



**SLC (University of Delhi)
SHYAM LAL COLLEGE**



YAMUNA MAHOTSAV 2021

**Annual Report
2020-21**

About The College

Shyam Lal College (SLC), a co-educational constituent college of the University of Delhi, was established in 1964 by the great visionary and entrepreneur Padmashree (late) Shri Shyam Lal Gupta. SLC has earned its legitimate reputation as the most efficient and prominent educational institution in the entire East Delhi region. SLC has become the center of academic excellence since its inception and aims to make quality education accessible to the students, especially girls, from economically and educationally disadvantaged community of East Delhi. The endeavor of the College has always been to make higher education more committed, job oriented, meaningful and pragmatic, and at the same time more adaptable to the ever-changing demands of our society and globe.

About The Yamuna River

On the bank of Yamuna is the city of Delhi. The Yamuna River is of great economic significance to Delhi today. It covers approx 22 KM from Wazirabad Barrage to Okhla Barrage in Delhi segment. There is a barrage at Wazirabad which supplies drinking water to the city of Delhi. Yamuna River also has its own historical and well as cultural values. Yamuna River plays a significant role in the field of spiritualism. Various Ghats at the Yamuna River are the holy pilgrimage site for worship. Thousands of people visit Ghats of Yamuna River for the Yamuna Aarti on regular basis.

About The Yamuna Mahotsav

As a maiden attempt to pay homage to the life line of our city, the Yamuna River, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi conducted the Yamuna Mahotsav on 5th and 6th of March, 2021 at College Campus as well as Yamuna Ghat. The theme of the Festival was **“Conservation and Rejuvenation of the Ever Green Yamuna”**. It aims to spread more awareness towards conservation and rejuvenation of Yamuna River among the students and society at large.

Under the able leadership of our respected Principal Sir, Professor Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, the festival was organized by the Fine Arts Society, NSS and Eco Club in collaboration with IQAC. A Plantation and Cleanliness drive, along with a Pledge to conserve the river was held at the Ghat of Yamuna followed by an Eco-friendly Aarti by lighting more than 1000 lamp. Both online and offline events like Nukkad Natak, Dance Performances, Stage Play, Musical Compositions and live Band, Debate, Film Making, Photography and Fine Arts Exhibition was organized as a part of Festival.

The online events held during the festival were Orator's bout by the college debating society Sheershadth, a short film making competition by Falcon Film society, a poetry competition by Qasida poetry society and a photography competition by the fine arts society of the college. The

offline events held during the festival were a Nukkad Natak on the theme of Yamuna river conservation by Aakrosh street play society. NSS with Eco club conducted a Plantation and Cleanliness drive, along with a Pledge to conserve the river was held at the Ghat of Yamuna followed by an Eco-friendly Aarti. Aarodhya dance society displayed dance performances on the rich cultural heritage of India and its rivers.

A Stage play was put up by the college dramatics society, Jharokha. The Swaragam music society and the live band of the college, Insignia added glory to the festival by their soulful musical renditions. An art exhibition by Eco club and fine arts society along with live canvas painting added beauty to the festival. 250 participants attended the event.

Schedule of Yamuna Mahotsav

DAY - 1: 5th March, 2021

1. Lamp lighting
2. Pledge by NSS (Pledge not to pollute Yamuna River)
3. Saraswati Vandana
4. Nukkad Natak by Aakrosh
5. Skit by Jharokha
6. Cleanliness drive by NSS and Eco Club at Ghat No. 21, Yamuna Bazar.
7. Plantation drive by NSS and Eco Club at Ghat No. 21, Yamuna Bazar.
8. Yamuna Aarti by NSS and Eco Club at Ghat No. 21, Yamuna Bazar.

DAY - 2: 6th March, 2021

(a) Offline Events

1. Art exhibition - Fine Arts and Eco Club
2. Live musical events – Swaragam
3. Dance Performances – Aarodhya
4. Musical concert – Insignia
5. Live canvas painting – Fine arts and Falcon films

(b) Online Events

1. Orator's bout – Sheershashth (Debating Society)
2. Short film making contest – Falcon films
3. Photography competition – Fine arts
4. Poetry Competition – Qasida

Event Wise Details

LAMP LIGHTING & PLEDGE

The event was initiated by lamp lighting near the idol of Goddess Saraswati followed by pledge by NSS unit towards the cleanliness of our river. The pledge aims for protecting our environment and create a better world by not polluting and rivers and water conservation. After the pledge, our respected Principal, Professor Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, motivate the students towards the theme of conservation and rejuvenation of the ever green Yamuna.



