

Annual Report (2018-19)

Skeptics: Philosophy Association, Daulat Ram College

“*Action speaks better than words*”. This is a well-known proverb and the Philosophy Association ‘Skeptics’ of Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, which is under the mentorship of the Association In-charge **Dr. Sonia Mehta**, completely lives up to this maxim. All the members of the association, including students and other teachers have been profoundly involved and active under her supervision. It is due to which the association could organise its many courses of events successfully. In the current session, the Philosophy Association began with the commencement of Elections of the Office Bearers, on **8th August 2018**. Utmost care was taken for a fair result and almost all the students from the department casted their votes. The elected candidates who took positions as office bearers are:

1. Nidhi Upadhyay B.A. (H) Philosophy	IIIrd Year	President
2. J.Manimekhla	-do-	IIIrd Year Vice President
3.Arundahti Dubey	-do-	IIrd Year Secretary
4. Shruti Jain	-do-	IIInd year Treasurer
5. Astha	-do-	Ist Year Joint Secretary

The phase of students where they enter college after their school life happens to be one of the most terrific moments that they experience. Keeping this in mind, a Fresher’s Party on the theme “**Fire and Ice**” highlighting the philosophical significance of co-existence of antagonistic elements and witnessing the showcase of fusion attires and performances was enthusiastically organised by the association on **30th August 2018** to welcome the first year students. The party was a huge success and made students to learn the

importance of education, college life in general and enabled them to interact and become familiar with other senior students and teachers. The day was also marked by the investiture ceremony of the union members. The title of Miss Freshers was by Miss Anushka Pandey.

The Philosophy Association Skeptics then organised its Inter-College Annual Fest “*Daršana*” on **8th April 2018**. The theme of the fest was “**Social Dilemmas in the Public Interface**”. Keeping that in mind, the fest commenced by an enlightening talk by the **Chief Guest- Prof. Balaganapathi Devarakonda**, Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi. **Nukad Natak Competition** was organized with the intention to surface the inner actor and raise awareness on various social issues. Students from various colleges participated and put forward their talent through their performances. This was followed by an **Aitraf- Open Mic Competition**, a platform to speak the unheard and hear the unspoken in our arena, where the students showcased their ingenuity. Along with these entrancing events, an **online Photography Competition** on the theme, “**Normalizing LGBTQ+**” was launched on the college website for which we received a booming response with more than hundred entries from various colleges (north and south campuses) from University of Delhi like Hansraj College, Lady Sriram College, Kirori Mal College, Rajdhani College, Zakir Husain Delhi College, Ramjas College, Kamla Nehru College, Hindu College etc. as well as from other Universities like National Law University, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, BITS Pilani, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Indraprastha University.

The concluding session began with the **Thematic Show Competition** on the much debated topic of “**Gender Neutrality**” which has drawn a lot of support and dissent in our contemporary social order. It was a successful event which inspired students to showcase their talent and confidence.

With a footfall of around 200 students and participants from various colleges around the campus Darsana'18 remains a day full of vivid memories.

This academically motivated yet fun-filled fest ended with an award ceremony, where the honourable dignitaries felicitated the winners of the various competitions and the office bearers of the Philosophy association of the college.

Skeptics hosted its **Farewell party** on **13th April 2018**. The day was full of fun and frolic and reminiscing the glorious time spent at the department. The title of Miss Philosophy'18 was won by Miss Supriya Heikham. It has been an enlightening and a year full of beautiful memories for the Skeptics family.