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69th Foundation day

Hansraj College is among the top ranking colleges in the country. It was founded by the D.A.V. Managing Committee on 26th July, 1948 in the memory of the prominent Indian educationist and Arya Samajist, Mahatma Hans Raj.

Viswajeet Khanna and Sri Vivek Srivastava. Padamshree Dr. S.K. Sama(also graced the occasion. The event was inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp. The Honorable guests recounted their experiences and motivated the students to pursue their dreams. The College felicitated the alumni with a token of appreciation for the support they had provided to the college.



Shri O.P. Kohli,
Hon'ble Governor, Gujarat

MAHATMA HANSRAJ RATNA SAMMAN



MAHATMA HANSRAJ GAURAV SAMMAN



We celebrated our 69th Foundation Day on 26th July, 2016. The event was a great success with an impressive line-up of guests. Chief guest of the function, Mr. Yogesh Tyagi (Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi) graced the occasion. Distinguished alumni of the college who were awarded with the Mahatma Hansraj Gaurav Samman are as follows: Mr. Naveen Jindal, the Chairman of The Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. , Sri O.P. Kohli, the current Governor of Gujarat and Padmashri Sri Vinod Dua, The Editor-in-chief of News World India, Dr. K. Thyagarajan, Sri

the support they had provided to the college. Senior faculty members-Shri Rakesh Aggarwal, Dr. C.K. Nanda, Dr. Anil Kokrady and Ms. Anita Balani were recognized for the selfless service they had rendered to the college. Various cultural societies showcased the talent of students through a host of performances in the honour of the guests.

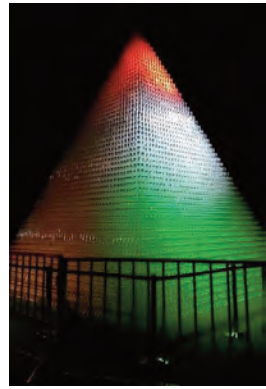
The Khiladi in Hansraj



Akshay Kumar, one of the eminent known personalities of Bollywood graced his presence in Hansraj College on 10th August, 2016 to promote his film, Rustom. Enthusiastic students had started lining up since 7 am and the security started filing in too but no one could deny the excitement of coming of the entire Rustom cast which consisted Akshay Kumar, Arjan Bajwa, and the gorgeous and beautiful Esha Gupta and Illeena D'Cruz. Finally at 1 pm, the stars arrived and the throng of students filled the

air with hooting and cheering clearly indicating their enthusiasm and warmly welcomed the stars. Akshay and Illeena greeted the crowd with equal fervour on their part and promoted their movie, Rustom which was released on 12th August, 2016. With a few fun elements and a few inspirational words for the students from the stars made the event quite a pleasant and a memorable one.

Hansraj Student Creates a Guinness World Record



Kushagra Tayal, a second year student of BA (Hons) Economics created history on 17th September, when he along with 21 of his teammates from Hansraj College, built a 22 feet tall pyramid made of 57,000 plastic cups at the Thyagaraj Sports Complex in Delhi. Realising a long cherished dream to create a world record, Kushagra fondly recounts the first stirring of this idea on a winter morning as he

sipped coffee from a plastic cup. The plastic cups, he realised, could be his route to the Guinness Book of World Records. He initially practiced building a pyramid of plastic cups by himself but soon concluded that he would require a team for the task. He and his team were enthralled to receive the support of many people, including wrestler Sushil Kumar, as they accomplished the stunning feat.

Sportsphoria in Hansraj



Anmol



Geetakshi

In case you've been hiding in your niche the last few months and have no idea whatsoever regarding Hansraj's enthralling achievements on the sports frontier, let us give you a brief insight. The Men's Basketball Team won the highly acclaimed YMCA Basketball Championship. Kudos to the team and their continuous efforts! The Shooting Team brought in some distinguished international participants. Hansraj is extremely proud of Rahul Khatri (B.A. Programme, Second Year) and Sajneet Rehal (M.A. History, First year) for having represented India at the World

University Championship in Poland. On the other hand, Anmol Jain (B.A. Programme, First Year) also won a couple of medals. Geetakshi Dixit (Economics Honours) - who secured a Bronze for their outstanding performance at the Junior World Cup held at Gabala, Azerbaijan. They have proven that there is a champion in each one of us and all we need is determination and sheer will power to deliver our best. We, at Hansraj, admire them as inspiring figures and wish them the very best for their future endeavors.



Rahul



Sajneet

Shradha Ghosh

Startup Bubble- E CELL

The Entrepreneurial Cell of Hansraj College organised The Startup Bubble, on 17th September in the college auditorium. The event encouraged the hundreds of students who want to become entrepreneurs. The event witnessed eminent guest speakers, Mr. Sujay Gupta, founder of glocar.in and Mr. Abhishek Kakkar, team member of 91SpringBoard. There were over 1000 registrations for the event. New India's new vision was highlighted throughout the event: 'Startup India - Standup India'. The concepts of ideation, business model, prototyping etc. were covered and intensively discussed. The students showed a lot of interest and participated enthusiastically all through the event. The speakers shared their personal experiences on how they set up their own busi-

nesses and how they succeeded'. Mr. Sujay Gupta rightly said, "An idea without execution is a hallucination. Everything relies on execution. Do not give up. Entrepreneurs are the most revolutionary people: tell them they can't and they surely will end up doing the same." Mr. Abhishek Kakkar told the audience about his 'Foundation Programme for Entrepreneurs'. He wants students to have an MBA like education without attending a B-school. The students were extremely positive after the event and the session was a great success.



-Garvita Arora

VISION ORIENTATION

विज्ञान सोसाइटी के ओरिएंटेशन 31 अगस्त 2016 को हंसराज महाविद्यालय के सभागार में उत्तरी दिल्ली के संसद एवं प्रसिद्ध भोजपुरी गायक मनोज तिवारी की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित हुआ। इस कार्यक्रम में प्रोफेसर डॉ. के.न.तिवारी की प्रसिद्ध रचना 'विरले दोस्त कबीर के' का नाट्य मंचन उत्तराखंड के पिथौरागढ़ की भाव राग ताल नाट्य अकादमी, द्वारा आयोजित किया गया। यह नाट्य मंचन 'विरले स्पष्ट कर देता है तथा भातियों को भी दूर कर के अनुसार " एक दिन जुलाहा दम्पति को नदी दिखाई देता है जिसका है। बचपन से ही वह अपने शिक्षकों से धर्म के कर देता है। प्रश्नों के उत्तर न मिलने पर वह बनारस तक पहुंच जाते रामानंद के मिलने पर वह गुरु मानते हैं। इसके पश्चात कबीर का जीवन समाज कल्याण में बीता। " इसी उद्देश्य के साथ नाट्य मंचन समाप्त हो जाता है। इसके पश्चात मनोज तिवारी ने अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में नाट्य संस्था की तारीफ की। मनोज तिवारी ने ये भी कहा की वो हंसराज से कुछ चुरा के ले जा रहे हैं जो विज्ञान के आईडिया में से कुछ हैं। इसके बाद उन्होंने कुछ भोजपुरी गाने भी सुनाये। इसी के साथ यह ओरिएंटेशन कार्यक्रम समाप्त होता है।



ENACTUS

Enactus had their orientation on the 11th August, 2016 which saw a footfall of over a hundred students. The function revolved around giving the newcomers a thorough insight into the world of Enactus. Enactus Hansraj also showcased the projects it undertook last year, namely, project BOOND along with the National Competition 2015 and 2016 videos. The president believes

that Enactus offers the most dynamic and challenging platform for students to show their creativity and caliber in leadership and team management.

Enactus believes true happiness lies in making other people smile. After all, if all of us work together towards a common goal, we all win.

