

“QASIDA - THE POETRY SOCIETY OF SHYAMLAL COLLEGE (M)”

MEHFIL-E-QASIDA

सिर्फ हंगामा खड़ा करना मेरा मकसद नहीं,
सारी कोशिश है कि ये सूरत बदलनी चाहिए।



About 3 years ago, in order to bring importance and relevance to writing of poems, shayaris, short stories etc., "QASIDA i.e. The Poetry Society was formed in Shyam Lal College. The society started with small scale events and slowly tried to leave its impact on the college as well as the students. Last year was a very important year for our society. With the help of our college authorities, our Principal Mr. Rabi Narayan Kar, our convener Mr. Abbasuddin Tapadar and Mr. Mohommad Sajid, other guiding teachers and fellow team mates we were able to organise the largest and the first of its kind poetry fest the college has ever experienced. The society earned the praise from every student and teacher.



Last year's flagship event was "Mehfil-e-Qasida", which is an urdu word meaning a gathering celebrating and appreciating poetry. The main motive of this fest was to encourage the habit of writing and reading in the youth and letting poetry make its importance felt in today's society. The event was open for participation to students belonging to all the colleges of Delhi University and writing in any language because poetry is not guarded by any language. We were overwhelmed by the amount of response we received. Contrary to our expectations, we found out that many students are still in touch with this form of art. Not only did we get a great response from students but also some retired teachers wanted to perform in our event. We received many special guests who were intrigued by the event and its concept. An enormous crowd gathered for the event and was very appreciative.



The main attraction of the event were the judges who were well known and prestigious names in the world of poetry. Our first judge was Farhat Ehsas, a member of Rekhta Foundation, one of the most well known source urdu poetry who guided the young poets through his experience. Azhar Iqbal, another poet who could make you feel loved only through his words and way of narration shared the stage with him. Shariq kaifi, one of the most prominent contemporary poets who is equally creative in both Ghazals and Nazm was also a member of our jury. Imtiyaz Khan, a very young poet ; but have yet acquired great precision in his writings was also present . The poets not only judged the competition but gave us a taste of their writings by reciting some of their best works. They also guided the participants about how to improve one's writing and gave other valuable advices. The majestic and mesmerizing poetry and shayari delivered by the poets as well as the participants made the environment serene. The event was a great success and we hope to continue with such events in the coming future.



