



## Society Activity Report 2017-18

### 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 from epics and poetries to Hindu, Buddhist and Jain religious and philosophical texts, and scientific treatises on everything from astronomy and architecture to law and linguistics. Regular group discussions guided by the Sanskrit professors 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 10<sup>th</sup> of August. It began with a formal meeting where the first year students were introduced to the functioning of the society and were briefed about the upcoming events.

After officially welcoming the first years, the society conducted its first Gosthi on 6<sup>th</sup> of September where two third year junior members Dabbe and Sonu gave a presentation on the topic of 'Ramayana in South-East Asia'. This was followed by another presentation on the topic of 'Relevance of Sanskrit studies in modern day' by an M.A. Previous student Suyog Mishra. The next gosthi was organised on 13<sup>th</sup> of September wherein our first year junior member Aniket Saraswat gave a presentation on the topic of 'The various theories given on the time-period of Ramayana'. The next gosthi was organised on 25<sup>th</sup> of September in which the details regarding the Departmental Trip to Manali was finalised. The next gosthi on 11<sup>th</sup> of October was dedicated to the discussions regarding our Annual Event Kalidasa Jayanti. The final gosthi of the odd semester was organised on 1<sup>st</sup> of November where we had the dress rehearsal of various events of our annual fest.

Our Annual Fest 'INTER COLLEGE KALIDASA JAYANTI' was organised on 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2017. Around 50 students from other Colleges competed in the events of Sanskrit Speech, Sloka Recitation and Quiz contests held as a part of our annual fest.

The department also witnessed its first ever international conference namely "International Vedic Mathematics Conference" on 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of December where more than 15 foreign scholars presented their papers.

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 competitions held outside college and bagged several prizes (around three dozen prizes) in the academic year 2017-18.

The academic year 2017-18 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 different society activities.