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**Name of the Department/Society: History Society**

**Name of the Event 3:** The Ecology of British Imperialism: Ordering and Orienting Spaces in 'Frontiers'

**Date of the Event:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The History Society, Hansraj College, organized a talk by Dr. Sanghamitra Misra on the *Ecology of British Imperialism: Ordering and Orienting Spaces in 'Frontiers.'* Dr. Sanghamitra Misra studied at Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and subsequently completed her doctoral studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. She has published on political economy, law, and language issues in several journals, including the Indian Economic and Social History Review, Economic and Political Weekly, and Studies in History. Her monograph, *Becoming a Borderland: The Politics of Space and Identity in Colonial North-Eastern India* (Routledge), was published in 2011. She has taught at Jamia Milia Islamia and has been a Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. She currently teaches in the History Department, University of Delhi.

She discussed how the British Government interacted with the people and the environment in North-East India. She focussed on the issue of deforestation because of Modern developments such as railways during the colonial period and their impact on the ecology and lives of the people. She discussed the forest laws made by the colonial Government and its contestations with the customary laws. A lively discussion followed the talk.