AARODHYA –SLC DANCE SOCIETY

Aarodhya –SLC Dance Society of our college performed in the Yamuna Mahotsav 2021 organized by Shyam Lal College in collaboration with IQAC & NSS on 5th and 6th March 2021 under the guidance of Dr. Shivali Kharbanda, Convenor, Aarodhya – SLC Dance Society.

AARODHYA – THE INDIAN DANCE SOCIETY

DAY - 1: 5th MARCH 2021

Saraswati Vandana

Aarodhya – The Indian Dance Society performed the Saraswati Vandana by the Kathak exponents of our Indian Dance Society – Rahul Kumar & Unnaty Karn. Both of them presented their back to back solo performances on the stage and turned the environment purely divine. Rahul presented a deep and pure classical kathak jugalbandi and Unnaty gracefully presented the Saraswati Vandana.



DAY - 2: 6th MARCH 2021

Folk Dance Performance

All the members of **Aarodhya – The Indian Dance Society** and **Aarodhya – The Western Dance Crew** altogether presented the diversity of our Indian Culture through a folk dance on Rajasthani, Kashmiri and Gujarati songs.

A special medley was prepared for this production and the choreography was done by Unnaty Karn and Swasti Jain – the current leading members of the society.





Classical Dance Kathak Performance



The members of **Aarodhya – The Indian Dance Society** presented a special Classical Dance Kathak performance based on the fusion track of Trap Padhant – Indian Raga on 6th of March, 2021 in the college campus.

The dance was choreographed by our talented senior Rahul Kumar and junior member Unnaty Karn.



Western Dance Performance

The members of Aarodhya Western dance crew performed a showcase on some of the styles named locking, whacking, hip hop and party dance. The choreographies were done by Piyush Panwar, Nandini Verma and Shruti Gupta.



AAKROSH – The Street Play Society

AAKROSH – The Street Play Society of our college performed in the Yamuna Mahotsav 2021 organized by Shyam Lal College in collaboration with IQAC & NSS on 5th and 6th March 2021 under the guidance of Dr. Supriti Mishra, Convenor, Aakrosh: SLC Street Play Society.

DAY - 1: 5th MARCH, 2021

On the first day of the event AAKROSH got the opportunity to perform its play “**SHURUWAT KHUD SE**” which highlighted the main causes of the rising pollution level in the river Yamuna. The play emphasis on the retrospective comparison of river Yamuna to the Thames which was 50 years ago declared biologically dead while Yamuna was considered amongst the cleanest ones. Presently the latter is considered the cleanest river in the world however Yamuna is one of the most polluted rivers in the country. Aakrosh has sought to take an initiative in order to sensitise people and spread awareness regarding the rising pollution levels of River Yamuna.



“Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we can’t eat money. “

The Street Play Society is elated and proud of its continuous efforts to provide the students with a platform which aims at broadening their horizon and desensitization the public regarding various social issues. We thank our respected Principal Sir, Professor, Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, for such a great opportunity and we are looking forward for more such opportunities.



JHAROKHA – The Dramatics Society

DAY - 1: 5th MARCH, 2021

Jharokha – The Dramatics Society of the college presented its Annual Production titled '*Yamuna*' on March 5th, 2021 at 5.00 PM in the first edition of **Yamuna Festival, 2021** organized by Shyam Lal College in collaboration with IQAC and NSS. The performance was started with one of the members warmly welcoming Principal Sir, Professor, Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar, Convenor of the Jharokha, Mr. M. Abbasuddin Tapadar, other faculty members. The synopsis of the play was then presented and the play '*Yamuna*' commenced.

The play was very well written by Team Jharokha and was directed by Mr. Rajiv Kohli and Mr. Siddharth Saxena, members of SOCH Rangmanch. The play compiled of 5 scenes with significant background music and well-timed lightings. The play personified river Yamuna as a woman and portrayed the hardships faced by the river. Towards the end of the play the audience turned emotional. The play ended with a social message to protect and preserve a river. The play was appreciated with a standing ovation and a huge round of applause.