Shradha Ghosh

HARITIMA

Hansraj conducted the Orientation Session of HARITIMA- The Environmental Awareness Society on 11th August, 2016. The event began with lighting of the lamp by the members of faculty. A powerpoint presentation familiarized the students with the activities undertaken by Haritima throughout the year. The convener-in-charge Dr. Namrata Soni felicitated previous conveners for their ceaseless support to the society during past years. After this, a walk through the college was presented in a video

followed by the convener's message. In her message, she introduced the society to the freshers and welcomed them to join it for the motto 'Swach Hansraj and Swasth Hansraj'. The ex-conveners also shared their price-less experiences of working with the society. Teachers from different departments attended the inaugural event of the society for the session 2016-17 as HARITIMA embarked upon its recruitment process.

WDC

The orientation was conducted on 24th August, 2016.

WDC, Hansraj College attracted an overwhelming number of people who were keen on learning more about the society and also the initiatives taken and work done in the sector by the cell. The orientation also had a solo play, A WOMAN ALONE, by Shilpi Marwaha, an Asmita theatre group production. The play had the sole artist, Shilpi per-

forming as Sheron, a lady who narrated the instances of domestic violence and conditions that forced her into an extra-marital affair, to her friend who was not seen during the play. The play threw much needed light on gender issues. It helped the audience to understand the opacity of women and their status that is shrouded behind the numerous veils of protection and customs.

Kirti Gupta

BLOOD CONNECT

BloodConnect is India's largest youth run NGO, which strives to solve the problem of blood shortage in India. On 2nd September, 2016, the Hansraj College Chapter of BloodConnect conducted its orientation cum recruitment session. The primary aim of the session was to acquaint interested students with Blood Connect and its functioning. The presenters shared the NGO's work experience and expertise. The recruitment drive finally

came to an end on 8th September, 2016 with seven new recruits from various departments of the college. BloodConnect also organized an awareness session in Hansraj College to inform one and all about its work and objective. After the session, many students came forward and registered themselves with BloodConnect's Helpline services as emergency donors for urgent requests.

Reyash Kadyan

One of the best experiences in college life is that of joining an ECA society of your choice. Every year, the freshers come with high hopes of joining their desired societies. Some like debating over political, national and religious issues, others act and enact, some are born poets, some like to groove and some like to pen down their thoughts. The societies at Hansraj cater to each and every possible field of interest. In order to give an insight into the functioning of an ECA Society, an ECA Orientation programme is held at the beginning of every fresh year. This year, the programme was held on 23rd August, 2016 in the college auditorium. The following societies performed.

OORJA

Oorja, the western dance society is one of the most popular societies of the college. The members of the society gave a brilliant performance, and were received with enthusiasm. It was followed by a presentation on what the society had achieved in the previous years, and a discussion which included important details of the registration process and auditions.

DRAMATICS SOCIETY

Dramatics Society, popularly known as Dram Soc among the college students, began with the orientation, a tamaasha act performed with such brilliance that the audience couldn't make out in the first few minutes if the act was natural or part of their performance. The Flash Mob, a very integral part of the Dram Soc, also danced and performed around the seating area, while delivering dialogues with claps and songs. At the end, a presentation elaborating the legacy of the society, and the achievements of the past years were shown.

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TERPSICHOREAN

Terpsichorean (Choreography Society), Terpsi, as students term it, is the most sought after society of the college. Terpsichorean started the show with performing their annual production "To Unmask". The performance showcased the storytelling and the dancing skills of the members and left the audience with goosebumps. After ending the grand performance, they played a presentation which showcased their achievements from the past few years.

SWARANJALI

Swaranjali, Music Society of Hansraj College began their orientation with a musical performance that garnered appreciation and applause from the whole audience. Then, a presentation on the history, and the achievements of the society was shown. Details regarding the auditions and registrations were given at the end.

ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

English Debating Society- "Confusing discussions, using complex words in your speeches, shouting while delivering your arguments- this is all what is not required to be in the Deb Soc"- said the President of the Debating Society. The introduction was followed by an even more interesting presentation on the 'Life of a Deb Soc Member' and the past achievements of the society. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the unconventional orientation of the DebSoc immensely.

HINDI DEBATING SOCIETY

Hindi Debating Society- The orientation of the Hindi Debating Society witnessed the President of the society talking about the importance of Hindi, and how their society uses our national language to conduct arguments and discussions on a variety of issues. It was followed by a presentation that gave an insight to the happenings of the society.

NEENV

With the commencement of this new academic session of Hansraj College, new societies have come to life.

One of them is Neenv, The Human Resource Development Cell, which organized its orientation session on 27th August 9, 2016 to make students aware about the vision and objectives of the society.

Mr. Manjeet Singh Saggi, Head of the Commerce Department, graced the event with his presence. He enlightened the students with his inspiring words.

Applauding the efforts of the freshly-minted cell, he extended his support to the society and wished the students the very best.

The orientation was further followed by a speaker session by Mr. Harbindor Sokhi who gave useful information regarding the career opportunities in the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The event was a hit, as the orientation room was found fully flocked with interested students.

Aditi Katyal

SPIC MACAY

SPIC MACAY organised its orientation programme on 24th August, 2016. The guest speakers were Mr. Siddharth Banerjee, National Joint Secretary SPIC MACAY and Mr. Anshuman Jain, National Senior Volunteer SPIC MACAY.

The event started with the screening of the famous documentary "Anubhuti" followed by a video showcasing the journey of SPIC MACAY -HANSRAJ CHAPTER. The students felt drawn by the inspirational words

of the speakers regarding the importance and promotion of Indian Culture. Then the students of SPIC MACAY -Hansraj Chapter who had gone for the Winter National Convention held at IIT-Roorkee in December 2015 shared their wonderful experience. At the end, the President shared his views and experience of being a part of the society. The event witnessed a good gathering and turned out to be a great success.

Anuj Pundir

SGA

It organised its orientation program and Anti-Ragging seminar on 5th August, 2016. The guest speaker for the event was Sh. Naveen K Kashyap, Hon'ble Secretary North East District DLSA, Karkarduma Court, New Delhi. The event started with the lighting of the lamp. Later the purpose of the society was discussed followed by a visual treat in which SGA's achievements were highlighted. Students were

delighted by the inspirational words of the Convener of society Dr. Preeti Dhamarha . Sh. Naveen K Kashyap enlightened the crowd about Anti-Ragging and various laws related to it. At the end, the President of SGA gave the vote of thanks. The event turned out to be a big success as students turned out in good numbers.

NSS

On 3rd August, 2016 NSS Hansraj held its orientation for the newly enrolled students in the college. The orientation started with the felicitation by Dr. Rama, following which the heads of the respective wings of NSS - Environment, Health, Padhaku and Rural Development introduced their wings and the work that they do in order to help the community. A presentation of the

padhaku students was put on. Dr. Monika Koul, ex-convener of NSS delivered a speech on how NSS changed her perspectives as she shared her memories. After her address, a video featuring the new core team members was shown. The orientation came to an end when Dr. Baljeet Kaur, convener, gave the vote of thanks.

Harshita Sharma

KALAKRITI

Kalakriti (Fine Arts Society), began its orientation programme with a video that showed the work done by the society members in the previous year. The society convener, Ms. Shagun Nagpal, also addressed the audience. The event ended with the information regarding registration and auditions, and inviting students to be a part of the society.

KAVYAKRITI

Kavyakriti (Indian Classical Dance Society)- With the theme of Pushpanjali, which is a form of dance where flowers are presented to Lord Ganesha for blessings, members of the society performed with great precision and perfection. The divine performance was followed by a presentation showing the long list of achievements of the one-year old society.

PIXELS

Pixels (Photography Society)- The society showcased its talent by showing some of the best pictures that the members had clicked in the past. Each picture was beautifully captured and left a deep message. Exhibition was followed by the senior members guiding the students on the registration process and inviting creative minds to be a part of the society.

The event gave an appropriate platform to the society members to reach out to a wider audience, and to give out more information about the auditions and the registrations than was otherwise possible. The whole event was well-planned and organised and saw a large number of students in attendance, receiving appreciation from both, the management and the freshers

Ankita Raina.

