## The BA Programme Society

The B.A. Programme Society of St. Stephen's College has had a vibrant and intellectually stimulating academic year in 2023-24. With a series of events that ranged from interactive sessions to thought-provoking talks and competitions, the society has significantly contributed to the academic milieu of the college.

## **Events Overview**

1. **Pass and Play Along** was an engaging interactive session with First Year Junior Members, fostering a welcoming environment and encouraging active participation in society's activities. 2. **Inaugural Talk Session** - A talk on "Religious Freedom, Identity Politics and State Neutrality" by Professor Rajeev Bhargava, which provided deep insights into contemporary issues affecting our society.

3. **Talk Session with Awadh Ojha** - A session titled "Awakening the soul of India - Youth, Culture and Philosophy," led by Awadh Ojha, inspired many students to explore and reflect on India's rich cultural heritage.

## 4. Pre-Fest Lectures

 $\circ$  IES Gaurav Kumar enlightened the audience on "Behavioural Economics," offering a unique perspective on economic decision-making.

 $\circ$  Professor Sanjay Kumar analyzed the political landscape with his lecture on "How the contest of 2024 is poised at the moment?"

5. Faculty Seminar Series - In collaboration with IQAC, the society hosted seminars with Prof. Alia Zaman and Prof. Pia David, enhancing the academic discourse among faculty members. 6. Confluence - Annual Fest

(a) Elocution Competition

 $\circ$  A competitive event on the topic of 'One Nation, One Election,' saw participants from Delhi University articulating their views on this significant electoral reform.

(b) Talk Session with Prof. Asha Sarangi(JNU)

 $\circ$  A session on 'Political Semiotics and Rhetoric in India' by Prof. Asha Sarangi, which delved into the nuances of political communication in the Indian context.

(c) Play by Kathakar Mandali

 $\circ$  A captivating performance titled 'Gumshuda' by Kathakar Mandali, which added an artistic dimension to the society's events.

(d) Talk Session with Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka (JNU)

 $\circ$  A forward-looking discussion on 'The Future of Caste in India' by Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka, encouraging a critical examination of social structures.

The B.A Programme Society has successfully curated a series of events that have not only enriched the academic experience but also provided a platform for critical dialogue and

expression. The society looks forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in the years to come.