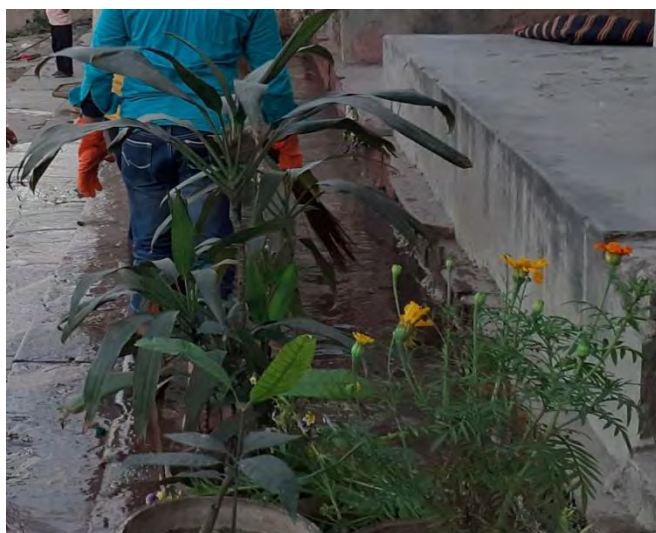
National Service Scheme (NSS)

NSS unit of our college under the guidance of NSS programme officer Dr. Jasvir Singh (NSS Programme Officer) and Mr. Varun Panwar (Faculty Member, NSS), participated in the Yamuna Mahotsav 2021 organized by Shyam Lal College in collaboration with IQAC on 5th March, 2021.

DAY - 1: 5th MARCH, 2021

Plantation Drive

NSS of Shyam Lal College participated in “YAMUNA MAHOTSAV” on 5th March 2021 at Yamuna Ghat No.21. Volunteers of NSS start with Plantation Drive at Ghat No. - 21, Yamuna bazaar. Various plants of different varieties were added to increase the green cover. 25-30 plants along with pots were planted at Ghat No. - 21.



Sanitation Drive

Around 4 p.m. all volunteers of NSS conducted a sanitation drive at Ghat No. – 21. Entire Ghat was washed with water and cleaned with broom. Solid waste was collected and put in the garbage. All students were protected with masks and rubber hand gloves.





Lamp Lightning

Near around 6 p.m., our volunteers start lighting the lamps (Diyas) at Ghat No. – 21. More than 1000 lamps were arranged at Ghat for the Yamuna aarti. All lamps (Diyas) were made up from biodegradable material keeping Yamuna River safe from pollution and organic waste. More than 50 handmade candles (Eco-friendly) and lamps (Diyas) were flown into the Yamuna River





Yamuna Aarti

At 7:00 p.m. all volunteers of NSS participate in Yamuna Aarti. Around 50 persons were there in Yamuna Aarti including local residents. 4 special priests were invited for this event. At the end of Yamuna Aarti, all throw their lamp (Diya) into the Yamuna River with flowers. The day 1 of Yamuna Mahotsav ends with distribution of Prasad.



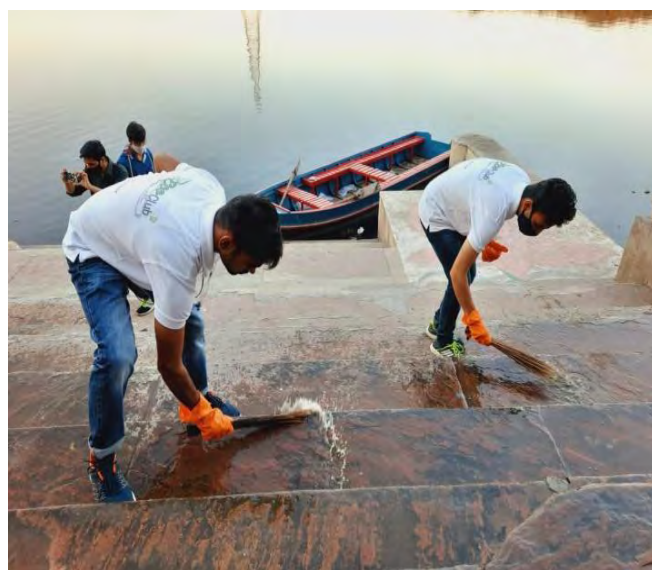




Eco Club (The Last Leaf)

DAY - 1: 5th MARCH, 2021

Eco Club (The Last Leaf) of Shyam Lal College under the guidance of Mr. Pankaj Kumar Chaudhary, Convenor and Dr. Sunaina Zutshi, Faculty Member, Eco Club, participated in 'YAMUNA MAHOTSAV' on 5th March 2021 at Yamuna Ghat No.21 where Eco club Team come up with Plantation Drive, Cleanliness Drive and Eco Friendly Yamuna Aarti and float the hand-made Eco Friendly Candle made by Eco Club team along with NSS.