College Snippets

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Department Freshers

Botany

Botanique, the Botanical Society, Hansraj College, organised its inaugural ceremony on 27th August 2016, followed by the freshers' party. The day started with the auspicious lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Dr. Pratibha Brahmi graced the occasion as the chief guest. The inaugural function began with the introduction of the office bearers for the session 2016-17 by the convenor Dr. Romila Rawat. Dr. Brahmi delivered a lecture on Plant Genetic Resources. After the lecture, it was time for the freshers'

party, themed 'Prom'. All the boys were dressed up in suits and girls looked elegant in their dresses. The games included a dare game, botanical dumb charades, saree wrapping competition which was followed by a ramp walk. The titles of Mr. and Ms. Fresher were given to Aryan Shahi and Lunghar Ikror, respectively. At the end, everyone left the auditorium with many memories to cherish whilst looking ahead to their future in the college.

Soumya Suprava

Commerce

The commerce department had its freshers' party on 19th September, 2016. The newbies of Hansraj donned a variety of headgear, varying from tiaras and hats to bandanas, keeping in sync with the theme of 'Headgear Parade'. At first, all the freshers were presented with mementos. The event witnessed a series of

fun-filled and dramatic competitions, following which, ten boys and girls were shortlisted who were then required to perform a couple dance. Finally, Md. Saami Siddique and Rupal Singh were crowned Mr. and Ms. Fresher. The party was enjoyed by the whole department.

Aastha Goel

Electronics

Professors and senior students of the electronics department officially welcomed their freshers to the Hansraj family on 26th August, 2016. All the fresh meat was aptly grilled by the seniors as they were made to put up a show of their best talents. Various forms of songs, dances, and narratives from their childhood broke the ice as snacks were served and the freshers were made to feel welcome. The games progressed, judged by

seniors, and all the finalists in the third round of games went home with feathers in their caps, and a myriad of new friends. Garima Singh and Puneet Paliwal were crowned Miss and Mr. Fresher for their all round performance and charisma. The party ended with a cake cutting ceremony and an exchange of good wishes for the years to come.

Advait Rajendra

English

The English Department organized its Freshers' Party on 20th September, 2016. The theme was 'Fandom' and students from 1st year dressed up as characters from their favourite movies, TV series or books. The crowd was an interesting mix, considering how innovative students were with their costumes. The event commenced with a poem by seniors on college life and a cake cutting ceremony by teachers

and post holders of Literary Society. The title of Mr. Fresher was won by Anshuman Yadav, while Srishti Gupta became Ms. Fresher. Overall, it was a day full of fun, frolic, food and innumerable selfies for the students. All of them had an amazing time, and the teachers and seniors welcomed first year students with open arms and cheerful smiles.

Diksha Kakkar

Geology

The Geology Department welcomed its fuchas on 26th August, 2016. There was poetry recitation, solo singing, group song, group dance and a couple dance in the event. After these activities, the H.O.D. and various professors were requested to say a few words to the new geologists. Various activities like ramp walk, quiz, talent hunt, paper dance were conducted for the titles. In

the end, Atrayee Saha and Vikas Yadav were crowned as Ms. And Mr. Fresher. At the end of the event, everyone was given mementos. In a nutshell, the party was very enjoyable and rewarding. It gave confidence to the newcomers and made them feel comfortable in the new surroundings.

Kirti Gupta

History

The History Department conducted its official Freshers' event on 6th September, 2016. The programme began with an introductory speech by Dr. Sharmila Srivastava, H.O.D.- History Department. The programme took a colourful turn, with the seniors performing various dances and songs. The fresh batch was then asked to individually introduce

themselves, and also perform small acts that would add more fun to the event. Later, the prizes for Mr. and Ms. Fresher were given to Somnath Pati and Angel Merrina respectively. The prize distribution was followed by dance, refreshments, and a photo session.

Abhinav Singh

Physics

On 26th August, 2016, it was no less than a parade of some of the most iconic fictional characters in the Freshers' Welcome Party, organised by the Department of Physics.

The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and was followed by an induction presentation that was enjoyed by all. The ecstasy and euphoria, however, multiplied by leaps and bounds when the students gave riveting dance performances and

musical treats. Ayushi Lamba and Samarth were titled Ms. and Mr. Fresher respectively. A number of other interesting and fun games and impromptu activities were lined up to lighten the mood and serve as ice-breakers between the seniors and freshers. The exhilarating celebrations came to an end with everyone shaking a leg to some peppy Bollywood numbers.

Anirban Chakraborty

Udaan Utsav



The mega nukkad natak competition concluded on 22nd September, 2016 with the prize distribution ceremony at the Hansraj Auditorium. The event was graced by Dr.

Chandra Prakash Dwivedi, Anu Malik, Vivek Agnihotri, Pallavi Joshi, Malini Awasthi, Manoj Joshi, Sudipto Sen, and Advaita Kala. The wonderful event was hosted by Dr. Krishna Gopal. Dr. Rama, the principal, welcomed all the guests with warm words. Anupam Kher, the Chief Guest, shared few of his childhood memories with the audience. Manoj Joshi appreciated all the wonderful performances

staged by the teams. Awards were given in six categories- Best Production, Best Script, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Music.. The winners were- First position (Cash prize Rs. 51,000): Shivaji College; Second Position (Cash Prize Rs. 31,000): Hansraj College; Third Position (Cash Prize Rs. 21,000):



Vivekananda College. The event was a wonderful initiative to promote art in a holistic manner.

Aradhana Gupta

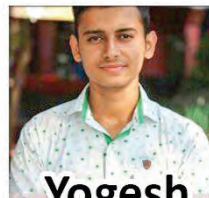
Student's Union - 2016-17



Rajat
President



Akashdeep
Vice President



Yogesh
Gen. Secretary



Rajat
Joint Secretary



Ashutosh
Central Councilor



Sakshi
Central Councilor

Election is the backbone of any democracy. It gives us the right to choose our representatives and leaders. Delhi University organized this year's Student Union Election on 9th September, 2016. But in Delhi University, like any other democratic organization, it's not just about the election day. Campaigning starts weeks before, where each candidate and their supporters meet the students explaining their agendas and making related commitments. Voting started at 8:30 am and ended at 12:30 pm at Hansraj College on Election Day. Candidates and their supporters waited eagerly for the results, while the votes were being counted in the auditorium.

At 2:15 p.m. Dr. Rama came out and announced the results. The elected council for this year's student union consists of Rajat Phogat (President), Akashdeep

Barala (Vice - President), Yogesh Choudhury (General Secretary), Rajat Sharma (Joint Secretary), Ashutosh Choudhury (Central Councilor) and Sakshi Singh (Central Councilor). After the results were announced, the candidates and their supporters were seen celebrating in front of the main gate, dancing to the beats of dhol and distributing sweets. We got in touch with Akashdeep Barala, the newly elected Vice - President and he says, "I want to thank everyone who voted for us and supported us. I also want to thank all those who worked tirelessly on the campaigning. No one wins the election by themselves. It takes grassroots supporters and a team effort. I promise to be true and sincere to my duties and to live up to the expectations of the people."

Vishal Pandey

कवि सम्मेलन



हंसराज महाविद्यालय में १६ अगस्त को स्वन्त्रता दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में हिंदी अकादमी द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम युवा सम्मेलन तथा कवि सम्मेलन में साहित्य के सुर तथा शब्द दोनों पहलुओं को सम्मिलित किया गया था। कार्यक्रम के प्रारम्भ में हिंदी अकादमी की उपाध्यक्षा तथा सुप्रसिद्ध लेखिका मैत्री पुष्पा जी ने हिंदी अकादमी के योजनायें तथा अकादमी की पत्रिका "इंद्रप्रस्थ" जो स्टूडेंट्स के लिए आरम्भ की गयी है का परिचय दिया। तत्पश्चात् साहित्य के पहलू सुरों से आयोजन में जान फूंक दी गयी। युवा सम्मेलन में अस्तित्व बैंड ने शानदार प्रस्तुति दी। उन्होंने फैन राकस्टार आदि फिल्मों के गाने गए तथा एक संगीतमय वातावरण उत्पन्न कर दिया था। जो कवि सम्मेलन का आधार बना। प्रोग्राम का आकर्षण भारत के सबसे बड़े कवियों में शुमार कुमार विश्वास थे जो प्रोग्राम के दूसरे हाफ कवि सम्मेलन में आयोजित हुए और सभी कवियों का स्वागत किया और इसे सम्मेलन के लिए हंसराज और हिंदी अकादमी को बधाई दी। कवि सम्मेलन की अध्यक्षता प्रसिद्ध शायर करीम केसर साहब ने की थी। अन्य कवियों में दिनेश रघुवंशी, प्रियांशु गर्जेंद्र, आशीष अनल, सर्वेश अस्थाना आदि कवि थे। पूरे कवि सम्मेलन का संचालन दिनेश रघुवंशी ने किया। कवि सम्मेलन में अन्य गणमान्य लोगों में आप के विधायक एवं संस्कृति मिनिस्टर कपिल मिश्रा और

