

# **The Annual Society Report (2021-22)**

## **Leadership Cell**

The academic year 2021-22 was yet another successful chapter added to the story of the Leadership Cell of St. Stephen's College. The society put in an exemplary amount of effort to outreach to other bodies and successfully engaged in collaborations, and was once again able to stand up to its name and its objectives. This was seen in our event held in collaboration with the IQAC, participating in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and other initiatives like the Mental Health Initiative on the direction and advisory of the college administration. It managed to conduct both online and offline events ensuring a range of opportunities and experiential learning for the student body of the college. This report in the following paragraphs attempts to elaborate on the same.

To promote research and celebrate the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, we started this academic year with a highly competitive **Paper Presentation Competition** with the theme **"1947: Challenges Ahead Of The Newborn Nation"**. We had a panel of four distinguished judges to review the papers and give detailed one on one feedback to participants. The judges who graced us with their presence and intellect were namely, **Dr. Anirudh Deshpande** (Asst. Professor, Dept. of History, University of Delhi), **Dr. Rama Nand** (Director, CPRG), **Mr. Amiya Prasad Sen** (Historian and Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies) and **Ms. Priyanka Sharma** (Asst. Professor, University of Delhi). The inaugural talk for the event was held on the 27th of August 2021, followed by the day of paper presentation on the 11th of September.

After successfully executing this event which had national level participation from students belonging to diverse educational institutions; we moved onwards with our work by organizing a set of **Soft-skill Enhancement Sessions** in collaboration with the **IQAC**, especially for the student body of the college. This was a three-day event titled **"Pathway to Excellence"**, starting on the 7th of October. Our speakers included **Mr. Deepak Mukarji**, **Mr. Aditya Arora** and **Dr. Soofia Siddique**. The three sessions were held on the 7th, 8th and 29th of October, 2021 respectively online via Zoom.

Subsequently, as we moved offline, we held our flagship event, **The Leadership Conference '22** wherein we successfully hosted **Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology on the 23rd of February, 2022. We also had **Mr.**

**Suresh Prabhu** (Former Cabinet Minister and MP in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) gracing the event on Day 2 held on the 24th of February 2022. Post this, we conducted the ***Soft Skills Enhancement Workshops 2.0*** in collaboration with **the IQAC** on the 18th and 19th of April 2022. We had **Mr. Kenneth Khalko** join us to deliver a session on **Emotional Intelligence**. Day 2 of the session was a student-driven workshop which was conducted in collaboration with the **Media Cell** society of college. The Presidents of both the societies, **Shiv Akhil Vavandhani** and **Bronia Mathews**, conducted the session focussing on ***Effective Presentation and Effective Writing*** respectively. Students, especially the first years, actively engaged in the event, learning the essential skills and starting their academic careers with much more confidence and strength.

We concluded the academic year with our event ***Dialog'22*** held on the 23rd of April 2022 on the theme ***"India's Battle Against COVID-19"***. Joining us for this session was **Dr. Randeep Guleria (Director of AIIMS)** the man who led India through its battles against the pandemic. The event saw significant participation from both the junior and senior members of the college. This event marked for the society and its council members a fruitful, challenging yet a year full of learning. We sincerely hope that the future also allows us to bring more fame to society and college and be an exemplary society making change in its way.