



St Stephen's College

Dismissal Service 2019

Principal's Report 2019

Your grace, Rt Revd Warris K Masih, bishop of Delhi and Chairman of the College; Mr Alwan Masih, Vice Chairman of the College, and your excellency Mr Jawed Ashraf India's High Commissioner to Singapore and Chief Guest for this important day in the life of College, parents, colleagues and my dear students: A day when we send out our final year Junior Members with our wishes, blessings, prayers not only for their final exams but also into the big, bad world. We send them out into that world so that they, with what they have been equipped with, during their three years here, will be able to change the world into a small and better world. A small world by helping nations, communities and individuals come together to understand that after all there is only one description for all of us – our humanity and a better world by each trying to improve the world in whatever small way they can. So, this is an important day: and on this important day let me begin by telling you what happened during the year gone by.

I am happy to inform you that our Junior Members continue to do well with their books. The results of the UG and PG courses are as follows:

Undergraduate Results 2018-19

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	48	39	5		4	44	91.67
2	B.A. Honours Economics	51	39	5			44	86.27
3	B.A. Honours English	31	22	6		3	28	90.32
4	B.A. Honours History	59	38	12		9	50	84.75
5	B.A Honours Philosophy	9	9				9	100
6	B.A. Honours Sanskrit	10	9	1			10	100
7	B.Sc. Honours Chemistry	43	43				43	100
8	B.Sc. Honours Mathematics	48	43			5	43	89.58
9	B.Sc. Honours Physics	46	38	4			42	91.3
10	B.Sc. Prog. (Chemistry)	47	40	4		3	44	93.62
11	B.Sc. Prog. (Computer Science)							

Postgraduate Results 2018-19

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	14	14				14	100.00
2	M.A. History	11	4	6		1	10	90.91
3	M.A. Philosophy**	8	5	2			8	100.00
4	M.A. Sanskrit	2				2	0	0.00
5	M.Sc. Chemistry	9	8			1	8	88.89
6	M.Sc. Mathematics	7	6	1			7	100.00
7	M.Sc. Operational Research	2	1	1			2	100.00
8	M.Sc. Physics	5	5				5	100.00

ER* - Essential Repeat

**** Division not known for one student as only semester IV result and passed status mentioned in the DU result sheets.**

No. of students appeared: 450

No. of students passed: 411

Pass Percentage: 91.33

I shall now move on to a brief report of the each of the many active societies in College. I reiterate that this is only a condensed report and the full report will appear in the issue of The Stephanian, to be published soon.

The **B A programme Society** had talks by Mini Menon, an alumna and a renowned journalist. Mr. Dibyesh Anand a Storytelling session by Mr Kapil Pandey, and an 'Ask the author' with Sharath Komarraju via email. This year the students were taken for a heritage walk to Humayun's tomb in collaboration with Delhibyfoot held on the 31st of January. The next month we had a session in collaboration with the English Literary Society where we had a renowned author Ashwin Sanghi. Talking on the topic 'Unlearning to learn'.

The **Bazm -e-Adab**, the Urdu literary society of St Stephen's college began the session with the coveted Eid Lunch followed by film screenings of *Toba Tek Singh* and *Khol Do based on short stories* by Sadat Hassan Manto. In November there was an evening of Qawwali, where the renowned Nizami brothers performed for a packed audience in the college hall. The Annual Bait Baazi and Ghazal Sarai competition for the Ghalib Running trophy was organised on the 27th of February 2019 with participation from several teams from colleges across Delhi. The members of the society participated in various

inter college competitions and won prizes and several accolades for their efforts.

The **Bengali Literary Society** along with The History Society conducted a lecture by Professor Sugata Bose, Harvard Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History, on, 'The Poet and the Patriot: Rabindranath Tagore and Subhas Chandra Bose'. The Adhiraj Ghosh Memorial Debate 2018 had "The Partition of Bengal was inevitable and beneficial to both Bengals in the long run" as its topic. Through Agamani 2018 the Bengali Literary Society celebrated Durga Puja for the second time this year through the performance of a dance drama in the Mess Lawns ending with the Dhunuchi Dance performed by third-year members of the society. A group Discussion conducted by Professor Saumaly Ghosh from the Department of Economics dealt with issues which included the rise of Durga worship in West Bengal and how it came to be celebrated the way it currently is, an exploration of non-mainstream trends of celebration, in pockets across Bengal, how pandals these days use their platform to showcase their opinions on social issues (environmentalism, LGBTQ+, etc), and the consumerism involved in Durga Puja. A Food Walk, Poush Mela to showcase the vibrant folk culture of Bengal, the Bengali Lunch, needless to say was well attended. Professor Rudrangshu Mukherjee spoke on Antinomies of Early Liberalism in Bengal. Work on the journal of the Society, Darpan, is underway and it will be published by the end of April.

The **B. Sc Programme Society** kick-started the semester with the screening of the movie 'Contact' followed by an interactive session on 'Sustainable Development' by professor Martin J. Ossewaarde from the Netherlands. In September a tribute to Stephen Hawking was organized with a talk on "Hawking Radiation from Black Hole" by Dr. Patrick Das Gupta (Department of Physics and Astrophysics, DU). "FUSION-1.0" the departmental festival saw a lecture by Dr. Anjen Sen, Associate Professor at Centre for Theoretical Physics, Jamia Milia Islamia, an online photography competition with the theme "Dark Energy". an open science treasure hunt and an interactive session on "Why is Sun Corona hot?" by Dr Vaibhav Pant Postdoctoral at KU Leuven, Belgium an alumnus of College.