कविता प्रतियोगिता



14 सितम्बर को हिंदी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में वैभव वेलफेयर सोसाइटी एवं हंसराज कॉलेज के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में एक कविता प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हुआ जिसमें हंसराज महाविद्यालय में अध्ययनरत विभिन्न छात्रों ने भाग लिया। इस कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता महाविद्यालय की प्राचार्या डॉ. रमा मैम ने की। प्रतियोगिता में अन्य गणमान्य लोगों में प्रसिद्ध भजन गायक कुमार विशु, कनाडा के साहित्यकार सरन घई, राहुल कंसल आदि थे। प्रतियोगिता की निर्णायक मंडली में हेमंत शर्मा, दिल, वरिष्ठ कवि रसिक गुप्ता, फ.म 104 के राहुल माकिन थे। प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान निशांत परमार ने प्राप्त किया। उन्होंने अपनी कविता से एक राष्ट्रीय चेतना का माहौल पैदा कर दिया। द्वितीय स्थान समीक्षा जैन को प्राप्त हुआ जिन्होंने कन्या भूषण रक्षा पर मर्मस्पर्शी कविता सुनाई। तृतीय स्थान साक्षी जैन को प्राप्त हुआ जिनकी प्रेम से परिपूर्ण कविता ने सबका दिल जीत लिया। तत्पश्चात् विशिष्ट अतिथि भजन गायक कुमार विशु ने सबको अपना प्रसिद्ध "कभी प्यासे को पानी पिलाया नहीं बाद अमृत पिलाने से क्या फायदा" सुनाया। पुरस्कार वितरण के साथ कार्यक्रम समाप्त हो गया।

Teachers' Day Celebration



Teachers' Day is celebrated on 5th September to honour the birth of the second President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Hansraj College celebrated Teachers' Day this year with great enthusiasm. The event, hosted by the teachers, began with an enthralling performance by Kavyaakriti, the Indian Classical Dance Society. The event continued with a pledge taken by all the teachers and students present to keep the environment clean and green. Performances by stu-

dents from Swaranjali, the Music Society and a thought-provoking play by the Hansraj Dramatics Society followed. The students showed exceptional talent but the teachers of Hansraj college were no less! Dr. Hardeep Kaur (Zoology Department) recited with her mesmerising poetry. Mr. Brij Mohan Vatsal (Mathematics Department), Mr. Dibyajyoti Das (Physics Department) and Ms. Palak (Commerce Department) stole the audience's heart with their soulful musical perform-

ance. During the course of the programme, Dr. Rama, our Principal, also felicitated two faculty members, namely Dr. Mona Bhatnagar (Electronics Department) and Dr. Bharat Bhusan (Commerce Department)- who were recently awarded with "Dr. S Radhakrishnan Memorial National Teacher and Media Network Award 2016". The event ended with all the teachers, up on the stage, shaking a leg to the DJ's beats.

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College Orientation

To embrace the newly admitted students, an orientation programme was organised in the college auditorium on 19th July, 2016. The programme commenced with the soulful recitation of the DAV anthem by the members of Swaranjali. Thereafter, the students were given a glimpse of the various departments and societies of the college through a vivid power-point presentation. Dr. Rama, our Principal, extended her heartiest wishes, on behalf of the college staff, to everybody present and inspired the students with her words. Following this, the Freshers Special issue of HansVision - Hansraj's monthly newspaper was distributed among the students. The event featured some remarkable stage performances by a talented bunch of students from our college. The orientation programme concluded with the hope of a prosperous and successful year ahead for everybody.

Harshita Khurana

Paralympics



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India competed at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 7 to 18 September 2016. Indian athletes have appeared in every edition of the Summer Paralympic Games since 1968.

A total of 19 players were sent from India, 3 of them being women, to participate in 5 sports.

India has sent its largest ever delegation in the history of summer Paralympics. Also, as far as the games have progressed till now, it has been India's best ever performance in the history of the summer Paralympic games with a total of 4 medals won till now (2 Gold , 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) with Devidra Jhajharia breaking the World Record to win a gold medal at the Paralympics.

The Prime Minister congratulated the efforts of the sportspersons, through tweets, as well as on his monthly radio address, "Mann Ki Baat"; as did many other Indian dignitaries and civilians. But somewhere, the buzz was a little less than what it was for the Olympics 2016.

This might be because prevalent notions still treat persons with disability as objects of pity. This obviously needs to change in order for our society to be more egalitarian. India gets two Golds, something that we could not manage in the Rio Olympics this year. Even so, our paralympians are still to receive due appreciation. Moreover, Deepa Malik won a silver, an achievement which further demolishes typical stereotypes about Indian women, after achievements by PV Sindhu and Sakshi Mallik at the Rio Olympics.

Seeing the sports consciousness among Indians, other than on occasions of the Cricket Cups, was a rare phenomenon this Olympics. Not appreciating the efforts at the Paralympics will kill this seedling. All that is being asked to do is celebrate one's victory. If Indians fail to do this then they would be failing in keeping up the spirit of this nation, which is not something that it can afford to do.

Aadhar Smartphone Linkage



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Imagine walking into the metro station, skipping over all the queues, tapping your phone on the metro card reader, and the little screen greets you back, "Hello There! Have a happy journey!" You don't have to worry about recharging anything because the token amount gets deducted from your registered bank account! Imagine not having to carry tickets for any air journey, just tap your phone on the sensor and voila! You have your boarding pass. Imagine ringing up your bank and requesting them to send you a few documents, no fuss about name or account number or anything like that, because the customer care will see your Aadhar-encrypted phone number and will send your documents to your own email id. Imagine sitting in your own comfortable room, and attending your passport interview using an Aadhar-encrypted skype call. Guess what, in a couple of years, you won't need to imagine these things.

Back in 2009, when the Unique Identification Authority of India was set up and the Aadhar scheme was launched, maybe Nandan Nilekani, the then UIDAI Chairman himself wouldn't have realised how much it would change, well, everything, in a span of ten years. What was nothing more than an ID card during the UPA regime has now, under the ambit of Digital India, become an indispensable part of our lives, and this is just the beginning. After Jan Dhan Yojna, LPG subsidy, and 10- day passports, Aadhar linked smartphones is undoubtedly UIDAI's most ambitious project y--with more than 100 crore Aadhar cards and 40 crore

smartphone users (and growing), this project makes perfect sense. UIDAI recently held high level meetings with tech giants like Google, Samsung, Apple and homegrown major Micromax, discussing the vast uses of an Aadhar encrypted chip in every smartphone. While Samsung has already started making Aadhar-friendly phones, Apple and Google have resisted, citing privacy concerns. Their resistance is likely to be in vain, as the Government mulls the decision to make the Aadhar microchip mandatory in all phones, like it has done with the "panic button", which must be in all phones starting 2017. Microsoft has already done some test runs of Aadhar-encrypted Skype calls, which will verify the identity of the caller and make such calls as valid as an appearance in person. You could attend passport interviews or even make a statement in court hearings, from the safety and comfort of your own home.

You might never need to fill a KYC form again, as you could give your Aadhar number and details like Name, phone, email and address will automatically be inserted into the database. You could walk into an office, show your phone at the reception, and without any hassle you could be told when and where exactly to go. Though privacy remains the major concern, UIDAI is confident of the cyber-security infrastructure they have in place. With a standardised fingerprint reader and NFC in all smartphones, and timely upgrades to the network architecture, there is no way Aadhar can't realise its mammoth potential. The possibilities are endless.

