

Report 2015

The Department of History has been involved with various academic and other activities in the year 2015. The department has been making continuous effort in creating awareness about the numerous monuments that dot the city of Delhi. As part of this effort, under the guidance of Dr. Archana Ojha many of the third-year students took part in a two-day workshop conducted by INTACH in January 2015, which was an immensely enriching experience for the students where they learnt about conservation of the many historical monuments and other such heritage sites.

Along with instilling awareness of its historical past, screening movies and documentaries related to historical themes and topics has been a part of the department's endeavor for quite some time now. As part of its effort to make the students more vocal, articulate and more aware about the various issues around us, the Department for the first time, organised an inter-departmental paper-reading contest on the topic: *Social and Political Movements in Indian History* which was held on 12th February 2015.

In keeping with the Golden Jubilee celebratory mood of the college, the Department of History organised its annual festival, CHRONO on the 18th and 19th February 2015. The festival was inaugurated with the inception of the Annual History Lecture Series where Professor TKV Subramanian was its first speaker and he enlightened us on the Madras music scenario of the 20th century (*Madras Music Scenario from 1920s to 1960s: The story of Two Stalwarts*). This was followed by various inter-college competitions for students such as: Treasure-Hunt, Caricature-Making and Paper-Reading. The second day of the festival witnessed the panel discussion on the theme: *New forms of Histories* by three well-known historians – Professor Harbans Mukhia, Professor BP Sahu and Professor Amar Farooqui. The festival came to a befitting end by the mesmerizing performance of the famous Sufi singer and poet, Dr. Madan Gopal Singh and his ensemble, *Char Yaar*.

The students of the Department have also been active in putting up important themes and topics of history on the History Board. Over the last one year diverse important historical topics – such as *Fascist Regimes of the 20th Century*, *Post-Modernist Art and Architecture*, – have graced the history board. The department board has also showcased information about trips to historical sites of Gwalior, Orchha and Khajuraho. The third-year students this time have worked on the theme of *The Mutiny of 1857* and have put up a good display board on the mutiny.

At start of the new Session in July '15 an Orientation programme was conducted for the first year students to acquaint them with the system. In the month of August, the History Association conducted elections of the students' body and also organized a Freshers' welcome. Students of History department attended a workshop organised by INTACH on 8th-9th October 2015. It was a two-day event, wherein students were introduced to the concept and types of heritage, built heritage, material heritage and intangible heritage. Later students were also taken to the INTACH material laboratory, where they learned a few techniques used for 'treating material heritage'. This was followed by a session, in which they learned 'how to conduct a heritage walk' by themselves. On the second day of the workshop, the students were taken for a Heritage walk to Safdarjung tomb.