

Department of B.A. Programme

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Parichay: The Department Orientation

The academic year began on 29th August 2024 with Parichay, the orientation programme, organised to welcome the newcomers and introduce them to the department's ethos. The interactive activities, presentations and ice-breakers that were part of the programme made the new students feel welcomed and integrated, fostering a sense of belonging, enthusiasm and ambition from the very start of the academic year.

Launch of Department Magazine - “संश्लेषण” and Lecture on “Democracy and Violence”

A major highlight of the year was the launch of the departmental magazine, “संश्लेषण”. The magazine showcased diverse intellectual and creative talents of our students, with contributions ranging from analytical articles on topics like geopolitics and political science to creative pieces in both Hindi and English. As part of the संश्लेषण launch, a thought-provoking lecture on "Democracy and Violence" was delivered by Dr. Saroj Giri, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. The lecture explored the complex relationship between democracy and violence and urged students to engage deeply with the intricate connections between governance, power, and violence.

Department Trip to Rishikesh

After the semester exams, the department organized a memorable trip to Rishikesh, the ‘Yoga Capital of the World,’ offering students a refreshing break from academic pressures. The trip seamlessly combined adventure, observation, research, spirituality, and bonding and not only strengthened friendships but also deepened students' connection to nature, community, and self-reflection.

Lecture on “Climate Change and Extremes”

On February 4, 2025, the department hosted an online seminar on "Climate Change and Extremes," featuring Professor Lakshmi Kumar T V from JNU's School of Environmental Science. He discussed the causes of climate change, including deforestation and industrial emissions, and their impact on global temperatures and extreme weather events like wildfires. Professor Kumar also highlighted India's efforts in combating climate change, such as renewable energy initiatives and afforestation.

Field Visit to Neela Hauz Biodiversity Park

On February 19, 2025, the department organized a field visit to Neela Hauz Biodiversity Park as part of the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative. Students explored topics like water conservation, waste reduction, and biodiversity preservation. The visit also featured a photography competition, encouraging students to capture nature's beauty and the importance of



sustainability. The experience inspired students to adopt eco-friendly practices and raise awareness about environmental conservation in their communities.

Annual Cultural Fest Vividh 2024-25

The grand finale of the academic year was the much-anticipated Vividh Cultural Fest, held on February 28, 2025. The event featured a diverse range of activities that celebrated creativity, intellect, and physical engagement. A key highlight was an interactive session with Dr. Vijay Verma, an associate professor and civil services expert. Dr. Verma shared invaluable insights into preparing for the Civil Services Examination, providing students with practical guidance and inspiration.

Vividh 2024-25 was a celebration of students' diverse talents and included competitions in



several categories, such as Debate Competition: a platform for discussing important societal issues, Physical Activities: events promoting sportsmanship and fitness, Painting Competition: a space for artists to express their creativity, and Poetry Competition: a celebration of artistic expression through words. The event brought together students from all walks of life and allowed them to showcase their multifaceted talents, making it a fitting conclusion to an eventful academic year.