Being Feminist Is Not Being Feminazi



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Many think Feminism as a movement only for women, but NO. Feminism is a path to attain liberty for both men & women against certain oppressive notions & practices in society.

Feminism is a brilliant idea; but distorted views can create harm. The perspective of feminism regarding women's empowerment has been to evolve the soul of an individual but not to create insecurities among the men. Each one of us is unique and together we can bring a better change.

Instead of debating whether to bring up our daughters like our sons or vice versa; it would be wise to nurture a human as a human.

Feminism is not about "My choice or your choice"; rather it is not a choice but a necessity. Sexual orientation and the choice of attire comes much later, there are more grave issues to be resolved first. Such demands dilute the cause of feminism.

Feminism urges both men & women to fight for each other but not against each other. It's about equality and not competition. Feminists are not misandrists. There is no sex discrimination in soul so feminism advocates equality and liberty for both men and women. Humanity is its doctrine and it believes in "Being Human".

One nation, One tax- The GST bill



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With the GST bill in the news these days most of us wonder, what it is all about, how will it benefit us? It was unanimously passed in parliament last month. So let's take a look at what this bill is all about. The full form of GST is Goods & Services Tax Bill. It is a remarkable change in India's indirect tax collection. There are three components of GST-Central GST (levied by central govt.), State GST (levied by state govt.) & Integrated GST (levied by central govt. on interstate supply of goods & services).

Central GST (CGST) and State GST (SGST) would be paid to the accounts of centre and state separately. Both are applicable to all transactions of goods & services made except the ones which are exempted. The exclusions include petroleum products, alcohol beverages, diesel & tobacco.

Why was GST required? India relied mainly on indirect taxes, revenue from indirect taxes was the major source of revenue. The major reason for indirect taxes was that Indian population was predominantly poor thus widening base of direct taxes had its own limitations. And also agricultural income was not subjected to income

tax. But then there was multiplicity of indirect taxes in country due to division of fiscal power, and led to an extremely complex indirect tax structure in the country. Hence, the simplification can take place through a law like GST. Benefits of GST bill

1. It subsumes the multiple indirect taxes for all the central & state level taxes.
2. The list of taxes that are subsumed by GST- Central level tax: central excise duty, additional excise duty, service tax, countervailing duty & special additional duty of customs. State level tax: state VAT, entertainment tax, entry tax, purchase tax, luxury tax, taxes on lottery, betting & gambling.

3. Taxes on multiple manufacturers are reduced.
- It taxes only final customers. Therefore, the cascading of taxes is avoided & production costs are cut down.

Disadvantages
The tax on services can go from 14-20% after its implementation and the tax on retail will almost get doubled. Tax on imported goods will be around 6%. Also there will be control on every system by central & state govt.

The Stranger



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Everyday down the lane, there was a stranger,
I found peace winking at his serene smile,
and release inking down our gestural encounter
on sheets of imagination,
Till one day, when there was no stranger,
I was untune and got to know
that someone had broken the mirror.

Sunken Dreams

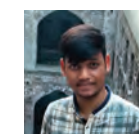


Kallol Mazumdar
BA History (H)
3rd Year

Goes the might trembling in its course when it tries hard to prove its word it cries! Dries its heart but a word from mouth is termed as guilt how can he speak like that to his elders? Why is he shouting like that , yelling murmuring the strong cage that locks your heart impending courage goes sinking down the alley because logic and rationale goes dark in the pall of protocols and regulations if we are small in age and lost in our ways we aren't the carriers of opinion sparking the cacophony of delusion can we mark our existence through our words! Locked in the heavy burden of escapism can we still come out confident in front of the mighty wisdom where wisdom stands as a dubious person beneath the qualification stand dry without its existence within them the hue takes up

the aura dryness kills the last drops of water! The pressure driven force of how to fall under the veil of sycophants and just nod your heart despite having the powers of logic and rationale our morals are weak our wisdom sinks but are we still depleted with words our voice being faded with the delving lime of restriction drowning our spirits killing us with myths and sinking with the poison of how things are meant to be the clash of views the contradictory possession are we still not allowed to clear our minds and raise what our conscience states us! Amidst the words there is order, restriction , regulation with all being a burden for the budding minds in the backdrop exists a picture of the sunken youth facing the drowning force of inequality

Dissecting Internet Culture



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We can see a pattern every time an incident happens. A terrorist attack, a rape case or a certain politically incorrect statement by a public figure produces outrage on twitter. People tweet expressing their disgust, sympathy and disapproval. This behaviour is not limited to ordinary citizens. People in the limelight, in the upper echelons of society also tweet to voice their opinions.

The recent terrorist attacks in Uri evoked a similar response. Shah Rukh Khan, Anupam Kher, Virat Kohli and Ajay Devgn are few of the host of celebrities that expressed their condolences using this medium. While the celebrities were formal and restrained in their tone, the general public had no qualms about expressing their feelings about the attacks. Most of them condemned Pakistan's actions and some suggested retaliatory action. And few were especially explosive.

But like I mentioned , there is always a pattern. An incident occurs that grabs the headlines, hashtags galore, after a while the burning issue cools off, it begins to fade in public memory and another issue grabs everyone's eyeballs. The pattern repeats again.

Such instant reactions and the brittle nature of public memory have become a feature of internet culture, and not a shining one. But exaggerated and inflammatory responses are only one facet of internet culture. Another facet is the culture of trolls.

It think since netizens have taken to making hilarious memes out of practically everyone, even celebrities would be using their words very carefully. A slip of tongue can get you trending on the internet for days and sometimes months. And

if you think that I am making a big deal out of trolls here, just ask Rahul Gandhi. The Chota Bheem memes probably pegged back his political career by a couple of decades.

While Trolls generally are in good humour and are received with a wry smile or two, sometimes a certain section finds it anything but humorous. A good example in this regard is AIB stand up comedian Tanmay Bhat. In a YouTube video he trolled Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar. May be he was simply being humorous. But the internet janta was quick to take offence. What followed was massive outrage and people spewed venom online. At the same time, few jumped to his defence. Again, there was a pattern – a lot of media hype and strong comments which fizzled out after a while.

So is it wrong to use the internet as a platform to express our opinions? The proponents of the same would argue that it is too easy-typing a few words on twitter and pressing that send button is almost a mockery of the intensity and impact of the incident. But at the same time, one can argue that some response is better than no response at all.

It is very tempting to censor the internet- to place roadblocks on the way of free speech. But the internet is the greatest tool of this century. It's a whole new media of its own comprising everyone on the web. And this free exchange of ideas is the very core and strength of this platform. It is best for the internet to remain a platform where speech is not censored. In fact, we can follow a very simple logic here. The people will say and the people will judge.

मेरी माँ

गए वे दिन बहारो के जब मैं खेला करता था।
हँसता, रोता, गाता जब मैं खेला करता था।
चोट लगे मुझे तो छुपाया करता था।
तेरे डाट के तयार सेनहाया करता था
माँ तेरे आँचल से लिपट मैं रोया करता था
तू देवी है इस दुनिया की
तुझसे छिपाया करता था
ये भूल है मेरी जो तुझसे छिपाया करता था
माँ तेरी आँचल से लिपट मैं रोया करता था।
तेरी चरणों की धूल को मैं तिलक लगाया करता था
तुझ से दूर रह मैं घबराया रहता था
अब जो तू दूर है, ये दुनिया हैवान है
अब जो तू आये तो ये दुनिया भगवान है।
खुद ना खाये पर मुझे खिलाती थी
खुद भीगे पर मुझे आँचल में छिपाती थी
खुद रोये पर मुझे हंसाती थी
माँ तेरी याद बड़ी रुलाती थी
तेरी बातों को मैं न माना करता था
तेरे जज्बातों को मैं न समझा करता था
अब जो समझा माँ तेरी याद रुलाती है
माँ तेरी याद रुलाती है
माँ तेरी याद रुलाती है



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A Painful Ecstasy



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1st year

She was a girl with a polite face.
Now she's just in our hearts.
There was an intense softness in her gaze.
I want to give her all my regards.
She seemed to hide her emotions, she was
a maze.

