

Activities Department of History

(2017-18)

TATHASTU- THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT FESTIVAL

TATHASTU, the History Department's Maiden Festival was held on 27th and 28th October, 2017 which focussed primarily on academics and culture. The two-day Festival was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Govt., Mr Manish Sisodia, Chairperson, Dr Kusum Krishna and the Principal Dr Swati Pal. The Inaugural Session began with a Panel Discussion on the theme- ' Imaging Gender in the matrix of Power, Love & Hate. The distinguished panelists were Prof Vijaya Ramaswamy, Prof Kumkum Roy, Prof Anshu Malhotra, Dr Smita Sahgal and Dr Tara Sheemar. The Inaugural session also featured the formal release of Dr Tara Sheemar's book titled "Plunging the Ocean".

Day-1 also witnessed inter-college competitions in Quiz (Prelims) and Free-style dance. In the evening there was a Bharat-Natyam dance recital by the noted dancer, Dr Sneha Chakradhar.

Day-2 featured inter- college competitions like the Quiz Finals, Poster-Making, Treasure- Hunt, What-if and Photography competitions. All these competitions saw wide participation of students from different colleges of Delhi University and other educational institutions. The Photography Competition on the theme Mood was online and attracted more than 110 entries. The grand finale to Tathastu on Day-2 saw scintillating Kathak performances by Guru Jaikishan Maharaj and his troupe.



HISTORY FESTIVAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY IN THE AUGUST COMPANY OF MR MANISH SISODIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OF DELHI, CHAIRPERSON, DR KUSUM KRISHNA AND PRINCIPAL DR SWATI PAL.



HISTORY FESTIVAL PANEL DISCUSSANTS, PROF. VIJAYA RAMASWAMY, PROF KUMKUM ROY, PROF ANSHU MALHOTRA & DR SMITA SAHGAL ON THE THEME "IMAGING GENDER IN THE MATRIX OF POWER, LOVE AND HATE"



**HISTORY FESTIVAL PANEL DISCUSSANTS WITH
FACULTY MEMBERS & STUDENTS**



KATHAK DANCE TROUPE OF GURU JAIKISHAN MAHARAJ JI



TOURISM DAY on 13th October, 2017.

The Department of History celebrated TOURISM DAY on 13.10.17 in keeping with the spirit of PARIYATAN DIWAS, which was celebrated this year by the Govt Of India. On this occasion the students represented 14 major states of India by displaying not only the cultural richness and heritage of these states, but also presented the delicious cuisines of these states to the honourable judges. The students representing the North-Eastern region, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh received the First, Second and Third Prizes respectively.





Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture, 12th October, 2017

HERITAGE, HISTORY ASSOCIATION organized its Dr. Vijay Nath Memorial Lecture Series on the 12th of October 2017 in memory of Late Dr. Vijay Nath. The theme of the lecture series was "Reconstructing Buddha through the prism of 'Tripitakas' and 'Jatakas'."

The speakers were Prof. Hira Paul Gangnegi (Ex-HOD, Dept of Buddhist Studies, DU) and Prof. Hari Shankar Prasad (HOD, Dept of Philosophy, DU). The event was also graced by Late Dr. Vijay Nath's son-in-law Mr. Sai Srinivas. The Principal Dr. Swati Pal stressed on the need to adopt Buddha's way of living and the relevance of it in present times. Prof. Gangnegi introduced the students to the complex theme of Reconstructing Buddha. He began with explaining the etymological definition of Buddha itself i.e. wisdom. Prof. Gangnegi highlighted the need to address suffering which Buddha mentioned repeatedly and the essence of which has been captured in the Tripitakas. Boddhi-chitta he stressed is the most important element to be kept in mind. Prof. Hari Shankar Prasad weaved the philosophy of Buddha from funny anecdotes from his life. He stressed on Buddha's philosophy which requires one to address the problem of cognition through knowledge Vidyacaran. Hence, by

questioning everything our existence is reduced to the mind which should be combined with compassion.



VISIT TO THE HUMAYUN'S TOMB & QUTAB MINAR

HERITAGE, HISTORY ASSOCIATION organised an educational trip to Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar on 22nd Sept, 2017. The students were given an in-depth knowledge about these two Heritage sites and their architectural styles. This was followed by a Project presentation by the students.





VISIT TO HUMAYUN'S TOMB



VISIT TO QUTAB MINAR.

VISIT TO NATIONAL MUSEUM

HERITAGE, HISTORY ASSOCIATION organised its annual visit to the National Museum for the First Year History Honours Students on 14th September, 2017. The Aim of this visit is to apprise the students about the rich phases of historical growth of our country by surveying the historical artefacts and other archaeological remains preserved in the museum for posterity.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME - "TRAVEL AND TOURISM"

The Orientation Ceremony for the new Certificate Course on "Travel and Tourism" being conducted by the Department of History, JDMC in collaboration with Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, DU was held on Friday, 8th September 2017 from 10:30 am in the college seminar hall. The ceremony was graced by the Chief Guests, Prof. Rajesh and Prof. V.K. Dixit, and special invitee Dr. Rahul Yadav. Prof. Rajesh from DACEE highlighted the importance of extension and outreach activities. He talked of a variety of Tourisms economic/ social/ cultural / medical/ historical and stressed on the need to link theory with practice particularly,

for a subject like history where classroom teaching should be supplemented with visits to historical sites.

Prof. Dixit (DACEE) talked about the UGC mandated need based short term courses like "Travel and Tourism", "Community Radio". He informed the students that Tourism industry is a flourishing one and a course such as this would help the students to be better placed in terms of job opportunities.

Dr. Rahul Yadav (DACEE) outlined the syllabus and the time frame of the course in detail. He stressed on the new job opportunities that are to be created in travel industry as well as the need to focus on communication and skill development.

The floor was then open to the students to make further enquiries.

Talk on Delhi: Cities and Settlements, 2nd of Aug. 2017

The Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College organized a talk 'Delhi: Cities and Settlements'. by Dr. Swapna Liddle on the 2nd of August 2017 at the College Library Hall. Ms. Smita Mitra, Teacher-in-Charge of the Department gave the Inaugural Speech in which she briefly sketched the historical significance of Delhi.

Dr. Liddle spoke on the heritage of Delhi, it's physical landscape and the impact it has had on the cultural and intellectual life through the Ages. Delhi, because of its strategic location between the Himalayas and the Doab region has acted as a corridor throughout History. It has been at the centre of trade routes. Hence, the city itself as a settlement can be analysed in layers starting from the Prehistoric Age to the coming in of the British.

With the coming of the British, the temporary capital of Delhi was established in the Civil Lines (1911). Hence, Delhi continued to be a symbol of seat of power. Dr. Liddle concluded her speech by stressing on the need to understand the many layers

of the physical landscape of Delhi itself. The talk was followed by a question answer session and a vote of thanks.