

Department of History

Events organised during January-April 2025

The Department of History at Kamala Nehru College encourages students to think independently and often engages them with visual narratives that showcase historical experiences. The department is committed to actively engaged students in mastering the methods of historians. This expertise not only prepares them to become subject specialists but also equips them with critical thinking, writing, and reasoning skills essential for success in any profession. During the given period, the department organized various initiatives aimed at deepening students' understanding and appreciation of our nation's rich heritage, encouraging them to critically engage with history while cherishing its cultural and intellectual legacy.

On 22nd January 2025, third-year History Honours students along with faculty coordinator Dr. Archana Ojha, participated in INTACH's College Heritage Volunteer Training Workshop. The workshop offered insightful sessions on Delhi's heritage, conservation techniques, and cultural landscapes. Combining lectures, interactive activities, and a conservation lab visit, it inspired students to engage with heritage conservation and explore creative ways to promote cultural awareness.

On 4th March 2025, the Honours students designed and displayed the department board on the theme "India's Traditional Water Management", highlighting indigenous practices and historical sites while using repurposed materials to promote environmental awareness and sustainability.

On 19th March 2025, the Department of History, Kamala Nehru College, hosted a lecture by Prof. T.K.V. Subramanian on "History in the Age of Computers: Noboru Karashima and South Indian History." The talk explored digital tools in historical research, Karashima's use of cartography and statistics, and the evolving role of technology in preserving heritage. Prof. Subramanian emphasized critical engagement with both historiography and digital methodologies.

A heritage walk to the Red Fort, led by conservationist Sohail Hashmi and historian Prof. Amar Farooqui, was organised on 22nd March 2025. Accompanied by faculty members Dr. M.V. Shobhana Warriar, Ms. Victoria, Dr. Preeti, and Ms. Deepika, the walk explored the fort's Mughal architecture, key spaces, and its role in the 1857 revolt, offering rich historical insights.

On 24th March 2025, students attended a conference by the London School of Economics at India International Centre, highlighting LSE's global academic excellence and outreach programmes in India, encouraging students to explore courses and future opportunities.

The Department of History, organised a lecture on "European Culture: From Neoclassicism to Modernism" by Dr. Vasudha Pandey, retired Associate Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, on 26th March 2025. The lecture traced the evolution of European art and culture through key political, social, and aesthetic shifts, critically examining how class, gender, and power have shaped cultural production, access, and participation over time.

On 29th March 2025, students of SEC Museums & Museology visited the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, accompanied by Dr. Shubhra Sinha, Dr. Surabhi Pandey, and Ms. Deepika. The visit offered valuable exposure to modern curatorial practices and helped students understand the evolving role of art museums in public engagement and education.

On 12th April 2025, students of SEC Museums & Museology visited the Partition Museum at Dara Shikoh Library, Ambedkar university Kashmiri Gate. The visit was accompanied by Dr. Surabhi Pandey and offered insights into contemporary museology practices and the emotional and personal dimensions of Partition memory.

The departmental activities concluded for the session with a farewell on 24th April 2025, bidding a warm goodbye to the graduating third-year students.