Her father is broken from inside.
Her mother's tears have been dried.
It's altogether a painful ecstasy.
Her brother is screaming helplessly.

Her father, being a man, doesn't shed tears.
Hollow from inside, a smile is all that he
wears.

They all wish it were a nightmare.
She left them all, not fair.
She won't be forgotten by them, never.
She'll be alive in their hearts, forever and
ever and ever.

What is one thing that is extraordinary about Hansraj College?

The Vision Society undertook an interview asking the freshers about the most fascinating thing they feel about Hansraj.

The survey witnessed the active participation of many first year students with varied views and opinions.

Here is what the newbies had to say:

"The most extraordinary thing about Hansraj is that here, the crowd is the perfect blend of brainy and fun loving people. Everyone is pretty chilled out. This is why Hansraj feels like home, even to a fresher just like myself, and the people here, already feel like family."

- Aradhana Gupta, B.Sc.(Hons) Anthropology



"Well, it's hardly been a few days that I've been in Hansraj, and it's already the best place to be. Lovers' point or LP, as it is famously called, is the hangout spot that I liked the most. All the societies of Hansraj are quite good. I'm very excited and buckled up for my journey of the next three years in this college."

- Ankush Thakur, Physics(Hons)



"The first thing that comes to my mind will be the Hansraj canteen and our very famous hangout place, LP. I believe that Hansraj has the best chilling-out spot and an amazing canteen, which I'm sure no other college does."

-Bhawya Malhotra, Life Science



Of course, its the "Lovers' Point". There can never be any place like that in any of the colleges under Delhi University. Moreover, the fountain is really beautiful. And the fact that Hansraj is going to be the first college in the Delhi University to have the national flag hoisted in its campus makes it different from all other colleges.

- Piyush Verma, B.Com (Hons)



"Hansraj College- You pronounce the two words and they bring a sparkle to my eyes. It's ambience, it's densely crowded LP, rush at the canteen throughout the day, its lush green surroundings- every aspect of the college is worth admiring. Not only is it ranked 5th all over India, but also has its students renowned for their achievements in academics as well as extra-curriculars. All the societies, though different on the exterior, but bind the whole college firmly. I feel extremely privileged to be a part of such an esteemed educational institution - Nandita Saxena, B.Sc. Computer Science



Getting admitted into Hans Raj College in the 1st cut off list itself was like a dream come true. I found a distinct and remarkable aura, as soon as I set foot in the magnificent institution. The extraordinary thing about this institution is the excellent bonding among the students, and the decent crowd, even though it's one of the largest constituent colleges of Delhi University.

-Somnath Pati, B.A.(Hons) History



The one extraordinary thing about Hansraj is how wherever you go, you'll end up bumping into some furry creature or the other. Be it the dogs, who roam around the corridors of the science block or the puppies at Lover's point. And what's even more amusing is that - All of them are bored of lectures. Even the poor stray who wanders in your room, saunters out the second they hear a professor teach or the poor bird outside the window, who stops chirping.

- Anusha Malhotra, BSc (H) Botany



The most extraordinary thing about Hansraj College is its crowd. We have students from different regions and countries here. It feels great to connect with them.

- Saurabh Tripathi, BSc (H) Mathematics



The very word "Hansraj" describes the extraordinary "ness" the college stands for. There are many things that are special about Hansraj like it being among the top 5 colleges in India or Shah Rukh Khan being its alumni and so on. However, being a first year student, I realised that at Hansraj, you have an awesome crowd - with whom you will gel up quickly. People here are really enthusiastic. It's a known fact that friends and seniors make your college life exciting and memorable. And, undoubtedly, I can claim that Hansraj has an amazing student life to offer.

- Liza B.A. Programme



One thing that is extraordinary about Hansraj is the perfect mix of studies with fun and entertainment. Besides having the best faculty, an amazing crowd and a good academic environment one gets a brilliant exposure and a plethora of opportunities for enjoyment here. Renowned celebrities often pay a visit to the college events and Hansraj also boasts of having one of the best and coolest societies of Delhi University

- Srishti Grover, BA (H) Economics



Campus life is best in Hansraj College. There's so much happening in the college round the clock- seminars, competitions, conferences, film screenings and so much more. The canteen area and the adjacent hangout spot, LP, are quite famous for the food, and for the crowd over there, respectively.

-Prayag Chaudhery, B.Sc. Physical Science



ENACTUS -A Step Towards Humanitarianism



'Humans for Humanity' is a non-profit organisation that works for the betterment of the socio-economically challenged people of our society. The NGO is not only involved in social work across India but also tends to help people from different walks of life to work, to become productive members of society.

Recently, Enactus Hansraj assisted the NGO in a cleanup drive

at the Vishwavidyalaya metro station that is usually left littered with garbage. Apart from these, the organization also engages in resource mobilization where Enactus Hansraj purchases water purifiers made by autistic people and distributes it amongst the slum dwellers, suffering from the dearth of clean water. Keeping to their motto of "society before self", Enactus Hansraj also simultaneously tries to provide employment to rural women in Rajasthan, who previously worked under the pay scale of Rs. 2-10 per day, by teaching them vocational skills such as stitching, embroidery, and weaving. **Shradha Ghosh**

Spreading Smiles, Unfurling Awareness

Enactus Hansraj, conforming to its motive of bringing about a change in the society and making the world a happy place to live in, conducted

a short yet playful session, referred to as the Community Development session, with the kids of BalSahyog, an NGO founded for the care and protection of orphaned, helpless, abandoned and neglected children. The members of Enactus Hansraj brought up the issue of ill effects of being unhygienic and how to develop better eating and drinking habits with the children of BalSahyog. The ses-



sion was filled with educational videos depicting the mentioned issues and was then followed by interactive question - answer session with the children. At the end, the children indulged in a game - 'Simon Says', where they had to enact or do whatever they were asked to by their hypothetical leader "Simon". They thoroughly enjoyed the entire session and were left craving for similar sessions with Enactus Hansraj in the near future. **Shradha Ghosh**

Nutrition Week Celebration

With the theme of "Poshak Aahar, Desh ka Aadhar", Society of General Awareness, Hansraj College celebrated this year's National Nutrition Week from 1st September to 7th September by organising various events.

The first three days were celebrated by providing information on proteins, fats and carbs and the right amount of these required to have a balanced diet. The fourth day saw the society members providing leftover food from the college hostel to the underprivileged people in collaboration with the NGO Feeding India, as a part of their one-year-old campaign Project Aahar. On the fifth and the sixth day, facts on vitamins, minerals and the importance of water



were discussed. The Nutrition Week came to an end with an enlightening session with Mr. Kundan Singh, ACMS Fitness Expert as the guest speaker of the event. The event also included presentations by students and an informative speech by the society convener, Dr. Preeti Dharmara. The campaign was a successful initiative by the society members and witnessed the participation of quite a number of students. **Ankita Raina**

Kalakriti celebrates Independence Day



Kalakriti celebrated the Independence Day by organising a poster making competition. The participation of the faculty members made the event memorable. The event took place on 12th August, 2016. The theme of the poster making competition was 'Indian Independence and the Freedom Struggle'. The posters were

splendid, each speaking out its own story. Ms. Priyanka Banerjee, the Chief Guest judged the competition. The first position was bagged by Stanzin Tsela (Anthropology), the second position went to Ashima Padiyal (Anthropology) and Purnima Yadav (Computer Science) was at the third position. After the prize distribution ceremony, the chief guest shared a few words with the participants regarding the field of art and what this independence day meant to her. The hard work of the team members and their convener Ms. Shagun Nagpal was commendable. The event turned out to be a huge success. **Abhinav Singh**

Charity Bake Sale at Hansraj



Much to the delight of all foodies, The Culinary Arts Society of Hansraj College organized a Charity Bake Sale on 30th August, 2016. The sale was organized for a humanitarian cause. As a precursor to its main event, the society also organized an online quiz in collaboration with Illuminati, the Quizzing Society of

Hansraj College. The Bake Sale was covered by Hindustan Times and an article was published in HT City describing the objectives of the society.

