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2020 - 2021

The year 2020-21 though filled with a lot of ups and downs and with the global pandemic playing tandem on our lives, the society put up an impressive vista of events both offline and online. We started the journey this academic year with a council of 16 second years and 4 third years. Our first event was the paper presentation competition as a part of the student carnival named 'Jashn -e- Tarikh' in collaboration with Carvaan. It was a week-long competition from the 20th-27th of September'20, starting with an Online Inaugural Session with the judges, and the Paper Presentation & Result Day later, which aimed at inculcating in the youth of today love and thirst to know more about the Indian History and Culture. We were extremely honoured by the presence of our esteemed panel of judges Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Prof. Aditya Mukherjee, Prof. Sucheta Mahajan and Prof. Dipesh Chakrabarty. This was followed by our flagship event, The Leadership Conference, which boasted an impressive speaker line up. We were honoured by the presence of eminent personalities like Ms. Sanjana Sanghi, the young and multi-talented actress, the bestselling author Mr. Ashwin Sanghi, Mr. Sanjiv Bikhchandani, the founder of Naukri.com and Shaadi.com, the young chess master and youth icon Mr. Vidit Gujrati, Mr. Shiv Khera, the amazing author and motivational speaker; and the co-founder of Cloud mark and Topsy Mr. Vipul Ved Prakash. This two-day conference held on 26th and 27th made the month of October memorable for all our attendees. Though online, the interaction with each of our guests was exceedingly fruitful and a great learning opportunity.



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As things took a turn for the better, we were able to host two offline events in college a well. The first being The Symposium'21 with Mr. Manishankar Aiyar on the 27th of February 2021. He spoke about his life in Stephania and also touched upon Secularism in India. The event was open for students in residence. The Dialog '21 was another of our offline events which gave us the great pleasure of hosting Ms. Tina Dabi IAS on the 6th of March 2021. She spoke about her experiences as a DU student, her preparation strategies and how life changes after joining the administrative services. The Stephanian community had a great evening of chitchat with her and took back a handful of tips to make their student lives easy. The Leadership Cell has succeeded once again in living up to its name with its sincere and unparalleled work. We sincerely hope that the coming academic year also allows us to bring more fame to society and college.

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The year 2019-2020 proved to be an extremely fruitful year for the society. Kickstarted by the Inaugural Talk by General V.N Sharma (PVSM, AVSM, ADC) on 25th September 2019, provoked the national values in the students and gave them directions for a proper code of conduct in life. It was succeeded by Leadership Conference on 30th October 2019, wherein Mr. Prasun Bajpai addressed the students and gave them insights into professional media world.

We were honoured to host Professor Arun Kumar for a talk on Understanding the Black Economy in India on 16th January 2020 which was highly appreciated by our audience. On 5th & 6th February 2020, for our annual event Reigning Perspective, we were privileged to have Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri and Dr. Happymon Jacob who discussed the topics of Indian foreign activities and broadened our perspectives. The talk promoted righteous conduct, Non-violence, Peace, National Values and National Integration.

We ended our term with another successful annual event The Dialog on 10th & 11th February 2020 attended by Shri. Kapil Sibal and Mr. Shivshankar Menon who gave their opinions that promoted righteous conduct, national values, national integration and in the audience, we had the student's community of the whole Delhi circuit.

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The Inaugural Talk by Mrs. Shiela Dikshit (14th September)

The Inaugural Talk was the Leadership Cell's first event for the Academic Year 2017-18. This took place on September 14th where we invited Mrs. Shiela Dikshit, former Chief Minister of Delhi, to address the students. She was thrilled to see the excitement of the students and addressed them on the topic "Democracy and Today's youth". There was also an interactive session at the end where the students had their queries cleared.

The Leadership Conference (18th September – 20th September)

Leadership Cell of St. Stephens College proudly presented "The Leadership Conference" to the students of the St. Stephen's College. The event titled Leadership Conference brought together pioneers from varied fields and backgrounds to share their valuable experiences, their indomitable spirit and their struggles which ultimately led them on the road to success.

