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SOCIETY ACTIVITY REPORT 2016-17 THE HISTORY SOCIETY

• Academic lecture by Prof. Jon Wilson

Prof. 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* on 17th August 2016.





• Academic lecture by Prof. Rudrangshu Mukherjee.

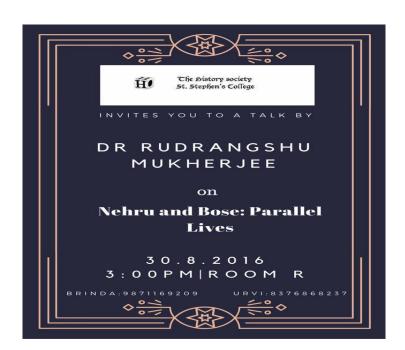
Prof. Mukherjee, the Vice Chancellor of Ashoka University gave a lecture on the topic, 'Nehru and Bose: Parallel Lives'.



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• Panel discussion (seminar)

The society 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).

• Cultural Performance

A performance titled, "Aasmaan Hilta Hai Jab Gaate Hain Hum: Readings from Works of Progressive Writers" by Prof. Saman Habib and Prof. Sanjay Mattoo was held on 21st October, 2016. This performance used images, music and the reading of letters that explored the early period of the Progressive Writer's movement.

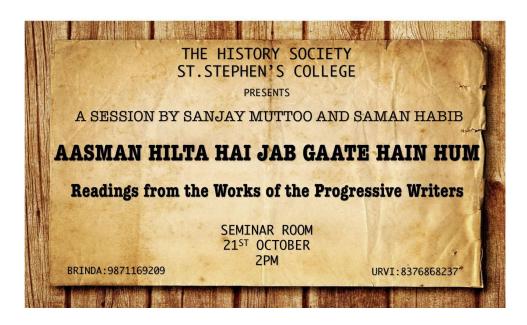


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• Department trip to Pushkar

The department trip 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. The students were accompanied by Dr Mahesh Gopalan.



• Annual Fest Kaalchakra

The annual fest of the History Society '*Kaalchakra*' was organised on April 7th and 8th. This year's theme was *Questioning the Past: The Many Sides of History*.

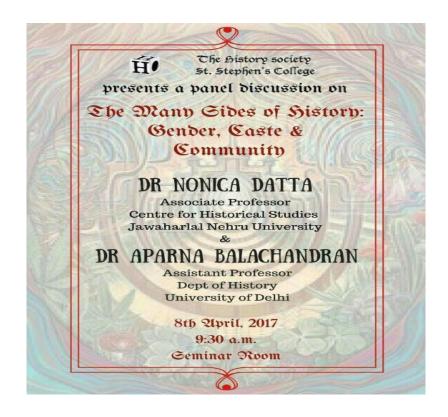


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- The inaugural lecture was delivered by Prof. Harbans Mukhia, who spoke on the theme 'From Certitudes to Ambiguities: How the Present shapes the Past'.
- This was followed by two panel discussions on 'Gender, Caste and Community and 'The Production of Knowledge in Colonial South Asia'. Dr. Nonica Datta (Associate Professor, CHS, JNU) and Dr Aparna Balachandran (Assistant Professor, History Dept, DU), and Akash Bhattacharya (Research Scholar, JNU), Dr. Charu Singh (Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University) and Dr. Anish Vanaik (Assistant Professor, Jindal Law University) participated in these panel discussions. These were held on 8th April 2017.



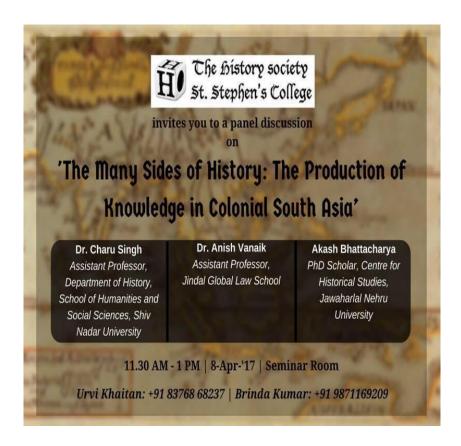


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• The society also hosted a Student Paper Presentation series on the 7th and 8th April titled "Questioning the Past: The many sides of History"



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