

Annual Report  
Department of History  
Shyam Lal College (Evening)

**From the Teacher-in-Charge's Desk**

The Department of History at Shyam Lal College (Evening) has had a dynamic academic year, marked by intellectual engagements, student-led initiatives, and a commitment to fostering historical scholarship. Under the aegis of *Sakshya*, the History Society, we have strived to create a vibrant learning environment beyond classrooms, emphasizing critical thinking, research, and dialogue. This report highlights our key activities and achievements.

**Orientation Programme: Welcoming New Historians**

**Date:** September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Objective:** To acquaint new students with the department's academic ethos, faculty, and opportunities.

**Highlights:**

- **Inaugural Address** by Dr. D. N. Singh, Teacher-in-Charge, outlining the Department's vision.
- **Interactive Session:** Faculty introduced syllabi, research expectations, and departmental resources.
- **Alumni Talk:** A former student shared insights on career paths in history (e.g., civil services, academia).
- **Ice-Breaking Activities:** Team-based quizzes and group discussions on historical themes.

**Graduate Scholars Talk Series (GSTS)**

**Organized by: Sakshya, History Society**

**Frequency:** Weekly seminars (Total sessions: 211)

The Department celebrated a significant milestone with the grand completion of the 200th episode of its flagship seminar series, GSTS, on April 22, 2025. The event, held on the theme

‘The Art of Articulation 2.0,’ was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Prof. D. C. Choubey, Professor and Head, Area Study and Brihattar Bharat, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi.



## **Notable Sessions:**

### **1. “Patriarchy, Capitalism and Subjugation of Women”**

- Speaker: Ms. Gunjan, Post Graduate Scholar, department of History, University of Delhi.
- Guest of Honour: Prof. Nachiketa Singh, Principal, Shyam Lal College Evening, University of Delhi.

### **2. “Intangible Essence of Kumbh”**

- Speaker: Ms. Shrishti Rana, Graduate Scholar, Banaras Hindu University.
- Guest of Honour: Prof. and Head Area Study and Brihattar Bharat IGNCA, New Delhi.

### **3. “The Art of Remaining Silent”**

- Speaker: Mr. Shailendra Rathore, Post Graduate Scholar, Ramjas College, University of Delhi.
- Guest of Honour: Dr. Pramod Kumar Dwivedi, Associate Professor, Department Hindi, Shyam Lal College Evening, University of Delhi.

**Impact:** GSTS has become a platform for intellectual exchange, attracting students from other disciplines and **featured in DD News** on the occasion of Republic Day 2025.

## **Sakshya, History Society Elections**

### **Vision of the New Committee:**

- Expand interdisciplinary collaborations (e.g., with Political Science/Sociology societies).
- Digitize society activities through a YouTube channel/podcast.

## **Student Discussions and Interactive Sessions**

**Pedagogical Approach:** Dialogic and participatory, encouraging students to question dominant narratives.

## **Future Roadmap (2024-25)**

- **Academic activities** : Collaborate with other DU colleges on a theme like *Decolonizing History*, artificial Intelligence, Viksit Bharat etc.
- **Non academic activities**: freshers, farewell and departmental festivals etc.

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