DAY - 2: 6th MARCH, 2021

On 6th March 2021, Eco club team organised Craft Exhibition where hand-made nests, flowerpots, environment friendly bags, wall hangers, and many other things were displayed.



FALCON FILMS-The Film Making Society of Shyam Lal College

SHORT FILM MAKING CONTEST

Falcon Films, The Film Making Society of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, organized Short Film Making Contest held under Yamuna Festival on 5-6th March 2021. Taking the Corona virus Pandemic under consideration the event was conducted in online mode.

We received many entries from all across the country and the talent pool was astounding. Each and every entry had a unique thing to offer, some had amazing direction other had outstanding cinematography, but one thing that was common, was that each one of them was thought provoking. It was the originality of ideas, uniqueness of thought, captivating screenplay, realistic acting, skilful direction and outstanding cinematography that set the winning entry apart from others.

The final screening was conducted on the 6 March 2021 on the campus. Falcon Films put in a



great deal of effort to make this contest huge success. All this would have not been possible without the support of our Principal Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar sir for organising such a fascinating event and our convenor Mr. Abbas Tapadar for his encouragement throughout the event.

The jury members consisted of Mr. Rajarshi and Mr. Raj Kumar, not only judged these films with utmost diligence but also provided the students with insights on art of film making. The best short film

prizes were awarded to Pritam from Amity University, Gurgaon for the film titled "Responsibility". The movie was clever and realistic and takes about the need to conserve water.

The screenplay was witty and sensible.

All the participants were awarded with participation certificates and winners with cash prizes.

Overall the event was a huge success.

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SWARAAGAM-The Music Society

DAY - 2: 6th MARCH, 2021

Swaraagam, the music society of Shyamlal College, under the guidance of its Convenor Mr. Rajarshi Kalita, Rapti Mishra and Monika Khemani, performed a theme-based program on the occasion of Yamuna Festival, 6th March 2021. The society initiated the event by bringing up its own version of tribute to the rivers of the world by recalling one's duty to join hands in a drive to conserve the rivers. The second performance was a dedication to River Ganga, one of those which are eternally worshipped in our country, the greatest amongst all the rivers whose tributary is River Yamuna.

The next performances were based on rain foregrounding its importance and how it fills the thirst of rivers and how it is a medium for sky to address its love for earth. The last performance was a mashup built around the theme of river, rain and spring. The performances were concluded by addressing the society members by the president of the society, thanking the principal and addressing the heads of society.