The **Chemistry society** is one of the most active societies of the college. This year there were several talks: Prof. R K Sharma from the Department of Chemistry, Delhi University and lasted another one by Dr. Vinod K Tiwari, Banaras Hindu University (BHU). A Borosil workshop for the first year students of the department, followed by a National Conference, ETACS: Emerging Trends and Advances in Chemical Sciences, a two day open event where participants made oral presentations and poster presentations. an online photography competition with the theme "Polychrome". The Annual festival of the society, Resonance 2019 was held across 3 days and included a Crystal growing competition a Poster competition, Jam on Ham and Treasure hunt. An Inter-college Quiz competition and movie screening concluded the festival. The society will be concluded the year with the "Charusita Memorial Lecture", 2019 and a field trip.

The **Choreography society** of our college had a huge membership and had several performances during the year. The ballet, 'The Swan Lake' was perhaps the most endearing to all. The ballet had four acts expressing the essence of the story through dainty and rhythmic dance pieces. A palpable energy surrounded our society this year and we were able to stage rich, artistic and emotional works where people are left moved.

The **Cine Club** had an eventful year and conducted a variety of events according to the society calendar. Cinema Paradiso the Annual Fest of the Society was held on 8th,9th March 2019.

The **Civil Services Forum** has a range of activities spread across Group Discussions, Newspaper Reading Sessions, Interactive Sessions with speakers from diverse backgrounds and Academic Visits. This year, for the first time in the Forum's history, Civil Services Forum conducted its Annual Fest titled "Civil Services Colloquium" which focussed on three themes- Governance, Diplomacy and the Civil Services Examination. Speakers who shared their thoughts included Mr. Rajit Punhani, IAS, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, IRS, Mr. Shivshankar Menon (former NSA and former Foreign Secretary of India) and Dr. TCA Raghavan (Former High Commissioner of India to Pakistan). A series of academic visits to the Indian Council of World Affairs, help understand various topics on international geopolitics and relations. An annual magazine and an Essay Writing Competition were the other events conducted this year.

The **Debating society** began with workshops on debating followed by another one on adjudication. The Sixth Pro-Am Debate Tournament had a total of 30 teams from different colleges in Delhi and outside participating. Owing to the tournament's format, the tournament motivated novice debaters to team up with senior debaters to create a more enriching debating experience. The School Conventional Debate was held in October under the aegis of the IQAC on the topic 'This house believes that developed countries should be subject to more stringent environmental regulations than developing countries.' The Mukarji Memorial Dialogues was a wonderful opportunity to learn from and interact with esteemed personalities working across different fields. Ms Tripti Tandon, Ms Chandani Mehta a research scholar Mr Kartik Bittu (gender-queer trans activist) Mr Harish Damodaran (editor at -Indian Express), Ms Nilabja Ghosh (Professor at the Indian Institute of Economic Growth), Sayantan Bera (journalist-EPW, HT) and Professor Himanshu(JNU) were among those who illuminated the event. We had an academic talk on Sex Trafficking and The 71st Mukarji Memorial Debate hosted 48 teams from across India from 21st-24th February, in the most competitive debate of India, at Stephens. Besides these Society members participated in several debate tournaments across the country.

The **Economics Society** had a range of activities from talks to simulations. Speakers including Mr Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Dr. T. C. A. Anant (former Chief Statistician of India, HoD Economics DSE) and Abhinash Borah and Anirban Kar. Activities included Ecquizzite, Bastille, a UN Committee Simulation on the Status of Women, an Academic Summit and National

Economics Festival with the inaugural lecture delivered by Dr. Jörgen Weibull from the Stockholm School of Economics. The closing lecture was by Dr Praveen Jha (Chairperson, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies). Other activities included Polinomics and Econfluence.

The **Electronics Society (2018-2019)** successfully modified the EVM and even held an election for the 2nd year council election. We hope to have all elections in college done on the EVM from next year. A room automation device, an ID card scanner, robots like line follower, obstacle avoider and a remote-controlled car. a drone were among the major projects undertaken this year. We soon hope to introduce IoT devices to society members.