It was a series of interactive sessions by eminent personalities that included Dr. Subramanian Swamy (Member of Parliament), Mr. Kapil Dev (Cricketer), Mr. Amarjit Singh Batra (CEO, OLX), N. Bhanu Prakash (The Fastest Human Calculator) and Dr. Manoj Choudhary (Entrepreneur).



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The Conference started with the interactive session by Dr. Sumbramanian Swamy, the college hall filled with enthusiastic students from all over the Delhi University.

Speaking on “Unending Ambiguity- State of Indian Economy”, Dr. Swamy spoke with great charisma and left the audience beaming with joy. He also answered some of the queries from the audience and enlightened us all with significant knowledge.

Mr. Kapil Dev, the name synonymous with Indian cricket, was our next keynote speaker for the conference. The charismatic, aggressive and headstrong Kapil Dev, speaking about “My Journey - Through the evolving world of Cricket” talked about how he started his career in a sport, which most Indians would consider as a religion, Cricket. He took out most of his time on the stage to interact with the students and answering their queries. Looking at that person whom they considered as a hero in their childhood, the College Hall was filled with Applauds and wide smiles, making it a worthwhile experience for both the students and the speaker.

Mr. Amarjit Singh Batra, CEO, OLX India, is one such robust leader who successfully turned the organization into the largest online classifieds marketplace in India with his vision and zeitgeist. We were proud to present him as our next speaker. Speaking about “The Indian way of doing Business”, he explained how he established a successful enterprise that started from a small Idea. His speech was a real delight to all the listeners as he inspired the entrepreneur in each of us

N. Bhanu Prakash, 18, and the Fastest Human Calculator in the world, is recognized as the Number Prodigy and is also a current student of St. Stephen’s College.

Speaking about “Racing against a Calculator and Partitioning Thought”, Bhanu Prakash narrated how he started doing speed maths and what inspired hi to become an entrepreneur. The audience were in awe when he showed some of his speed math tricks and were thrilled to meet him after the talk.



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Robotics has always been an exciting topic for us and the limited experts in this subject made it even more difficult to nurture the curious minds of the students. Dr. Manoj Chowdary, the founder of 'Freedom to Innovate' and Co-Founder of 'The Times of Hacker', 'Founders Valley', was all in the game when asked to share his knowledge in this field. He spoke on the topic “My experiments with Robotics and Human lives” and spent the last half an hour taking questions from the students.

Talk by Roopak Vasishtha (26th September)

As someone who introduced outstanding benefits and compensation programs that support organizational goals and improved staff performance through the implementation of a full range of training and development programs at the Apparel Skill Sector Council, Govt. of India, Mr. Roopak Vasishtha had a lot of experience in Human Resource and Recruitment Planning. This exposure gave a lot of knowledge for the students and inspired them to develop the required skill sets to excel in their careers.

Parliamentary Visit (11th February)

The Leadership Cell, St. Stephen's College organized its annual visit to the Parliament on 8th February. The enthralling visit left each one of us in sheer awe of the remarkable and permeating aura of the 'corridors of power' which exude a certain charm and settling impression of their own. Our comradeship was able to witness the Parliament in session and to behold the sight of the eminent leaders in whose hands the rein of democracy rests was indeed an experience of surpassing delight. We were euphoric to see the leaders deliberate on the floor of the house and those precious minutes we garnered to witness the session live seated amidst the bountifully beautiful interior of the Parliament has turned into a memory worth rewinding. The visit was certainly learning as well as a gauging experience for each one of us coupled with cheerful moments spent with our banter and bonding keeping the day alive and worth reminiscing. The Leadership Cell family has accumulated yet another memory into its galore, constituting good times spent with equal measure of learning and novel experiences.