A plethora of mouth-watering delicacies like Nutella donuts, brownies, red velvet cake etc. were served.

The event turned out to be a huge success. Everything was sold off in mere thirty minutes. This novel initiative by the Culinary Arts Society, which is one of its kind in the Delhi University circuit, was well appreciated by students and teachers alike. **Diksha Kakkar**

Haritima-The World Ozone Day celebration



On the occasion of World Ozone Day, Haritima, The Environmental Awareness Society of Hansraj College, organized a plethora of activities in association with Millennium India Education Foundation and Ministry of Earth Sciences, GOI. The chief guest, Dr. D Raghunanda, member of the Delhi Science Forum, gave an enlightening

speech on ozone layer depletion, climate change, and other pressing environmental issues. Also invited to witness the great event was Dr. Uday Kakroo, without whose assistance the event wouldn't have been possible.

A number of competitions were organized, such as, pot painting, poster making, Power Point presentation and so on with prizes worth Rs. 30,000. A number of enthusiasts from different colleges actively participated in the event. The event drew a large audience and was successful in creating awareness about the urgent necessity to protect the ozone layer. **Aastha Goel**

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME - HANSRAJ IN ACTION

ENVIRONMENT

Noticing the amount of papers littered across the college campus, the Environment wing took the initiative of removing the waste from the college. A Paper Collection Drive was organized. The collected papers were sent for recycling and the money was donated to the children studying with the Padhaku wing.

On 8th September, 2016 Fortnight Swachh Day, the team organized an Awareness Drive, with the aim of spreading awareness among teachers and the non-teaching staff, regarding hygiene and sanitation.

Each of the sanitary facilities was inspected by the teachers on 1st and 2nd September, 2016 and members of the staff were given

relevant instructions. The volunteers worked side by side, apprising students and children of the Padhaku wing of the importance of sanitation.

On 13th September, volunteers along with NSS convener Dr. Baljeet Kaur and Principal Dr. Rama, met with the college's Swachhta karamcharis, who look after the cleanliness in the college premises and on 15th September, along with other members of the faculty organized an awareness rally, spreading awareness regarding the importance of cleanliness in one's daily life. **Garvita Arora**



HEALTH

NSS Hansraj celebrated Nutrition Week spreading happiness and goodwill. The events spanned from September 1 to September 6, 2016. Kicking off the Nutrition Week, volunteers of the health wing conducted a BMI check of around 120 children associated with the Padhaku Wing of Hansraj College. In collaboration with Cipla Ltd, the Health wing organised a seminar on 2nd September, on the effective management of hypertension and stress during examinations. Dr. Atmesh Kumar was the chief speaker in the seminar and spoke to the audience about the ill effects of stress and hypertension

on one's health. The team organised a distribution drive on the last day, in which shanties around the university area, housing many malnourished children were given a banana each, to symbolically declare war on malnutrition. The Health wing also organised a free eye check up in collaboration with Titan Eye+ in the college premises. Students, teachers and non-teaching staff alike participated in this initiative. A total of 220 people got their eyes checked out of which 42 were Padhaku kids. The high turnout made the event a successful one. **Shruti Gupta**

NSS INDEPENDENCE WEEK

In the spirit of freedom and independence, NSS Hansraj celebrated Independence Day on 12th August, 2016 with the prestigious chief guest A.K Sharma, IG, Communication and Information Technology who is also an alumnus of Hansraj college and the special guests Prachi Tehan, Vishal Srivastav and Manjot Singh with great zeal. Freedom Fortnight started on 9th August with immense gusto and celebration.

Various competitions like Poem writing, Essay writing, Slogan writing and Painting on 22nd August, 2016 concluded this fortnight with spirit and enthusiasm. The volun-

teers of Environment and Disaster Management Wing of NSS Hansraj undertook a mass tree plantation drive in the college campus to keep with the spirit of patriotism and care for our country and environment.

This journey came to an end on 23rd August, 2016 in an exciting fashion. A mass recital of the National Anthem at 11 a.m. filled everyone with a feeling of immense pride. This fortnight-long journey gave students a renewed sense of patriotism. The efforts of NSS Hansraj paid off! **Abhimanyu Singh Tomar**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Rural Development wing of the National Service Scheme (NSS) Hansraj recently organised a visit to the Home for the Aged in Chhatrapur area on 22nd September. A group of 30 volunteers from the society went and interacted with the people from the home hoping to make their day different and memorable. The members sang songs and danced with the people and had discussions with them on a wide array of topics ranging from favourite movies to current issues and problems of the country. They shared their views on the role that can be played by today's youth in the society and imparted invaluable knowledge as well as wisdom to the visiting volunteers. The volunteers brought

along with them gifts for the residents, including clothes, bed sheets, and eatables. The experience was just as enriching and extraordinary for the volunteers as it was memorable for the elderly from the home. The society also organised an awareness drive in the Chandrawal Village area on 26th August. The residents of the area were made aware of the benefits of keeping the environment and their surroundings clean and hygienic. The volunteers told them about the dangers of an unsanitary living environment and also urged the people to contribute in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2014. **Nancy Dua**

PADHAKU

NSS Padhaku plays an important role in the education of underprivileged children by providing them free education. At the same time, it realizes that a textbook as the only approach is an antique concept and keeping it in mind, on 27th August, 2016, NSS Padhaku's team of volunteers took its students to the Zoology Museum of Hansraj College. Dr. Jaya Malhotra supervised this session and threw light upon the specimens. The students were shown specimens of different mammals, reptiles, and birds stored in jars. The trip was a learning experience for all the children. The whole NSS team also celebrated teacher's day with the kids where they greeted their teach-

ers (Padhaku volunteers) with hand made greeting cards and expressed their gratitude for the services provided by the Padhaku team. The team then offered chocolates and sweets to the kids to celebrate their efforts.

With the help of the Health wing, the Padhaku team organised a BMI check up program for around 120 Padhaku kids in which it was found that more than half of them were malnourished. Recently Manoj Tiwari, MP from north-east Delhi visited Padhaku and appreciated the peerless efforts of the whole team and offered his hands to help the kids in any way possible. **Samyak Pradhan**

ETHNOBOTANY



The Botany Department, along with Institute of Life Long Learning, organized a two-day long National Workshop on ETHNOBOTANY, on 16th and 17th September, 2016. The first day of the workshop began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries: Dr. Shormishtha Panja, Director of Institute for Life-

long Learning, Prof. M.K.Pandit, and other eminent scientists. The Principal, Dr. Rama, gave the welcome address. Many teachers and students from different colleges of Delhi University attended the workshop. The two-day workshop focused on the study of Ethnobotany. The theoretical discussions were followed by practical sessions to have a better understanding of the subject. The final day began with the brief recap of the events of the previous day followed by practical session.

The event ended with a vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Monika Kaul for the organizing committee. Participants were awarded with certificates. It was a truly exciting session.

Anusha and Soumya

ENACTUS Hansraj bags BEST PROJECT' AWARD yet again

Year-round efforts of Enactus Hansraj bore fruit at the Enactus India National Competition held on 21st and 22nd July, 2016 in Mumbai. The competition witnessed several business, student and academic leaders from across the country, come together to showcase and appreciate impactful social ventures and community outreach projects.

With over 67 teams competing, it was not going to be an easy task. Yet, the never-say-die spirit and unending zeal among the Enactus members pushed them to go the

extra mile. Enactus Hansraj was presented with the Best Project Award, for showcasing the "spirit of veer" for the second time consecutively by Coca-Cola, Being Human, American India Foundation and Enactus India for their Project Boond – an initiative to provide the underprivileged with clean drinking water through the production of low-cost water purifiers that run without electricity.

Shradha Ghosh



Geology- AAPG



The American Association of Petroleum Geologist has been a pillar of the worldwide scientific community. The original purpose of AAPG is to promote scientific research, to advance the science of geology, to promote technology and to inspire

professional conduct. Currently, the World Professional Geological Society has over 30,000 members, in over 116 countries around the world. Many geologists, geophysicist, geochemist, CEO's, managers, consultants, students, and academicians are the part of this group.

