

## The Urdu Literary Society



### BAZM-E-ADAB ANNUAL REPORT (2023-24)

Bazm e Adab, the Urdu literary society successfully organized twelve events in the Academic Year 2023-24.

In this report, some of the prominent and important events that we organised are mentioned:

#### 1. *The 5 Day Urdu calligraphy workshop:*

Marking the inaugural event of the academic year, Bazm-e-Adab hosted a five-day Urdu Calligraphy Workshop from September 18th to 22nd. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Shamim Ahmad, the expert calligrapher, 31 participants learned the art of calligraphy in Urdu. Each day was filled with focused learning, practice sessions and interactions with the instructor.



#### 2. *Mehfil-e-shayari:*

Held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Mess Lawns, Mehfil-e-Shayari was a culturally rich event that provided a platform for college students to showcase their poetic talent. The event saw

enthusiastic participation from students representing various languages, and the young poets reflected the multicultural essence of the College. Around 15 students presented their creative writings in the form of poetry and 50-60 members in audience enjoyed the event.



### 3. Reading Circle

Bazm-e-Adab, in collaboration with the Gender Studies Cell, organized a reading circle on November 9th to explore Rajinder Singh Bedi's "Lajwanti." The event delved into the themes of gender, trauma, and power dynamics through the lens of partition literature. Dr. Shamim Ahmed facilitated discussions around the story's portrayal of silence and the marginalization of women. The reading circle offered a platform for critical analysis and fostered a deeper understanding of the intersection of gender and literature.





#### **4. Adabi Nashist Ba Yaad-e-Iqbal:**

On November 11, 2023, Bazm-e-Adab organised a panel discussion on the writings of the renowned Urdu poet, Allama Iqbal titled, "Adabi Nashist Ba Yaad-e-Iqbal," sponsored by Iqbal Academy India. The event celebrated the life and works of Allama Iqbal through lectures by eminent scholars, including Prof. Abdul Haq (Professor Emeritus, Department of Urdu, University of Delhi), Prof. Mohammad Zakir (Professor, Department of Urdu, Jamia Millia Islamia), Prof. Syed Akhtar Hussain (Professor, Department of Persian, JNU), Dr. Zafar Mehmood (President, Iqbal Academy India and IAS) and Dr. Shamim Ahmed. Students also got a chance to present Iqbal's poetry in front of the audience that encouraged them.



### **5. The Old Delhi Tour:**

On 4th February 2024, Bazm-e-Adab took 30 students from college to explore the architectural wonders of old Delhi, guided by the experts on the history of Old Delhi, Farhan Baig (PGT Urdu) and the Staff Advisor, Shamim Ahmed. The group visited some of the prominent places like Jama Masjid, Ghalib ki Haveli, Kucha Ustaad Dagh , Fatehpuri Masjid and one of the protected Haveli in Old Delhi that enabled students to understand and explore Old Delhi's cultural heritage.





### **6. Ghazal Sarai by Oshin Bhatia:**

To promote cultural heritage and artistic expression, Bazm-e-Adab organised an evening of “Ghazal Sarai”, sponsored by Urdu Academy, India on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, in the College Hall. The soulful melodies of Oshin Bhatia, a renowned singer, not only left the audience in a state of awe, but also enabled them to experience the beauty of meaningful Urdu Ghazals.

### **7. The Qawwali Night:**

Bazm-e-Adab, in collaboration with the Student Union Society organised Qawwali Night by Niazi Brothers during the Annual College Fest, Harmony on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in College Hall. The renowned Qawwals gave wonderful performances on famous Sufi renditions such

as “Kun Faya Kun”, “Rashk-e-Qamar”, etc, which was enjoyed by a large audience of more than 600 students.

#### **8. Inter College Bait Baazi and Ghazal Sarai Competition for Ghalib Running Trophy:**

Bazm-e-Adab hosted a two-day fest, Kehkashaan on 18-19 April 2024. The first day of the fest featured, “Ghazal Sarai”, an inter-college Ghazal Recitation Competition for the prestigious Ghalib Running Trophy followed by the inter-college Bait Bazi Competition, both sponsored by Ghalib Institute, New Delhi. Both events were presided over by the respective judges, Dr. Mujeeb Akhtar and Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed. The events were successful and saw great participation by students from various colleges.



#### **9. Eid lunch:**

The second day of the Fest concluded with a grand Eid Lunch, hosted at College Mess, which was a delightful culinary experience for all attendees.





To conclude, Bazm-e-Adab was not only able to achieve all the objectives it aimed at the beginning of the Academic Year but also exceeded its initial objectives and concluded the year with being able to organise more events, to get more participation of students and to better promote Urdu language than it initially planned to.

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