The **Enabling Unit** of St. Stephen's College had several activities this year: Fresher's Day, with the Pragma Chakshu vertical of Social Service League, a Life Coaching Workshop in collaboration with the Offbeat Carnival. *Panel discussions* on Disability, Gender and Sexuality in collaboration with the Gender Studies Cell and another panel discussion on the topic Experiences of Marginalisation and Discrimination in University Spaces again in collaboration with the Gender Studies Cell and the Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle. Several talks were held with eminent personalities sharing their ideas. The guest speakers included Ms. Ira Singhal, Ms. Shampa Sengupta, Ms. Abha Khetrapal, Ms. Sunakshi Bajpa, Prof. Renu Addalakha and Mr. V.Muralidharan all of whom have worked towards the upliftment of the disabled community in the society. An open, Breast Cancer Awareness Talk in association with National Association for the Blind (NAB), Discovering Hands and Fortis Hospital to spread awareness regarding breast cancer and a Sound Healing Workshop by certified trainers of International Academy of Sound Healing and Offbeat Carnival with an aim to increase mental wellness on campus, an Accessible Text Creation Workshop, to promote academic accessibility for the visually challenged in association with *SAKSHAM* and a play Tamasha, showcasing the acting skills of the members were also held this year. In collaboration with the Social Service League, the 10th edition of Drishtikon, an inter-college cultural competition for the differently abled students of the University of Delhi was organised with the participation of over 200+ differently abled students from various colleges across the Delhi University. Two weeks ago the Unit conducted a Walkathon, a blindfolded trust walk, in association with the Offbeat Support Foundation in April to spread awareness of visual disabilities. The Enabling Unit also submitted to the administration a list of infrastructural modifications such as ramps, lights in certain areas and a tactile path within college. An obstruction at the inner Rudra Gate was removed thanks to the intervention of the Unit and some of the stray dogs from the ridge were removed from college.

Enactus St. Stephen's chapter launched two projects- Project Aisha and Project Trishna. **Project Aisha** aims to provide medical aid to areas that would not-under normal circumstances-have access to it by working on a scalable model of data collection driven project. Project Trishna aims to construct a low cost *Ceramic Water Purifier* using the disinfecting properties of silver as an efficient filtration measure. The Radio show sessions also saw

participation of the Enactus society as members recorded their voices, to help the village communities, by writing scripts to create awareness regarding various social issues.

The **English Literary Society** started its account this year with an Orientation for first year junior members. Reading Club, the Blackout Poetry Workshop, a Literature Quiz the screening of *Ruby Sparks* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a cultural walk in Old Delhi with historian and writer Dr Swapna Liddle. Logos and “Memory in Literature” were themes that were dealt with during the year. In collaboration with the B.A. Programme Society, the Society hosted fiction writer Ashwin Sanghi. The annual festival, Logos, had a number of events and activities as part of it. Dr Swetha Antony, Ms. Hannah Varkey, Heba Ahmed and poet Aditi Angiras, an address by the scholar and publisher Ritu Menon, The activities ended with a workshop conducted by the poet Sohini Basak on 14 March.

The **Environmental Society**, has taken a wide range of creative steps to encourage students to become more sensitive to the incredible gift that is the Earth. With only eleven pairs of hands working in the background, under the able guidance of Dr Manjula Singh, this academic year has proved to be a turnaround in the society's engagements. A promotional video, an interactive game in the orientation, the annual Scavenger Hunt. Tree-Mapping project were among the activities this year. The entire college observed the first-ever Environmental Fortnight, There was an interactive session with Ms Radhika Suri, Director of Environment Education of WWF - India. The annual Green Diwali Campaign. Activities included an offline poster-making, announcements in the morning assembly to increase awareness and a collection drive on campus for underprivileged refugee children. B-Plan Competition, the first of its kind in Delhi University was to find and fund impactful and innovative projects. This year, in an unprecedented move, the society unanimously decided to not host its annual fest, Prakriti, and instead divert resources to long-term sustainable initiatives. A pilot project for Waste Management was started by installing new bins, with the aid of the Rotary Club in October 2018.

The **Finance and Investment Cell** had a bull run this year. Talks and discussions were numerous and successful and included among others Lord Meghnad Desai, Mr. Upendra Gupta, the GST Commissioner, CBEC, Government of India. And Mr. Kaushik Basu, President of the International Economic Association. The Case Club League, had regular case study solving sessions. Dreamerger, Delhi University's largest case study competition was a huge success this year. Finance and quizzing were taken up under Finatic, an online quiz competition. Financial Summit saw the participation of more around 400+ students from across the country. Towards helping society and spreading awareness an initiative called the Financial Literacy Campaign, was started this year. We started with the karamcharis of our college, their children, and hope to move on to other sections of society. 'Fin Literati', Investment Group Sessions and the Excel-modelling Sessions, Das Capital, the Annual National Finance Festival were among the other activities held this

year. The Editorial and Research Board saw The publication of annual journal, Stephenian Finance Review (SFR), and the publishing of a bi-monthly newsletter Financial Prophet.

The **Fine Arts Society** had several activities during the year: Face Painting Competition, Film Screening, Finger Painting Competition, Poster Making Competition, an Art Walk, a Community Art Online Doodle Competition. ARTIPELAGO'19 was the annual festival and began with a talk by Mr. Dheeraj Verma, internationally renowned comic artist, often credited with being the first Indian to enter the US comic industry. Pictionary, Comic Strip Making Competition, T-shirt Painting, and Character-building Competition were the events at the festival. An Art Exhibition was held in the College Hall, for the first time, on both days of the fest Besides all these activities the Society also brought out its Annual Journal, *Meraki*.

The Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle of St. Stephen's College is a student run collective which strives to be an open platform of debate and discussion. 'Dialogo', the student led panel discussion, a screening of Shyam Benegal's 'Making of Mahatma', a Panel Discussion a collaboration with IILM on "Bapu Ki Dilli" were among the notable activities. Satya the annual festival had a panel discussion by Dr. Vijoo Krishnan, Joint Secretary All India Kisan Sabha on 'Agrarian Crisis and Farmer distress'. Journalist Vivek Shukla talked on 'Gandhi and St. Stephens'. 'Ahimsa: The General Quiz with a Gandhian Touch' was held in association with the Quiz Club. Mari Selvjraj's critically acclaimed movie 'Pariyerum Perumal' was screened in collaboration with the Cine-Club and on the final Day of the festival the Sukmanch Theatre Troupe staged 'Kasturba Vs Gandhi.'. The Society also organized an essay writing competition on the theme "What If Gandhiji Was Alive Today?"

The **Gender Studies Cell** had several activities during the year aimed at enlightening the college community on oppressive and restrictive practices that have gone unnoticed. Several speakers helped achieve this notably, Abha Khetarpal, Karthik Bittu Kondiah, Chandani Mehta and Tripti Tandon; A Zine-making Workshop with Anagha Gopal and Shirin Choudhary, alumna of the college and the Cell, held on 6 November. A Let's Talk session on "The Culture of Enabling Harassment and Toxic Behaviour" a panel discussion on "Gender and Legislation"

The Cell then collaborated with the Enabling Unit and the Gandhi Ambedkar Study Circle on 24 January for a panel discussion on "Experiences of Marginalisation and Discrimination in University Spaces", with Dr N. Sukumar, Dr Jagdish Chandra, Sanjay Ingole, Advocate Sanghapali Aruna, with student moderator Pragya Sagar. Deepa Dhanraj's film "We Have Not Come Here to Die" was screened. And the annual festival Sarfarosh, was held on the 12th and 13th of March. On 12 March, activist-rapper Sumeet Samos was invited for session on the experience of caste discrimination in the university and a performance of his music. a Student Conference on the theme "Identity and Violence." a series of short films and a "Queering Maps" exhibition along with an exhibition on the history of women's movements were also held.

The saying “it’s not the destination but the journey” is fitting to The **Hiking Club** because in the journey we meet the brave with whom the destination is adventurously uncertain. The year started with an Orientation for the newbies in college. A Cycling Trip to Humayun's Tomb. 35 cycles and backpacks took a ride and etched a memory forever. The Kalihani Pass Trek organised during the mid semester break from the 13th-18th of October was definitely the highlight of the odd semester. The 14th National Climbing Competition held in the last week of March marked the end of the academic year.

The **Hindi Literary Society** or the Hindi Sahitya Sabha provides a platform for innovation for emerging writers, playwrights, journalists, critiques and anyone who is interested in Hindi. Over the years, with the organisation of rich events, the society has grown as has its individuals. This year, among the many activities there was a student discussion on the poems of Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Then there were poetry recitation sessions, debate and creative writing competitions as well as Kavi Sammelans. Each year, on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on the 14th of September, many competitions are held which see participation from various colleges of Delhi University. This year, as part of the celebrations, a panel discussion on the effects of social media on Hindi Journalism was held, a debate competition and a creative writing competition were also conducted on this occasion. Shri. Ashoka Vajpayee’s talk was one of the highlights of the Society’s activities for the year. A reading session of works of Anton P Chekhov and how it manifests itself when translated in hindi was also undertaken.

The **History Society** of St Stephen’s College engaged in a number of activities which include lectures, workshops, heritage walks and a departmental trip. The annual History festival Kaalchakra was also held earlier this month with the keynote address given by Prof Upinder Singh. Two panel discussions one on Violence in Kashmir and the other on Caste and Violence, a quiz, student paper presentations, a street play and a film screening were also held as part of the festival.

Everyone knows about the **IDG**. This year Ms Sagarika Ghose spoke on the Indian media in 2018. Rakshanda Jalil spoke to us about Urdu literature and women’s writing within that pantheon, in particular, sparking a great deal of discussion. David Devadas who was the Writer-in-Residence for the length of the previous semester, also had a session with us about his new book on Kashmir, and about the turmoil in the Valley in general. Jonathan Gil Harris spoke to us about his book Masala Shakespeare, and the political inclusivity of the Shakespeare adaptations that Bollywood has given us over the years. Two reading group sessions were held during the year: one on the writing of Rashid Jahan where we also went on to talk about her protégé, Ismat Chughtai, and one on the podcast Witch Please which examines and problematizes the politics of Harry Potter. The IDG teamed up with the Debating Society in reviving an old tradition, the Mukarji Memorial dialogues, where a panel discussion on Farmers’ Distress in India was held featuring Harish Damodaran, Nilabja Ghosh, Sayantan Bera, and Professor Himanshu

of JNU. Yet another panel discussion took place, this time however featuring our own students- Amara Ali, Taha Firdous Shah, Sultana Nasrin, Afnan S. M. and Noumaan Anwer, on the topic of Stereotypes and Identity, something of relevance a lot of students here at St. Stephen's can relate to. We also joined hands with the North-East Society of the college in organising a talk by Joel Rai, senior journalist with The Times of India. A native of Darjeeling, he explored the thought-provoking issue of the Indian Gorkha identity, and what it means for them to ask for a Gorkhaland State. Dr. Saif Mahmood, who has enigmatically documented the history of Delhi's Urdu poets in his bestseller "Beloved Delhi: A Mughal City & Her Greatest Poets".

