

****Report on the Department of History Event at PGDAV College, Old Seminar Hall****

****Date:**** November 7, 2023

****Venue:**** Old Seminar Hall, PGDAV College

****Event:**** Inaugural Session with Prof. B. R. Mani sir and Dr. Vasant K. Swarnkar sir

The Department of History at PGDAV College organized an insightful one day seminar on the topic "DELHI THROUGH THE AGES" on November 7, 2023, held at the Old Seminar Hall. The event featured esteemed guests, Prof. B. R. Mani sir Hon'ble Vice Chancellor NMI & DG, national museum and Dr. Vasant K. Swarnkar sir Director (Museum) ASI, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, respectively.

The event commenced with an auspicious note as attendees sang Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of the goddess of knowledge. Following this, the traditional lighting of lamps was carried out by our distinguished guests and the college's principal.

Our principal Krishna Sharma mam initiated the inaugural session by extending a welcome address to the guest speakers, emphasizing the significance and continuity of such events as we get to know more about our history and culture and gather fruitful knowledge by the esteemed speakers.

Our Chief Guest Prof. B. R. Mani enlightens us about the development of archeological excavation in Delhi from the British times and gave an overall view about the development of Delhi in different times from the pre- historic time towards the British time. He also discussed deeply about the archaeological findings from his excavated sites Lal Court and Salim Garh in Delhi. He highlighted the significance of these artifacts in understanding the historical narrative of the region, shedding light on the numerous historical events that unfolded in Delhi.

After that, Dr. Vasant K. Swarnkar delivered his key note address focusing on the different stages of settlement in Delhi through the material obtained from the different excavations then he elaborated his

excavation of Purana Qila in year 2013-14 and 2022-23. On the basis of excavated material from the Purana Qila he established that in the area human settlement was continued in urban phase continued from the pre- Mauryan period to British times. He gave a comprehensive view of how Delhi evolved through the ages, portraying the rich and diverse legacy of this historic city.

Dr. Ankit Agarwal sir, the TIC, then extended a vote of thanks to the guest for making the event a memorable and insightful experience for all.

The event was a resounding success, offering a deep dive into the historical and archaeological wonders of Delhi, and attendees left with a renewed appreciation for the rich history of this vibrant city.

In the second session (open session) we have six presentations from the students of different colleges of Delhi University for the PPT competition. The first participant named Sumit dagar presented about "Delhi : how it changed through the ages". The second participant named Khushi Shakya presented about "Delhi : As a historical city". The third participant named Rupam presented about "Delhi : City of empires". The fourth participant named Govardhan presented about "Delhi through the ages". The fifth participant named Karan presented about "Delhi's Historical Relevance". The sixth participant named Anshuman presented about "Sanskrit and the Delhi Sultans". At the end of all the presentations winners were decided by the judges. Anshuman, Karan and Rupam are the winners with first, second and third position respectively.

The third session concluded with a cultural program where students presented Haryanvi and Rajasthani folk dance and also sang a Pahadi folk song.