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# Society Activity Report 2018-19

# **Mathematics Society**

# -Workshops, Lectures, and symposiums:

## Rubik's Cube workshop

In the odd semester, Rubik's Cube workshop was organized by the society on 29th and 30th August. It was the first event of the society in the year 2018-19 and was open to students from Stephen's College only. It was a workshop wherein the participants were taught how to solve a Rubik's Cube using a simple algorithm over a course of two days.







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#### **SB Mathur Lecture series**

SB Mathur Lecture series is a lecture series coordinated by the society. It was held on the 23rd and 24th of October. The two day lecture series saw Mr. A. Satyanarayaana deliver a lecture on "Applications of Linear Algebra in Graph Theory" and Dr. Subhendu Ghosh speaking on the topic," Computer, Brain and Mind".

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MR. A SATYANARAYANA REDDY School of Natural Sciences Topic: Introduction to Algebraic Graph Theory Date: 23rd October,2018 Time: 2 PM Venue: Room XC	DR. SUBHENDU GHOSH Department of Biophysics, University of Delhi Topic: Computer, Brain and Mind Date: 24th October,2018 Time: 2 PM Venue: Room XC
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# Informative Session by Prof. Shobha Bagai

The society hosted another informative and interesting speaker session on 31st January 2019 by Prof. Shobha Bagai on Problem Based learning in Mathematics at undergraduate level.



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	Respected Ma'am,		
	The Mathematics Society of St. Stephen's College is devoted to pursuing activities aimed at fostering interest in and cr it. In the past, we have held talks by eminent mathematicians, organized discussions and released publications, in an atte diverse backgrounds. From organizing events and national fests to starting the Mathematics Research Forum, a branch o we can to create and promote interest in Mathematics. On behalf of the Mathematics Society, I would like to invite you to deliver a talk, on <b>30th December from 2-3 PM</b> (flexible)	ampt to share the joys of pursuing Mathematics with audiences from of the society aimed at promoting research in Mathematics, we do al	ר וו
	given date.		5
	The topic of the talk is entirely your choice. We are expecting audience from a general category from different backgrounds	s mainly undergraduate students in the college.	
	Looking forward to your presence.		
	Warm Regards, Kiran Elizabeth Jose : +91 79071 88330 Priyanka Prakash Nair: +91 97463 16999 The Mathematics Society St. Stephen's College		
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	 Professor Shobha Bagai		
	Programme Coordinator - B.Tech (Information Technology and Mathematical Innovations)		
	Cluster Innovation Centre 3rd Floor, University Stadium		
	G C Narang Road University of Delhi		
	Delhi - 110007 INDIA		
	Ph: 27666702 Extn: 211 (off.)		
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	Dear Ma'am,		
	As discussed we can have the talk on Thursday from 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.		
	I kindly request you to send the topic for the talk.		
	Warm Regards, Priyanka Prakash Nair		

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### Symposium

The Department of Mathematics together with Mathematics society held a two-day state-level workshop on "Number Theory and Cryptography" on 27th and 28th March 2019. Eminent mathematicians from prominent institutions like ISI, IIT, DRDO, and IISER lectured undergraduate students on topics related to the field of Number Theory and Cryptography.

The following professor delivered lectures at the Workshop:

- 1. Dr. Geetha Venkataraman (Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University)
- 2. Dr. Amitabha Tripathi (Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT Delhi)
- 3. Dr. SK Pal (Defence Research and Development Organisation)
- 4. Dr. Kapil Hari Paranjape (Professor, IISER Mohali)
- 5. Dr.Indivar Gupta (Defence Research and Development Organisation)

The lectures will be aimed at systematically exposing the students to various areas of **Number Theory and Cryptography.** The topics covered in the two days Workshop are as follows:

- 1) Number Theoretic Cryptography in Quantum Era
- 2) Public Key Cryptography
- 3) Number Theory in Cryptography
- 4) Computer Algebra System used in Number Theory





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# -Competitions:

### **Treasure Hunt**

Our most awaited event, Treasure Hunt was put together on 26th September. It is a fun event requiring students to use their logical abilities to solve puzzles and mathematical riddles and reach their desired destinations. It was larger than every event ever organized by the society. It saw a turnout of over 400 students from all over Delhi University.