The **St. Stephen's Japanese Society** is the youngest society in college. Three events marked the beginning of this year. The MISJ Language Session, the Student Interactive Session and third one was the online discussion between Keio university and St. Stephen's College were among the initial activities this year. 10 students from College and 18 students from Keio University discussed "Ad Dei Gloriam, Character combined with learning". The discussion was led by Professor. David Baker, Professor, Mukesh Williams and Ms Alphy Geever. A movie screening was held and was followed by 'Origami Session'. An interactive session with Ms. Ayuki Sato, a Movie director and TV show producer was held during her visit to college a few months ago. The highpoint was of course, the Japanese cultural fest – Matsuri-祭- on 29th March, 2019.

In the academic year 2018-19, the **Junior Combination Room**, undertook many unprecedented activities, movie screening Dandiya Night Diwali celebrations a two-day sports fest, and 'Umang'. A two-day festival were the many notable activities of the JCR.

The **Malayalam Literary** society organized a Kerala flood relief collection drive. November 1st marks the birth of Kerala as a state. The college community celebrated 'Kerala Piravi' donning saris and mundu while enjoying the performances of Pulikali, Thiruvathira and Vanchipattu. The air was high with excitement and adrenaline as the college community took to the SCR lawns for the games. Talks and discussions on various social, cultural, political and economic issues were held throughout the year.

The **Mathematics Society** is one of the oldest and most active society in college. We, as a society, strive to ensure students keep on thriving within the vast forum of Mathematics. We help enable students to channelize their love for Mathematics in different fields and have students from various backgrounds interested in a range of fields including actuarial sciences, finance, civil services, business administration, etc. Several activities were held during the year: Griphomania, the SB Mathur Lecture series, MathSoc a cubing event and Integration 19 thye annual Mathematics Festival were held during the year: The festival had an Inaugral talk, Treasure Hunt, Mathopolis, Arithmancy, Griphomania, Pictionary and Mathematical Tambola as events.

The **Music Society**, or MusicSoc, had several activities during the year: Freshers' Acoustica, In collaboration with the Social Service League, the

Orphanage Visit exposed us to the beautiful lives of the children residing there. Seniors' Acoustica - was another important event. Later we had a workshop on mixing consoles and sound systems. The members of the Society performed during the opening ceremony for Republic Day. Winter Jam. was a wonderful experience and then the Annual Music Fest - Acoustica Originals and Crosswinds, were the main activities for the year.

The St. Stephen's **North East Society** began its events with a panel discussion on the topic, "Should borders matter? Anti-immigration sentiments in North East India". Shelmi Sankhil from the School of Letters, Ambedkar University was the Chair and the panellists were G.K. Pillai (Former Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs), Kishalay Bhattacharjee (Associate Professor, OP Jindal University), Sangeeta Barooah (Deputy Editor, The Wire) and Dr. Joy Pachuau (Centre for Historical Studies, JNU). An online Photography Competition, a movie screening of the national award winning Khasi movie, Onaatah, a talk on 27th February, 2019 by Mr. Joel Rai (Senior Editor, Times of India) on the "Gorkhaland movement, its future and the Gorkha identity" were the events which ended with the annual fest – Unicolour which was a cultural extravaganza providing a platform to showcase the dance, music, attire and essence of the region, Unicolour stands for inclusivity and participation. To end the semester, we will be releasing our annual journal, Orchid with a launch talk in April.

The activities of the **Philosophical Society**, this academic year, revolved along three broad events: 'Philosophical meeting', 'Talks' and 'Workshop'. During Philosophical meetings, the members of the society engaged in philosophical discussions centered on philosophical texts or contemporary issues within the country and the world at large. As for our talks and workshops, we invited speakers outside the bounds of St. Stephen's College to address us on matters of philosophic interests.

The **Photographic Society** had an eventful year and conducted various events according to the society calendar. The society held its orientation on 6th August 2018. The first event on the calendar was The Fresher's Exhibition, which enabled the freshmen to showcase their talent in photography. The society organised photo walks to places in Delhi. An inter-college online photography competitions titled Breaking Frames was also held. FRAMES- the annual event of the society was held on 13th, 14th and 15th February 2019. In addition to these events, the society members also worked to give photo coverage for all the important events of other societies in the college. Also, a monthly competition named 'The Photo of The Month' was initiated wherein entries were invited from the society members based on the theme given at the beginning of every month.

The **Physics Society**: The Feynman Club Lectures, the Astronomy Club Session and Problem Solving Sessions continue to do well: The Annual Ranjan Roy Memorial Lecture was held on Tuesday, the 30th of October 2018, This year the lecture was delivered by Dr. Anuradha Saha, from Ashoka University. The Meera Memorial Paper Reading Competition was held on the 17th and

18th of January 2019, The Popli Memorial Lecture Series were delivered an hour a day over three days by Prof. Joseph Samuel, Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru.

