

Bazm-e-Adab,
The Urdu Literary Society
St. Stephens College
Annual Report, 2021-22

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S. no	Date	Events/ Initiatives	Description
1	31.07.21- 2.08.21	3-Day Urdu Language and Diction Workshop	Bazm-e-Adam, The Urdu Literary Society of St. Stephen's College, commenced its working virtually by organizing a three day long Urdu language and diction workshop with Deepak Yadav in collaboration with Sabha, the Multilingual Theatre Society. The scope of the workshop included a discussion on Urdu language and its importance, specifically in theatre, narration of several short stories by eminent Urdu prose writers, and recitation and analysis of famous Urdu poetry. The event was organized on Google Meet and was attended by a good number of 40= people.
2	14.08.21- 28.08.21	Social Media series on Firaq Gorukhpuri.	The society, on the occasion of 125 th birth anniversary of Firaq Gorukhpuri, celebrated his legacy for the entire month of August by organizing a social media series on its official Instagram and Facebook handles. The series began with a short documentary on his life and works, which was followed by a narration of several humorous incidents/ lateefe from his life and conclude with a collection of some of his best couplets in Urdu.

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3	25.09.21	Online Lecture on 'Ghalib Ka Andaz e Bayan' by Dr. Shamim Ahmed	To unravel the mysteries and elucidate the eloquence of Mirza Asadaullah Khan Ghalib's poetry, an online lecture was organized on the topic of 'Ghalib ka Andaz e Bayan' by Dr. Shamim Ahmed, HOD, Department of Urdu and Persian, St.Stephen's College.
4	27.10.21	Inter- College Online Calligraphy Competition.	The society organized an Inter-College online Calligraphy Competition in which participants had to do the calligraphy of either Allama Iqbal's poem, ' Haqiqat e Husn' or Mirza Ghalib's Ghazal, 'Ye na thi hamari qismat ke wisal e yar hota'. A good number of participants from various colleges submitted their entries via mail. The winner and the I runner up from St. Stephen's College and the II runner up from Mata Sundri College were awarded with the certificates and the cash prize of Rs. 1000, 750 and 500 respectively.
5	08.11.21	Dramatized Narration of Rajendra Singh Bedi's short story, Lajwanti by Anas Arif.	In an attempt to contribute to the celebrations of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mohatsav', the society presented a Dramatized Narration of Rajendra Singh Bedi's short story, Lajwanti, by Anas Arif. Graced by the presence of Professor Mohd. Kazim, the narration was launched via Gmeet. Later, it was posted on the society's Youtube channel.

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6	11.09.21	Bazm-e-Adab Lunch	Continuing with its legacy of serving mouthwatering Mughlai delicacies, the society hosted its annual 'Bazm-e-Adab Lunch' in the College Dining Hall. Owing to the pandemic, this year, the event was limited only to the students and the teachers staying in college. However, the food served was unlimited and included authentic Mughlai dishes, Chicken Biryani, Mutton Qorma with Tandoori Roti and Kheer.
7	31.1.22	Recitation of Momin Khan Momin's ghazal, "Wo jo hum mai tum mai qarar tha"	"Wo jo hum mai tum mai qarar tha" is one of Momin Khan Momin's widely acclaimed and recited Ghazal. This poem was recited and uploaded on Instagram and Facebook as a part of the social media series, 'Favorites of First Years'. In this initiative, the society aimed to explore the works of Urdu poets and prose writers by giving a chance to the first years to share with a larger audience their favorite works in Urdu literature.
8	15.02.22	Recitation of Parveen Shakir's poem, "Kabhi Arsh Par Kabhi Farsh Par"	As a part of the same social media series, 'Favorites of the First Years', a recitation of Parveen Shakir's poem, "Kabhi Arsh Par Kabhi Farsh Par" was posted on Instagram and Facebook. The poem was selected for its power of influence on the soul.

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9	5.03.22	One Day National Seminar on 'Urdu Shayri me Ishq ki Emai Kaifiyat' in collaboration with National council for promotion of Urdu Language.	A One Day National Seminar was organized on the topic, 'Urdu Shayri me Ishq ki Emai Kaifiyat' in collaboration with National council for promotion of Urdu Language in the Junior's Common Room, St. Stephen's College. As a part of the event, 11 scholars presented their papers which were applauded by a wide audience. Professor Najma Rehmani, HOD Urdu & Dean, Faculty of Arts, Delhi University and Professor Ibn e Kanwal, Former HOD, Urdu, Delhi Univeristy graced the occasion.
10	22.04.22	Mehfil-e-Shayari	The society concluded the events for the academic session, 2021-22 by organizing an informal Poetry session, 'Mehfil-e-Shayari' in collaboration with The Poetry Society. The event brought together a group of people who wanted to share their original poetry in Urdu or simply their favorites by other prominent Urdu poets. The society honored a participant with a cash prize of Rs. 500 for his wonderful recitation.