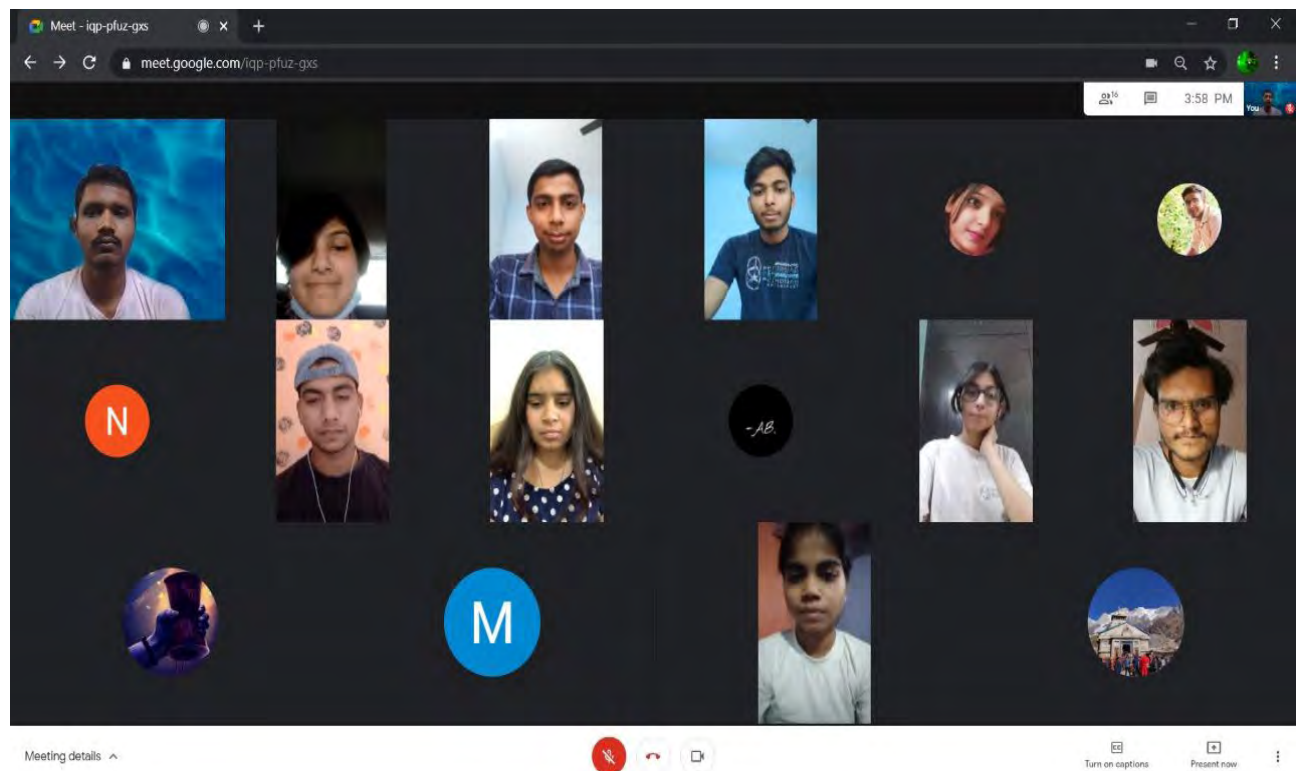


QASIDA - The Poetry Society of Shyam Lal College

DAY - 2: 6th MARCH, 2021

Qasida, The Poetry Society organized a Virtual Open Mic Poetry Competition on 6th of March, 2021 under the guidance of Dr. Sujata Tewatia, Convenor, Qasida. The theme of the competition was Environment/ River/ Water Conservation. We received the registration of around 60+ students from all the colleges of University of Delhi and Noida. The organizing committee shortlisted 15 students from the poems that were submitted along with the Google form for the final competition. The competition was hosted by Dishy Agarwal, Core Member of Qasida and was judged by Manish Kumar, Alumni of Qasida.

All the members of Qasida made sure that the event functions smoothly managing every aspect properly and effectively. Though every student performed remarkably, our judge had to choose the best three as the final winners. The first position was bagged by Arpita Singh of Ramanujan College. The second position was held by Swathi Krishna of Daulat Ram College. Vipassana Gautam of Ramanujan College grabbed the third position. The participants are yet to be awarded with the cash prizes and certificates.



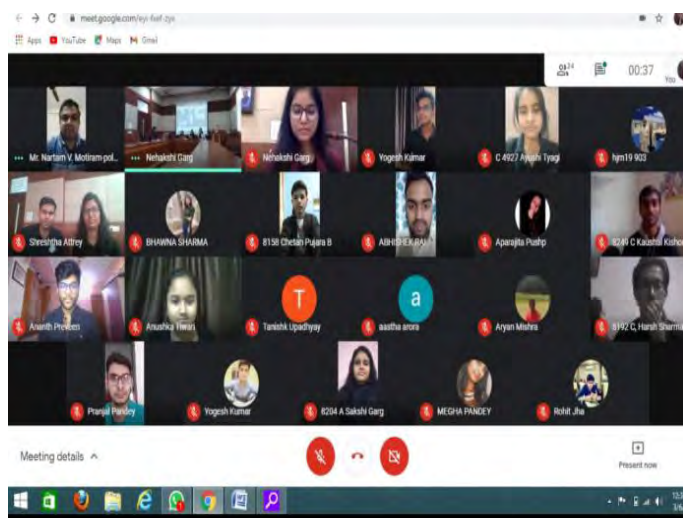
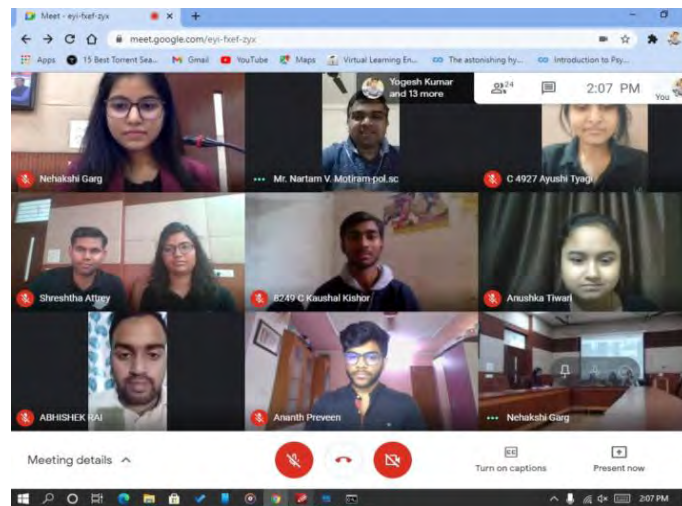
SHEERSHASTH -The Debating Society of SLC

