of the society – Dr Renish Geevarghese Abraham, along with the coordinators inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional lamp that dispelled the darkness of our inner soul. At 10.30am the competition events started with Mindathon in front of the JCR which was a game that activated our brain cells but at the same time guaranteed a lot of fun. The poetry recitation was also an event that had a large number of participants. Just a minute which portrayed the oratory skills of the participants was conducted in the college hall at the same time. After the lunch at 2.00pm Math me if you can was conducted in the college hall with the help of Mathematics Society. At 3.00pm both Quiz finals and Hiking wall programme happened simultaneously in the seminar room and hiking wall respectively. To the surprise of many people the participants were able to almost reach the top of the hiking wall, which is a commendable achievement.

The second day was the day in which the real talents of the participants came out. The Talent Hunt competition saw many great talents as singers, instrumentalists, dancers, stand-up comedians and so on. Poetry recitation also took place in the seminar room in the pre-lunch session. The post lunch session was in fact the most exciting session of Drishtikon as the colleges competed with all their spirit to reach the zenith of the much awaited One Act Play competition.

The closing ceremony was at 5.00pm in the college hall. Dr. Renish Geevarghese Abraham, President of Social Service League, Dr. Satish Kumar, Staff Advisor of

Enabling Unit and K. C. Pandey, management head of the Blind Relief Association (BRA) were present for this ceremony.

The much awaited results were announced and the prizes were distributed .It was St Stephen's college who topped the tally charts and made themselves the proud keepers of the ever rolling overall championship trophy for the year 2017.

As the curtains of Drishtikon finally fell, above the happiness of winning and the satisfaction of a work well done, the realisation that our inner light is brighter than anything else ,is what that made Drishtikon shine above all.

Report- Awareness talk on AIDS

The Social Service League in collaboration with YWCA of India conducted an awareness talk on 3rd October, 2016 at 3.00pm in the seminar hall.The event aimed to mobilize the youth to have awareness about HIV/AIDS, and how it spreads. The main objective of the talk was to encourage people to get themselves tested for HIV and to bust the various myths surrounding it.Almost 25 people attended the talk. They also distributed some bookmarks and other articles that conveyed the intended message. The YWCA representatives were present at the event , and two speakers for the day were invited by them. Altogether, it was a very informative session.

SPIC MACAY

SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth) aims at creating a platform where the rich cultural heritage of India is made available to today's youth on an accessible platform. It is a non-political, nationwide, voluntary movement founded in 1977 by Dr. Kiran Seth, Professor-Emeritus at IIT-Delhi who was awarded the 'Padma Shri' for his contribution to the arts in 2009.

Events:

1) **MAADHAVOTSAVA**

The event was about the life journey and activities of lord Krishna.

Date- 8 September, 2016

Place- Mess Lawns, St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Audience count- 100-150 people

2) **Society Walk**

Date- 14 October, 2016

Place- The Old Fort, Delhi

Head count- 15-20 participants

3) **Sarod recital**

By Pt. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury accompanied by Pt. Ashis Sengupta on Tabla

Date- 24 October, 2016

Place- College Hall, St. Stephen's College, Delhi

Audience- 100-150 people

4) Movie Screening

Movie- Charulata by Satyajit Ray

Date- 26 October, 2016

Place- St. Stephen's College

Audience- 20-25 people

5) Heritage walk to Ghalib ki haveli

Walk Leader- Ms. Swapna Liddle

Date- 27 October, 2016

Place- Ghalib ki Haveli, Chandni Chowk

Head count- 25-30 participants

6) PHAAGOTSAVA

Celebration of festival of colours, Holi, with folk and classical music

Date- 8 March, 2017

Place- Mess lawns, St. Stephen's College

Audience- 100-150 people

Highlights:

1. MAADHAVOTSAVA the event was about the life journey and activities of lord Krishna.
2. Sarod recital by Pt. Biswajit Roy Chowdhury accompanied by Pt. Ashis Sengupta on Tabla.
3. PHAAGOTSAVA, Celebration of festival of colours, Holi, with folk and classical music

WEB TEAM

In the on-going academic year, the Web Team has been able to incorporate a gallery onto our College website showcasing the events organised on campus, an Audio Visual Notification Board , set up for the benefit of our visually challenged junior members, the information about the various facilities in college has been updated and the archiving of the yearbooks has been done. The E-File system, introduced in this year, has been a great step in digitising the various societal and departmental approvals in the college.