The **Planning Forum** - St. Stephen's College was founded in 1962, on the behest of then Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, modeled along the lines of the erstwhile Planning Commission. The society aims to empower scholars of diverse background 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. The Planning Forum hosted eminent speakers and organised multiple events throughout the year. Shri Kapil Sibal was the one to launch the forum's activities. 'The Policy Conclave' was a 4-day public policy symposium comprising - lectures, case studies, policy presentations and a social impact forum. Shri Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi and Delhi Cabinet Minister Shri Bezwada Wilson, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and National Convenor - Safai Karamchari Andolan, Dr. Ashok Lahiri, former Chief Economic Advisor and member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission. were a key speakers at the event. The Planning Forum hosted the eleventh edition of the St. Stephen's Model United Nations in February, 2019. The Planning Forum also hosted alumnus- Ambassador Nalin Surie as its Honorary Secretary General to address the delegates at the closing ceremony. The Planning Forum in collaboration with the Social Service League and the Campus Placement Cell hosted the summer edition of Vox Populi on April 2, 2019. The event started with a lecture delivered by Mrs. Medha Patkar, Founder, National Alliance of People's Movements and Mr. Harish Hande, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and Co-Founder, SELCO.

The **Quiz Club** had a successful year with a multitude of mind-blowing events - from the Freshers' Quiz, All Things Trivial, to the Stephen's Annual Quizzing Championship and Quizotic, we brought together the best quizzers and quiz-masters in the country to pit their smarts against each other. Quizzing is a platform to showcase different phenomena of the world and we captured the interest of students (exchange students as well) through our popular intra-college quizzes as well as our collaborations with the Netherlands Embassy, The Delhi Quiz Club and the TA Pai Management Institute, Manipal. Collaborations with other college societies enabled us to reach out to people with an insatiable thirst for knowledge in their respective fields and we invite all to join us in this journey.

Sabha, the Multilingual theatre society had several activities during 2018-19. Under the guidance of Akshay Raheja a workshop was conducted. This helped all the members learn and develop a vision in the line of direction. We saw participation of over 50 students in the three-hour long workshop which had various activities ranging from theatre exercises to script reading. The Annual fest, "DASTAAN" saw participation from around 40 colleges which sent in their entries to compete for the Anhad, the streetplay competition, and Bhaasha, the stage play competition. The closing ceremony was followed by

the much-awaited Dastaan Dinner where the esteemed panel of judges and all the participating colleges sat down and shared feedback and reviews amidst a scrumptious meal.

The **Social Service League** had several activities across different verticals. Donation Camps, Pragya Chakshu, Vidyajyoti, Parivartan, Rudra Dinner and New Year Party and Evening Classes were the main activities held this year.

The **Shakespeare Society** had a very eventful year beginning with the Orientation. The first major event was Cherry Wine, performed followed by an acting workshop by Adrian Peter D’Cruz, an alumnus. This was followed by Abhinav Khetarpal’s Lights Workshop. A Projection and Voice Workshop by Sunit Tandon, was next. A Mini-Theatre Workshop for the kids was also held. The Off Stage Theatre Festival organised by Third Space Collective and Instituto Cervantes. Showed the wrath of the Society – we were one of only three colleges selected for this theatre showcase and received funding, mentorship, and a chance to perform at the Cultural Centre of the Spanish Embassy. The Intra Rajpal 2018, competition, and an External Production was also held this year. The annual inter-college theatre fest, Inter Rajpal 2019 was very successful with the participation of more than 20 colleges in the preliminary stage, after which 12 plays were selected to be performed at the fest. The Shakespeare Society of India: National Drama Competition was held on 2nd February 2019 at Indraprastha College for Women. Our entry for the same, ‘Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)’, directed by Kashish Komal, Nikitha Loraine, and Nikhil Paul, bagged the following awards: Best Production, Best Comic Actor (Special Jury Prize): Nikie Bareja, and Best Actor (Second Runner Up): Arnav Michael. The play put a feminist and simultaneously comic spin on Shakespeare’s greatest tragedies and was very entertaining and thought-provoking. This year we also revived the Annual Padley Memorial Discussion, a panel discussion that brings together theatre professionals and students to deliberate over issues of relevance in the world of (collegiate) theatre. ‘Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead’, was the final production which ended this year’s activities.

The **Sanskrit Sahitya Sabha** conducted many events and activities related to Sanskrit language involving both senior and junior members. Kalidasa Jayanti, 4 Goshthis in which various enrichment activities are held including paper presentations, Sanskrit competitions, lectures and inter-college competitions where our Junior Members participated and brought laurels to College.

Virsa, the **Punjabi Literary Society** of St. Stephen’s College had a really glorious and eventful year this academic session, with a lot of new ventures that opened up in front of the Society and its members. The Society kick-started its year with a one of its kind two day Punjabi Fest, that saw a talk and a film screening with Mr. Daljit Ami, a cultural extravaganza with performances by both the College students as well as from the Punjabi Academy and the prestigious Annual Punjabi Lunch, that has already made its mark as a food lover’s paradise in College. A grand Lohri celebration, with

the traditional bonfire and cultural performance and a trip to Amritsar, concluded the activities of the Society for the year.

I have great pleasure in placing before you, your grace and you, your excellency, the academic achievements of my colleagues during the past year. It is impossible to do real justice to the work that my colleagues have done but let me nevertheless very briefly give you an idea.