DAY - 2: 6th MARCH, 2021

Sheershasth, The Debating Society Of SLC, organized its Annual Bilingual Inter College Conventional Debate Competition Orator's bout '21 on 6th of March ,2021 at 10.30 a.m. onwards, in online mode via google meet under First edition of **Yamuna festival**. The motion of debate was “*THBT activism on river conservation died down because of prosperity from industrialization.*”

More than 80 teams, from different colleges all over India, registered for the event. The organising committee selected top 25 teams to participate. The convenor of Sheershasth, Dr. Seema Dabas, initiated the event by welcoming all the participants and jury members and presented a token of honour to the Principal, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, who marked his presence and encouraged the participants. He also stressed about the need for conserving rivers as they are the lifeline for human survival.

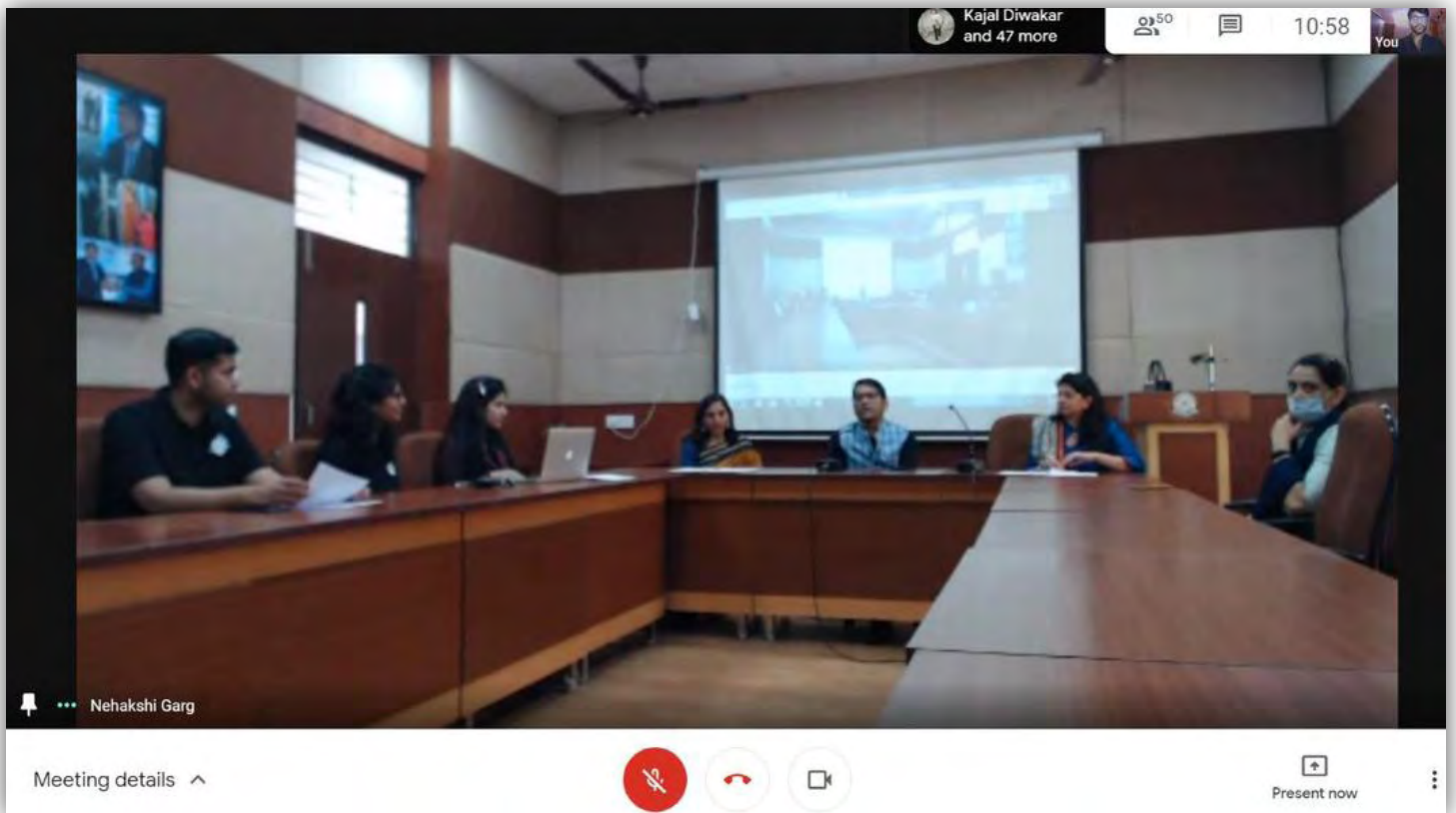
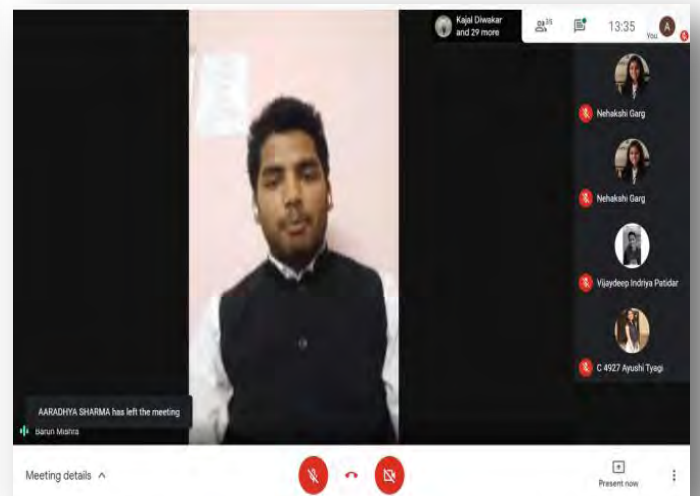
The Competition was facilitated by the presence of Dr. Kavita Arora. The event was conducted smoothly with Sheershasth team handling everything effortlessly and participants presenting their valid and sharp arguments, substantiating them with proven facts.