Sandeep Samal

Google Session @ Hansraj

Google's Applied Computer Science with Android program kick started this September in Hansraj College. This was initiated by Piyush Panwar, a final year student of the Computer Science Department. The program was conducted over three weekends and served as a big boost for all budding

techno-geniuses who wish to carve out a niche for themselves. The response from the students was overwhelming. The sessions held in college gave an elementary insight into Google's core mechanism.

Ayesha Ahmed

Dramsoc at UDAAN'16



Hansraj Dramatics Society once again brought laurels for the college. In UDAAN UTSAV'16, the society staged their annual street production, Paramveer and bagged awards in the following categories; Best Production: Second position, Best Script: First po-

sition; Best Actress: Nandini Ahuja (Seventh position). It was indeed a proud moment for the College. We hope the Society meets with success in their future endeavours as well.

Aradhana Gupta

Economics Society -Inauguration



On 20th September, 2016, the Porta Cabin was brimming with excitement as inquisitive first-year students gathered to witness the much awaited Investiture Ceremony of the incoming council of the Economics Society. The event was graced by Mr. Nitin Saluja, an alumnus of the college- who is presently working as Policy Programs Manager for India and

South Asia at Facebook and the faculty members of the Economics Department. The audience was completely engrossed in Mr. Saluja's presentation, listening with rapt attention as he narrated his story of struggles to success and presented an informative report titled - "Role of Social Media in Public Policy".

After the session, President Tanya Madan shared her vision to take the society to greater heights. The members of the outgoing council were felicitated with mementos and certificates for their services to the society. The inaugural ceremony came to an end with Vice President Abhishek Pathak proposing the vote of thanks and vowing to maintain the legacy of the Economics Society.

Hansraj shines at PULSE'16



Swaranjali, the Music Society and Kavyaakriti, the Classical Dance Society of our College stole the show at PULSE'16 - the annual cultural, literary and sports festival of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Both the societies managed to grab four prizes in total. Sarath S Kumar and Rohan Prasana from Swaranjali secured the



first prize for their Carnatic Vocals (Solo) and Instrumental (Solo) performances respectively. Vaishnavi Tyagi seized the third position for Light Classical Vocals (Solo) category. Kriti Kambiri and Nandita Nambiar from Kavyaakriti stood second in the Classical dance (Duet) category.

Anuj Pundir

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD TEAM



The days in the stadium were just awesome. The amalgamation of hard work and fun, was so different that I want to try such new things again and again. Those sleepless nights and the food that we ate sharing with the large group, was so delicious that I would do anything to have that experience again. In a nutshell, you can't get that experience just by reading; you get that only when you live it.

Kushagra Tayal, the Founder of the Idea.

The memories created there will always remain close to my heart. Working in the crane had its own perks. The night shifts were even better than the day shifts. It was fun sacrificing our sleep. Overall, the bonds that we have created and the memories we have made have a greater weightage for me.

Anmol Agrawal

It was the best experience of my life' would be an understatement, it was much more than just that. We, the team, used to eat, sleep, clean, drink, party, sing, dance together. It was non-stop exhaustion for 3 days. We learnt multitasking as well as putting stickers, arranging cups, craftwork, publicity in campus and off campus, and cleaning the mess in Stadium. This taught us time management. We all worked with utmost dedication and sincerity.

Vanshika Deswal

When Mr. Swapnil (UK Delegate) was about to announce the result, he was speaking in a grim, hard voice. He was saying that it is not an easy thing to attempt a record, one needs to follow all guidelines. But then he said, "This is the largest plastic cup pyramid", and we all danced like mad people. It was great, and I don't know how to express that feeling.

Sagar

Those Days Were Probably the best days I had at Hansraj so far. Our team used to discuss ideas, put stickers on the cups, and do various other things to make this record possible. I even had a night stay in the stadium and worked at night. All this helped me in creating strong bonds with some amazing College mates.

Bhavayae

It was great! We used to work from morning to night, crack jokes in between, get to know each other a lot. So, it was cherishable experience.

Himanshi

While we worked at the 'Thyagraj Stadium', there was always a fear in mind about what if the pyramid falls. We tried to check all sources of wind, movements and other factors too which could cause its fall. We had three complete sleepless nights, full of anxiety but also with excitement.

Saurabh

Those days were something that we will remember forever. We worked continuously for 66 hours. Our dream came true at 10.18 AM when Kushagra put the last cup: 56,980th cup.

Shuvam

The experience was amazing. I will remember it forever. Three sleepless nights at the stadium, but no tiredness at all. Interaction with superb juniors was fun as well.

Abhishek

Those days in the stadium were full of fun. I used to reach there at 12:00 PM and reach home at 8 in the evening. The entire team used to work, eat and laugh together. Many times the cups would fall but instead of getting disheartened, the team kept working with utter faith and conviction that they would indeed make the largest plastic cup pyramid in the world.

Pooja

The Guinness Achievers- A dream, a team, unquestionable hard work, unstoppable spirit and undoubted excitement. See, how this dream was converted into reality by the students of Hansraj College.

A question was put forward to every member of the team- How were those days spent in the Stadium? Here is what they said.

Those days in the stadium were full of fun and frolic along with a lot of hard work. I was the only girl who was actually in charge of making the pyramid. The seniors really helped and encouraged me. This experience would always remain very close to my heart.

Tanshi

I will never forget and will cherish forever those days spent in the stadium.

Sarthak

It was 70 percent fun, 20 percent exhausting, 10 percent thrilling. But it was difficult. The journey was full of ups and downs, but that made it interesting!

Neelesh

Those 3 days were the best experience ever. We used to stay there all night working together, eating, chilling, enjoying everything together.

Piyush

Those were some amazing days spent in the stadium which cannot be expressed in words. Our team bonded together very well. The memories are still there in the stadium.

Lakshita

We spent around 3-4 days out there. We worked in shifts, all day and night last 3 days were tedious but we had to complete our target. I got to know how team leadership can be practically applied in real life situations. The best part about this was that none of us lowered our morale inspite of this being such a big target.

Sammi

It started a week before the event but the main work that is the placing of cups was done three days before the event. Prior to that we used to have meetings regarding things like design of t-shirts, getting campus ambassadors to promote our event. We recorded stuff, made videos, and clicked pictures. After we were done with work, we used to chill somewhere in the stadium. And, after party fun was the best part.

Pallavi

The days spent in the stadium were good. With the pyramid, we had 2 major problems, time constraints and we had a wooden plank as a base for the pyramid. After 4-5 hrs of work, we realised that as we stepped on it, it moved and thus shook our pyramid. We had to put each and every step so cautiously; our speed reduced tremendously. But in the end, we all worked it out pretty well.

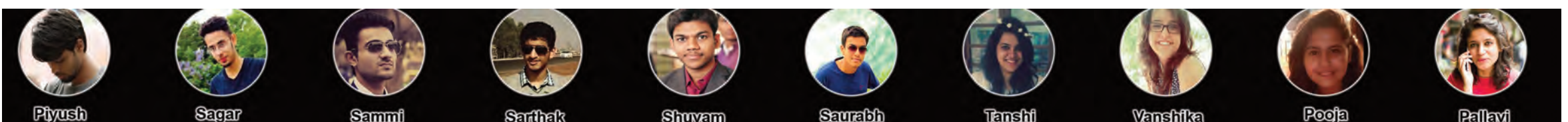
Karan

We spent about 8-9 days in the stadium. For the first 5 days, we just brought the cups and put tags on them, and then in the last 3 days, we made the pyramid. We took help of a crane. We did not face any major difficulties. It was really a proud moment for everyone. We can now say that we have a record to our names.

Ayush

We were like a family there. Kushagra led us, and second years formed the core team. We needed a crane for the job, and in the days to come, we even developed a bond with the crane operator.

Harshit



"Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now." —Goethe

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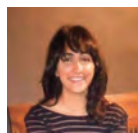


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