

Shyam Lal College (University of Delhi)

Department of chemistry

Chemistry department annual fest "RASAYANIKA" 25th-26th March 2014

A brief report

"RASAYANIKA 2014" was celebrated in a grand way by students of department of chemistry of Shyam Lal College on March 25 and 26, 2014 under the convenership of Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Teacher In-charge of chemistry department. As part of this educational and cultural fest, a number of activities and competitions were held over the two days such as chemical exhibitions, smell and tell, model making, rangoli competitions, debate ,quizzes ,poster presentations etc.

The fest was inaugurated by Dr. Alka Sharma, principal of the college. She welcomed and encouraged the students to participate with a spirit of healthy competition.

This year, on the second day of fest, we were privileged and honoured to have Prof. Monika Dutta, department of chemistry, university of Delhi, Delhi as a chief guest as well as a invited speaker. She delivered a talk on "chemical structures of gems" She explained how chemistry helps in understanding what gems are made of and how this affects gemstone environments and associations. Most of the gemstones are minerals and inorganic crystal treasures which are found in the natural world. Some gemstones may not be minerals but are organically derived, e.g. amber and jet. Inorganic gems are crystalline, while organic gems are non-crystalline so described as amorphous. Although chemical and crystalline properties are intertwined, all gemstones have a definite chemical composition. All the students as well as faculty members had shown their keen interest during whole of the lecture.

Program schedule: the two day fest was held with the following schedule:

25 th march 2014	
Time	Events
9:30am	Inauguration
10.00am---2:00pm	Chemical exhibitions
10:30am	Smell & tell
11:30 am	Debate
12:30pm	Chemistry quiz
1:00am	Rangoli making
26 th march 2014	
10:00 am	Poster Presentation
11:00am	Invited talk by Prof. Monika Dutta, Deptt. of Chemistry, University of Delhi
12:30am	Prize distribution and valedictory



Prize distribution ceremony was held after the talk. Prof. Monika Dutta distributed the prizes to the winners of various activities. Certificate of participation was given to all the participants. Dr. Sanjay kumar delivered the vote of thanks to conclude the fest.

The department feels proud of conducting such programs as these programs contribute to the enrichment of the students. The department is highly thankful to the principal and management for their timely advice and cooperation for the smooth conduct of annual fest “RASAYANIKA 2014” A heartfelt thanks to all teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and students of the department for their non-ending efforts and cooperation for making “RASAYANIKA 2014” a grand success.