The jury consisted of Dr. Vivekanand and Dr. Suman, who listened to each and every participant with great attention, patience and marked them for their speeches. The competition prizes were awarded for the Best Team to Muskan Upadhyaya and Bhawna Sharma of Miranda House, Best Speaker to Raju Bajpai of SGND Khalsa College and Best Interjector to Vijaydeep Indriya of Government Law College, Indore.

Nehakshi Garg, The President of Sheershasth, gave the vote of thanks. All the participants

were awarded with participation certificates and winners with cash prizes.



INSIGNIA – THE WESTERN MUSIC SOCIETY

INSIGNIA – The western music society of our college performed in the Yamuna Festival 2021 organized by Shyam Lal College in collaboration with IQAC & NSS on the 5th and 6th of March 2021 under the guidance of Mr. Abbas Tapadar, convenor, INSIGNIA.

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Insignia had performed on the 6th of March during the two-day long event organized by the college. The college band had delivered an exhilarating performance. The members sang a variety of songs the genres of which ranged from rock, Bollywood, and funk!



The crowd was wowed by the energy and charisma of the band as it seamlessly engaged the audience into a fantastic concert. The students as well as the teachers enjoyed themselves thoroughly as the notes of the music echoed beautifully through the decorated grounds of SLC.



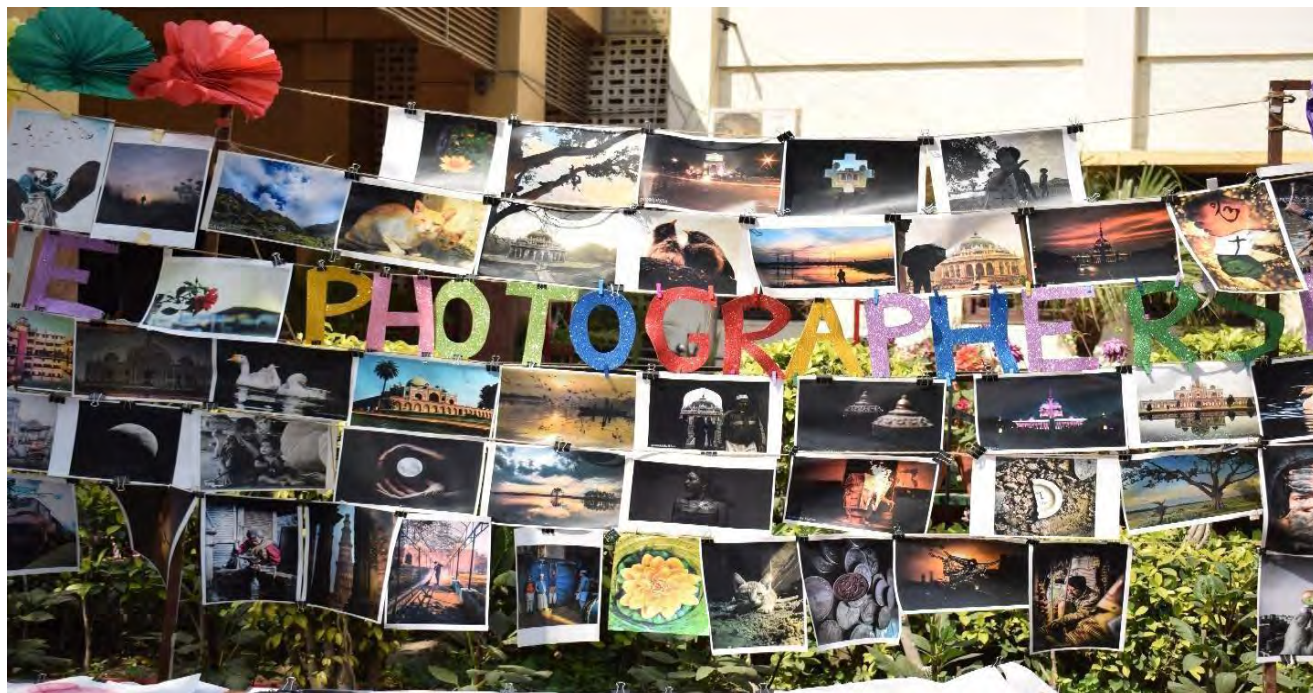
FPCS - Fine Arts, Photography and Cultural Society of Shyam Lal College

FPCS- Fine Arts, Photography and Cultural Society of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi took part in the Yamuna Festival 2021, organized by the college in collaboration with the IQAC & NSS on the 5th and 6th of March 2021.

The society carried out the task of decorating and beautifying the college for the event, with colourful paper flowers, rows of tassels of the different shades of blue decorated along the path welcoming the audience, creating an ambience for a funfilled. Photo-booths were sprinkled across the ambience and humorous as well as pretty props were created for the people to capture snaps of the day and amazing memories with their friends. The **Luciferwings** became a prime hot spot for clicking pictures and letting their inner model out.

