



हंसराज कॉलेज  
— दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय —

HANSRAJ COLLEGE  
University Of Delhi  
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## NSS Unit

## Refugee Day

**Name of Activity:** Refugee Day

**Name of Society:** NSS Unit, Hansraj College

**Date of Activity:** 14 July 2025

**Convenor of Society:** Dr. Apoorva Gupta, NSS Programme Officer

**Student In-charge of the Event:** Nandani Jain

### Description of Activity Conducted:

As a part of our activity, we volunteers created awareness about the refugees of India through various social media platforms. We showcased inspiring stories of refugees who, despite challenges, have built successful lives and contributed positively to society. The post highlighted the various steps taken by the Government of India to provide shelter, education and livelihood opportunities for refugees. The social media platform helped us to create awareness amongst the youth and engage them in meaningful discussions. The posts were well appreciated by the viewers.

### Poster of the Event:

**NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME**  
**HANSRAJ COLLEGE**  
creates awareness on  
**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**  
JUNE 20  
"Every refugee carries a story of courage — let's choose empathy over borders."  
**Open The DOORS**  
swipe to read




**apollo**  
**RAUNAQ SINGH**  
"A refugee not by choice, but a builder by determination."  
In the wake of India's 1947 Partition, millions of people were forced to abandon their homes, their lands, and even their identities. One of them was Raunaq Singh, a young man from Lahore, thrust into the chaos and despair that engulfed countless families. But instead of letting that crisis define him, he used it as fuel to transform his destiny—and help build India's industrial future.

**A new start- With nothing but HOPE**  
**apollo TYRES**  
**RAUNAQ SINGH**  
FROM SMALL SPICE TRADER TO FOUNDER  
With seed money from selling his wife's jewellery, Raunaq Singh moved to Kolkata in 1947 and began a small spice trade. A chance train conversation with a German CEO led to an international partnership—and the birth of Bharat Stead Tyres. Raunaq Singh's entrepreneurial journey didn't stop there. He went on to create a group of successful ventures:  
• Apollo Tyres (now a global brand)  
• Bharat Gears  
• Raunaq International Ltd.  
By 2002, Apollo Tyres alone had become the 15th largest tyre manufacturer in the world, with revenues crossing hundreds of millions of dollars and employing thousands.



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<p>As we continue to navigate refugee challenges from Myanmar borders to global crises, let's remember stories like Raunaq Singh's.</p> <p>Let's ensure dignity, opportunity, and empowerment become the new narrative for every displaced person.</p> <p><i>Because sometimes, the people who've lost everything... go on to build everything.</i></p> 	<p><b>Kiran Bedi</b></p>  <p>From refugee roots to India's first woman IPS officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born into a refugee family post-partition, Kiran Bedi broke barriers to become India's first female IPS officer in 1972.</li> <li>• Renowned for police reforms, prison transformation, and anti-corruption efforts.</li> <li>• Awards : Ramon Magsaysay Award President's Police Medal for Gallantry UN Peacekeeping Medal</li> </ul> <p>A true icon of courage, justice, and social impact.</p>	<p><b>Milkha Singh</b></p>  <p>The flying sikh</p> <p>Milkha Singh, born in Govindpura (now Pakistan), became a refugee in India after losing his family during the 1947 partition.</p> <p>He triumphed over trauma and poverty to become India's greatest sprinter.</p> <p>His achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold medal at the 1958 Commonwealth Games</li> <li>• Gold medals at the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games</li> <li>• Representation of India in 3 Olympic games and he also received a Padma Shree Award in 1959</li> </ul> <p>His life embodies resilience, national pride, and an unstoppable spirit.</p>
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**From displacement to dignity :  
Refugees in India today**


Despite challenges, many refugees in India have rebuild their lives with dignity, contributing to the society as workers, entrepreneurs, artists and students.

India's support for refugees

- shelter to Tibetans, Sri Lankan Tamils, Afghans, Rohingyas and others
- Long Term Visas (LTVs) and work permits for manys
- Access to healthcare, education and housing (especially for the Tibetan and Tamils
- UNHCR and NGOs have supported in India
- In some cases citizenship granted eg. (under caa for persecuted minorities.)

India may not be part of the UN Refugee Convention, but its spirit of 'ATITHI DEVO BHAVA' provides hope and new beginnings for many.





**Number of Students Participated: 4**

**List of Students Participated:**

1. Lokendra Singh Rathore
2. Nandani Jain
3. Shreya Pandey
4. Shivanshi