Chemistry

Dr. Aditi Gupta

Dr. Aditi Gupta published two articles in international journals. She delivered an oral presentation on 'Driving Waste Towards Zero: A Holistic Approach for Utilization of Non-edible Oil Seed Cakes' at National Seminar on Technology for Environmental Sustainability, Socio-economic Responsibilities and Associated Entrepreneurial Opportunities of 21st Century', held at Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi. She has attended a two Day National Conference on 'Emerging Trends and Advances in Chemical Sciences' held at St. Stephen's College. Workshops attended by her include 'National Workshop on Voice Culture and Voice Modulation' organized by and held at Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre of MHRD, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, March 7, 2019 and 'National Workshop on Molecular Docking, Dynamics & Biologics Discovery' organized by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, sponsored by Schrodinger Bangalore.

Dr. Ekta Kundra

Dr. Ekta Kundra published one article and attended four national level conferences including two Faculty Development Programmes. Dr Kundra's special areas of interest remain sustainability and the environment. She is also the Chairperson of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, a responsibility which she has been carrying out with commitment and zeal.

Dr. Jyotirmoy Maity

Dr Jyotirmoy Maity has three international publications, made three presentations at National Conferences and attended two more National conferences. Dr Jaspreet Kaur published one paper and is currently involved in a project titled "Exploration of high performance polymers and nano-fillers to develop futuristic adhesives for joining metals" sanctioned by the DST. Dt

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Dr. Kanika Malik

Dr Kanika Malik won **Second prize** for Poster Presentation at “Greening an Undergraduate Lab: National Conference at Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi” Dr Aditi Gupta has two publications to her credit, attended two National level conferences and two National level workshops.

Dr Priyanka Thakral

Dr Priyanka Thakral has three publications to her credit and has contributed to the activities of the IQAC in college, and Dr Yogita Bisht has one presentation, one articles in a Journal and one book titled “**Undergraduate Chemistry Physical and Organic: Chemical Energetics, Equilibria and Functional Group Organic Chemistry**”, and published in March 2019 to her credit.

Dr. Rakhi Thareja

Dr. Rakhi Thareja did the college proud when she volunteered to be the faculty in charge for the newly constituted NCC girls troop in college. She organized a National Conference on Emerging Trends and Advances in Chemical Sciences in September, 2018. Dr Thareja completed two Faculty Development Programs successfully one on Entrepreneurship, Motivation & Leadership and the other on Disabilities Studies. Dr Thareja also made five presentations, one national and four international this year. She guided a student from University of Illinois for a summer internship project and was the Resource person for CBSE project Udaan, an initiative for under privileged girls. Dr Thareja also served as the observer for the Chandigarh centre for the UGC-NET examination.

Dr. Vibha Sharma

Dr. Vibha Sharma delivered a lecture on invitation titled '***Inorganic Reaction Mechanism***' at Delhi University's Pre-entrance Summer School in June, 2018. Dr Sharma attended two conferences – a Two Day National Conference on '***Emerging Trends and Advances in Chemical Sciences (ETACS)***' at St. Stephen's College on September 25-26, 2018 and a National Conference on '***Emerging Green Technology and Technical Terminology***' conducted by Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education (DHE) and Ramjas College.

Dr. Violet Rajeshwari Macwan

Dr. Violet Rajeshwari Macwan is the youngest colleague this year to be awarded a PhD for her thesis titled '***Science Teachers' Conceptions of Teaching, Learning and Assessment: A Study at the Tertiary Level***'.

Dr. Yogita Bisht

Dr. Yogita Bisht was awarded best oral presentation (3rd prize) in national seminar on "Technology for environmental sustainability, socio-economic responsibilities and associated entrepreneurial opportunities of 21st century" organized by Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi on 8-9th March 2019. She has published book titled "Undergraduate Chemistry Physical and Organic: Chemical Energetics, Equilibria and Functional Group Organic Chemistry", March 2019. She has also written an article in Indian Journal of Chemistry.

Economics

Dr. Abhishek Sharma

Mr Abhishek Sharma from the department of Economics has attended the National Research Scholar's Seminar and Dr Piyush Bansal has attended three and jointly published seven textbooks for the CBSE and the ISC.

English

Dr. Karen Gabriel

The Head of the department of English, Dr Karen Gabriel has this year nine publications to her credit. These publications range from Women and Gender Studies to popular culture to critiques of the current government. Dr Gabriel also delivered several lectures, delivering several lectures, the titles

of some of which, for want of time, I will read:

- A Review of 4 Years of the current government, Deputy Chairman's Hall, Constitution Club Delhi, in July 2018
- "Visuality, Mediation, technology and the Text", Globalization, Culture and Identity: New Directions, at the IIC on 20th August 2018
- And Engaging with Unequal India, Images of Organised Sex: An Overview in August 2018
- Gender Nationalism and Contemporary Visual Cultures" at Jindal Global University, in March, 2019

Dr Gabriel was also an invited speaker for conferences and seminars at Auro University, Surat, Gujarat, Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana and at the Constitution Club, Delhi.