The society also showcased the talents of their members, both artists and photographers by organizing an exhibition, showcasing the brilliant and astute work of the members. *Chitrakarita*, the art exhibition and *The Photographer's Eye*, the photography exhibition was organized. This also gave the first-year students of the society to showcase their talents to the guests and get a chance in the spotlight.

FPCS also conducted competitions, both offline and online, keeping the COVID 19 protocol in mind. An online photography competition named *Snapshot* and an on-the-spot canvas painting competition named *Canva Live* was organized, with students from different colleges of the University of Delhi participating in full zeal. Amazing entries for the photo remarkable competition were received, and amazing canvas paintings were also made by the participants. A **wall of thought** was also made for the students as well as other members of the audience to write their thoughts down on the theme of the event, as well as to give any necessary feedback.



Winners of Canva Live

RESULTS OF CANVA LIVE :

1st position : Pallavi (slc)



2nd position: Astha (slc)



3rd position: Sushant(sol)



Winner of the Online Photography competition

Result of Snapshot

Online photography competition



1st Position
Rohit Saini (IGNOU)



2nd Position
Kunal Tanwar
(Shivaji College)



3rd Position
Bharti Rawat
(Lady Irvin College)



Organising committee:

Dr. Kusha Tiwari, (Convenor, IQAC)
 Dr. Shivali Kharbanda, (Convenor, Yamuna Mahotsav)
 Mr. M. Abbasuddin Tapadar, (Convenor, Fine Arts Society)
 Dr. Jasvir Singh (NSS Programme Officer)
 Mr. Pankaj Kumar Chaudhary (Convenor, ECO Club)
 Dr. Supriti Mishra, (Convenor, Aakrosh: SLC Street Play Society)
 Seema Dabas (Convenor, Sheershashth -The Debating Society)
 Rajarshi Kalita (Convenor, Swaraagam-The Music Society)
 Mr. Varun Panwar, (Member, NSS)
 Dr. Sunaina Zutshi, (Member, ECO Club)

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