

Report 2016-17

Faculty Convenor: Ms. Nidhi Bhandari

Student Convenor (Choir): PiyaPodder

Student Convenor (Band): Rhythm Mathur

Zephyr, the Western Music Society of Kamala Nehru College, is a group of varied singers who have come together to create music. It comprises of the choir and the college band. The choir is an *acapella* group that creates the sound of instruments through their vocal chords. Students are selected through three rounds of auditions on the basis of their talent, ability to blend, hard work and the passion to learn. The new members of the group are then divided into separate sub-groups like bass, altos and sopranos, according to their respective voices.

Zephyr successfully hosted the annual inter-college competition *Rhythm 'n' Blues* during *ULLAS2016* with numerous participant colleges. Our judges this year were Sharmila Livingston (musician, director and entrepreneur) and PanviPodder (vocalist and instructor at Performers Collective, Gurgaon). The choir secured the first position at Miranda House, Sri Venkateshwara College, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology and Indraprastha College for Women in the group category. It stood second in the same category at Janki Devi Memorial College, Jesus and Mary College, Indian Institute of Technology(Delhi) and Shiv Nadar University. The choir secured third position at Delhi Technological College, Kirori Mal College and Hindu College in the same category. With a total of ten University-level prizes this session, the choir ended their academic year on a note of high enthusiasm.

The Rumoured Project (TRP), a band of alternate rock genre, performs covers as well as self composed pieces. As a new initiative, TRP organised the Battle of Bands, *BASSDROP*, as a part of the college festival *ULLAS 2016*. The event was a huge success: 24 bands registered themselves from within and outside Delhi, of which 5 were shortlisted for the final round.

TRP won the first prize at the competition hosted by Indian Institute of Law and Management and was shortlisted in competitions held at Indian Institute of Technology (Kanpur), Netaji Subhash Chandra Institute of Technology, University College of Medical Sciences and Ansal University. In the academic year 2015-16, the band composed its own piece titled "Life as we know it", a melodious mixture of vocals and alternate beats. The band plans to shoot a video for the song in the upcoming year and continue to compose its own music.