Dr Renish Geevarghese

Dr Renish Geevarghese Abraham, again from the Department of English delivered a series of lectures on 'Indian Classical Literature and Understanding India' at Soka University, Tokyo, Japan on a visiting lectureship from 05 to 25 October 2018. Dr Abraham delivered a public lecture on 'Tagore and Japan' at Keio University (Shonan Fujisawa Campus), inaugurating a partnership between St. Stephen's College and Keio University, Japan. He also coordinated a two week long course on 'Entrepreneurship and Social Transformation in India' offered to a group of visiting students from Keio University, Japan.

History

Dr. Naina Dayal

From the department of History Dr Naina Dayal edited along with Kumkum Roy a Festschrift for Prof Romila Thapar Kumkum Roy titled, Questioning Paradigms, Constructing Histories. She presented three papers: In July July 2018 she presented a paper titled 'Deconstructing Indian and Pakistani textbooks on our ancient pasts' at an international conference on 'Teaching History'. Organized by The Seagull Foundation for the Arts in Kolkata. In January 2019 Dr Dayal delivered a lecture on 'Sutas, nastikas and retelling the Mahabharata' at Ashoka University, Sonapat and in March 2019 she presented a paper at the 2-day international conference on 'Religion and Region in Indian History' at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo

Dr Aditya Pratap Deo completed 2 years of Fellowship at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study at Shimla where he was also Convenor of the Fellows' Council at Indian Institute of Advanced Study. While there he organized a National Seminar on "Anthropological Histories and Tribal Worlds" and edited the Winter Issue of "Summerhill" the IAS's Journal. Dr Deo was appointed

nominee of the Director in the Tribal Studies Centre, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. I am also very happy to place on record the yeoman work Dr Deo has been quietly guiding and helping students lead an important awareness campaign on mental health.

Dr. Digvijay Kumar Singh

Dr Digvijay Kumar Singh participated in the curriculum teaching workshop for the BA (H) DSE paper, 'History of Southeast Asia upto 16th century', at the Dept. of History, University of Delhi.

Mathematics

Mr. Piyush Bansal

Mr. Piyush Bansal published seven CBSE books for class XI and XII. He has also attended one international and one national conference organised by the department of mathematics, university of Delhi.

Physical Education

From the department of Physical Education my colleagues have distinguished themselves on the field and off it through their publications, participation on several committees in sports outside college, and through special assignments.

Mr. S K Chakravorty

Mr. S. K Chakravorty was entrusted as Chief of the Selection Committee for the All India Inter University Squash Tournament. He played a central role in organizing Selection camps for all interested students in the college. The effort of Mr Chakravorty paid well as the Team won Multiple Medals at the All India Inter Varsity Championships.

Mr. Sujay John

Mr. Sujay John was appointed as Chief of the Selection Committee for the Delhi University Football Team (Men) selection and training camp organized by Delhi University Sports Council.

Sanskrit

From the **Department of Sanskrit**, all three colleagues have distinguished themselves with the work they have done – teaching, writing and presenting papers, delivering lectures, preparing online and multimedia material, contributing through their participation and membership in academic bodies, and most importantly by supervising research – they have done it all.

Dr. Ashutosh Dayal Mathur

Dr. Ashutosh Dayal Mathur presented a paper on the Mahabharata Manjari at the International Mahabharata Conference at Tirur, Kerala in December 2018. He participated in two all India Sanskrit Poets' meets where he presented his poems and was invited by Ashoka University, as visiting faculty to teach Sanskrit. Dr A D Mathur conducted two Sanskrit Story writing workshops for the Delhi Sanskrit Academy. He serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Delhi Sanskrit Academy, Govt of Delhi and he has six students pursuing their PhD under his supervision at the Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi.

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Jha

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Jha distinguished himself by serving as the Sectional President of Classical Sanskrit section of All India Oriental Conference (The highest forum for discussions on oriental studies and research in India) in its 49th session at Somnath in Gujarat. He delivered talks at Chitrakoot, Mumbai, Chaibasa in Jharkhand and Delhi. Dr Jha was invited to recite his Sanskrit poem at an all India Sanskrit poets' meet, organised by Uttarakhand Sanskrit Akademi, on the eve of Independence day. He conducted the viva voce for three PhD candidates in the Universities of MP and Jharkhand and one of his students was awarded a Ph D during the year. He has been elected as the Sectional President of Modern Sanskrit section of All India Oriental Conference for its forthcoming 50th session at Nagpur in Maharashtra.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra

In the year under consideration Dr Pankaj Kumar Mishra has published four books, two chapters in books, one article in a Journal and three online research articles. He has delivered a record twenty-eight lectures nationally and presented one paper at Vancouver in Canada. Dr Mishra serves on the Editorial Board of Sanskrit Manjari, the Quarterly Journal Published by the Delhi Sanskrit Academy; he is on the editorial committee of Vaagartha an online Sanskrit Journal, he was an Executive member of the International Conference on Gender Issues held in Patna. Three of his students were awarded PhDs this year. Dr Mishra is one of our stars delivering radio talks, appearing on the UGC's CEC programmes and has contributed several modules for MOOCs, and here is something worth mentioning – he has to his credit over 30 audio titles for children with special needs.

Your grace, your Excellency Shri Jawed Ashraf, distinguished members of the audience, my colleagues, junior members especially the outgoing junior members thank you for your patience. I conclude this year's Annual Report.

Ad Dei Gloriam.

Professor John Varghese
Principal