### Griphomania

Griphomania, a new event started by the society last year was conducted on 3rd October again this year. It is a puzzle solving event that challenges the brain cells of all the participants. It was a team event like almost every other event organized by the society and saw a better turnout than last year.



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Q1) Solve the following KenKen Puzzle :

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Q2) There are 500 different students with different heights who are arranged in an array of 10 rows and 50 columns according to their respective heights.

Now, the tallest from each row is called out and the shortest one of them is marked as S. They are asked to go back to their respective position. Then, the shortest from each column is called out and the longest one among them is marked as T. Can you find out who between S and T is taller?

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Q3) Guess the two missing pairs of letters given below?
MA, ??, ??, SO, ND, JF
Q4)
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If 1 + 9 + 11 = 1, and 35 + 11 + 19 = 10,
Then what is the value of
12 + 11 + 9 = ?
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### Guesstimate

The society held another thrilling and exciting competition, Guesstimate, on 12th October. It is a competition based on the concept of guesstimates and making calculated guesses with logic behind them.



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#### Integration

The annual flagship event of the Mathematics Society, Integration 19 was held on 19th and 20th of February. It saw multiple events and competitions take place in college premises simultaneously. Some of the events that took place during the annual event were- Inaugral talk, Treasure Hunt, Mathopolis, Arithmancy, Griphomania, Pictionary and Mathematical Tambola.





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# -Other events:

## **Professor Nagpaul Fellowship**

The Professor Nagpaul Fellowship started in the month of September. It is a collaboration between a group of students and a teacher where they work together to produce a research paper on a topic in Mathematics. The fellowship started four years ago and is one of the most prestigious fellowships in college. Over the years, it has nurtured budding researchers in the college. St. Stephen's College is well known for undergraduate research and the Professor Nagpaul Fellowship aims at providing the students with just that.



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#### Nagpaul Fellowship

Rajat Chandra Mishra Guide: Prof. Shobha Bagai Area of Study: Numerical Methods

April 2019

#### Abstract

Numerical methods are mathematical methods that are used to approximate the solution of complicated problems so that the solution consists only of addition, subtraction, and multiplication operations. These are very useful because they are suitable for the use with computers because computer processors can only add, subtract and multiply. This paper deals mainly with numerical methods for second order nonlinear differential equations.

#### Acknowledgements

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#### 1 Introduction

With the advent of modern high speed electronic digital computers, numerical methods have been successfully applied to study problems in mathematics, engineering, computer science and physical sciences such as biophysics, atmospheric sciences and geosciences. Most of these problems are modelled by differential equations. The differential equations could be a boundary value problem (with boundary conditions known) or an initial value problem (with known initial conditions).

In this project I studied the finite difference methods to solve nonlinear boundary value problems, and used them to solve some nonlinear second order ordinary differential equations. These methods usually convert the given boundary value problem to a system of transcendental equations. This paper also focuses on Newton-Raphson Method and LU Decomposition, which are used to find the solution of a system of transcendental equations.

#### 2 Newton-Raphson Method

A problem of great importance is that of determining the solution of an equation of the form f(x) = 0

(1)

If f(x) is a linear or quadratic function, its root can be directly determined. We present an iterative scheme of finding the roots of (1), which starts with an initial approximation to the root and then finds successively better approximations to the roots.

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#### MathSoc Open

MathSoc Open 2019, an official World Cubing Association cubing event was organized by the society on 9th & 10th February. We witnessed an amazing turnout of over 150 participants. It is a really interesting two-day event of speed solving of puzzles where we saw World Records being made by participants of a varied age group. This event is one of the best platforms for students to showcase their talents and polish their hobby of speedcubing.



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