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The Dialog (19th February – 20th February)

"The Dialog" of Leadership Cell was a successful event organised for the first time in college. This two day event held on 19th-20th February is all about opinions and ideas. The Leadership Cell hosted an incredible line of speakers for the college community. The garnered speakers were from varied field yet infused the aura of bounteous knowledge galore. The event focused on inviting seasoned and profound minds to felicitate the dissemination of information, enthusiastic engagement in discussion alongside fervent ideation

We witnessed a series of interactive sessions by eminent personalities that included Mr. Varun Gandhi (Politician), Mr. Manishankar Aiyar (Former Diplomat, Former Union Minister), Hon. Shaida M. Abdali (Ambassador Afghanistan), Dr. Amna Mirza (Author, Academician), Mr. Kazim Rizvi (Co-Founder- The Dialogue) and Mr. Brij Pahwa (Journalist, Buisnessworld).

Mr. Varun Gandhi delivered a stimulating address wherein he widely shared his experiences and that of common man focussing on how innovative ideas and strategies are evolving to tackle the problems of citizenry. He also divulged stories of people that do go unnoticed and thereby left a sterling impact on the august gathering. A composed speaker upholding equanimity throughout, enlightened us all with his substantial and invigorating address.

Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, a stalwart and scintillating orator catapulted to a brilliant evening with gentle breeze complimented by the birds chirping incessantly. Speaking on India Pakistan Relationship, Mr. Aiyar delivered an address in his most sorted candour which left the audience in sheer atmosphere of bliss. His stance on Indo-Pak relation was one that the citizens of both countries need to realise, assess and implement in order to lead a peaceful life. His views and ideation coupled with his perineal sense of humour were indulged well into throughout the evening.



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His Excellency M. Abdali, who is the Afghan Ambassador to India, did commence the discourse with his substantial address on Global Governance which was further complimented by Dr. Amna Mirza, a Columnist and an Academician's, view on situating power and the de-globalisation. The rein was taken forward by Mr. Brij Pahwa, an Editorial Specialist at the Businessworld Magazine and former convener of Youth Forum on Foreign Policy, where he touched upon the contours of privacy and the essential need to demarcate the servility and dominance. The session was splendidly moderated by Mr. Kazim Rizvi, the Founding Director of The Dialogue, who kept the audience engaged and the panel discussion was applauded by the august gathering.

It was an exuberant afternoon spent with the think tanks which in turn left a settling impact on the audience.

The Reigning Perspective (March 21st)

The Reigning Perspective on National Security organised by the Leadership Cell of St. Stephens's college on was a stellar success wherein the honourable speakers, Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain, Major Gaurav Arya, Mr. Gaurav C Sawant and Mr. Shiv Aroor, highly renowned personalities bestowed their perspectives on the plethora of aspects pertaining to the security of the nation. They being supremely expressive, enthralled the august gathering with their substantive viewpoints that permeated well into the crowd and were resoundingly applauded for their remarkable thoughts and conduct. The delight and sheer joy of the speakers was reflective since their arrival and the glint of sparkle the Stephanians possess was evident throughout their pleasant presence in the premise.



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Ratio Decidendi : Annual Moot Court Competition (1st April)

The Leadership Cell proudly presented its first Annual Moot Court Competition, Ratio Decidendi. It was held at two different levels, the School Level and the Law College Level and saw a wide range of registrations from different parts of the country.

The event started with the Orientation, on 25th March, which primarily targeted the participants from school level but saw a footfall of the college level students as well. The orientation hosted Ms. Avani Bansal, Senior Advocate at Supreme Court of India and Mr. Debajyoti Das who gave an insight into how the Moot Courts work, why one should participate in as many moot courts as possible and the etiquette to be followed as a participant.

The event continued to go smoothly and the participants received their certificates and trophies almost immediately after the results were declared. Though it was the first time most of us are working as an organizing committee for a moot court, the event was a huge success.