

# **Society Activity Report 2023-24**

## **The Leadership Cell, St. Stephen's College**

This year, The Leadership Cell was steered by the following council members under the guidance of our **Staff Advisor, Dr. Soofia Siddique**:

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**Executive Council Member #6:** Gowhar Mubarak

Over the course of the academic year 2023-24, The Leadership Cell was thrilled to host 8 events:

1. [Inaugural Lecture: Breaking Barriers: Ethics, Ownership & The Free Press – A Talk Session with Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri](#)
2. [Student Activism Through Art: Channelling Creativity for Social Change – A Panel Discussion](#)
3. [Weathering the Storm: Climate Leadership for a Sustainable & Resilient Future – A Talk Session in Collaboration with CEEW \(Council on Energy, Environment & Water\) by Mr. Vishwas Chitale](#)
4. [Careers in Sustainability – A Panel Discussion in Collaboration with CEEW \(Council on Energy, Environment & Water\) by Ms. Saiba Gupta, Mr. Sijo Abraham & Ms. Mousumi Kabiraj](#)
5. [Reigning Perspectives: International Perspectives on Israel-Palestine – A Lecture by Dr. A.K. Ramakrishnan](#)
6. [Soft Skills Sessions: Conducting Academic Events – A Workshop in Collaboration with IQAC \(Internal Quality Assurance Cell\) by Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo](#)
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## **Inaugural Lecture – Breaking Barriers: Ethics, Ownership & The Free Press – A Talk Session with Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri**

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

**Resource person:** Mr. Abhinandan Sekhri

**No. of participants:** 52 from St. Stephen's College, 146 from elsewhere

Abhinandan Sekhri, the esteemed Co-founder & CEO of NewsLaundry, delivered an enlightening talk session titled 'Breaking Barriers: Ethics, Ownership & The Free Press.' The event witnessed the participation of 200 students from across the University of Delhi gathered in the College Hall. The lecture dissected the intricate relationship between media ownership and the integrity of the free press in India. His discourse encompassed the transformative impact of digitalization on the landscape of free speech, navigating through ethical dilemmas amidst the prevalence of sensationalism and click-driven journalism. Further, he delved into the nuances of editorial bias and the imperative of maintaining objectivity in journalistic endeavors. The discussion also elucidated upon the implications of ownership structures within news organizations, shedding light on how vested interests can potentially impede the pursuit of unbiased reporting. Through his erudite insights, Sekhri stimulated critical reflection on the fundamental principles that underpin the Fourth Pillar of Democracy, urging for a renewed commitment to ethical journalism in the face of evolving media dynamics.



**Attendance Sheet:** [Breaking Barriers: Ethics, Ownership & the Free Press. \(Responses\)](#)

## **Student Activism Through Art: Channelling Creativity for Social Change – A Panel Discussion**

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

Resource person(s): Dhruv Kabir, Bhavikaa Keshwani, Ananya Dixit, Jayesh Kumar

No. of participants: 50 Stephen's, 30 Outside

The student-led panel discussion titled "Student Activism Through Art: Channeling Creativity for Social Change" was an exceptional event that exemplified the fusion of artistic expression and social advocacy. This dynamic and engaging discussion aimed to underscore the profound impact of art in catalysing social transformation and motivate attendees to leverage their creative capacities towards effecting positive change.

The panellists, comprising students from all over Delhi University, brought a wealth of expertise and experience to the discourse. They elucidated the multifaceted ways in which art can serve as a potent tool for advancing social causes, transcending linguistic and cultural barriers to evoke profound emotional responses and foster critical reflection.

During the discussion, the panellists delved into various themes and approaches within the realm of art activism. They highlighted the role of visual arts, such as paintings, sculptures, and installations, in raising awareness about pressing social issues, fostering empathy, and challenging dominant narratives. Additionally, the panellists emphasized the power of performance arts, including theatre, music, and dance, in mobilizing communities, amplifying marginalized voices, and instigating dialogue on contentious topics.



*Picture of the attendance sheet (else mention the names of the participants)*

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the participant</b>	<b>Course/Department</b>	<b>College</b>
1	Loveneet Rana	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
2	Ananya Choudhary	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
3	Kashvi	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
4	Kezia	Eco Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
5	Reyna	Maths Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
6	Ashok	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
7	Ishaan	English Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
8	Manya	Philo Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
9	Kavya	Eco Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
10	Aayushi	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
11	Aradhay	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
12	Dhruv	English Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
13	Rohan	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
14	Priyel	History I year	St. Stephen's College
15	Insha	History I year	St. Stephen's College
16	Richik	BscP I year	St. Stephen's College
17	Swara	Physics I year	St. Stephen's College

**Weathering the Storm: Climate Leadership for a Sustainable & Resilient Future – A Talk Session in Collaboration with CEEW (Council on Energy, Environment & Water) by Mr. Vishwas Chitale**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Resource person(s): Mr. Vishwas Chitale

No. of participants: 28 from St. Stephen's College, 31 from elsewhere

As part of our collaboration, we were privileged to host Mr. Vishwas Chitale, Senior Programme Lead - Climate Resilience, for a talk session themed "Weathering the Storm: Climate Leadership for a Sustainable and Resilient Future." This event was held on Wednesday, October 11.

Following Mr. Chitale's talk, we screened two short films from the docu-series titled "Faces of Climate Resilience," directed by Shawn Sebastian.

This collaboration marks an important milestone in our efforts to promote dialogue and action on climate change and sustainability



**Attendance Sheet:** [Weathering the Storm: Climate Leadership for a Sustainable & Resilient Future \(Responses\)](#)

**Careers in Sustainability – A Panel Discussion in Collaboration with CEEW (Council on Energy, Environment & Water) by Ms. Saiba Gupta, Mr. Sijo Abraham & Ms. Mousumi Kabiraj**

Date: 12th October 2023

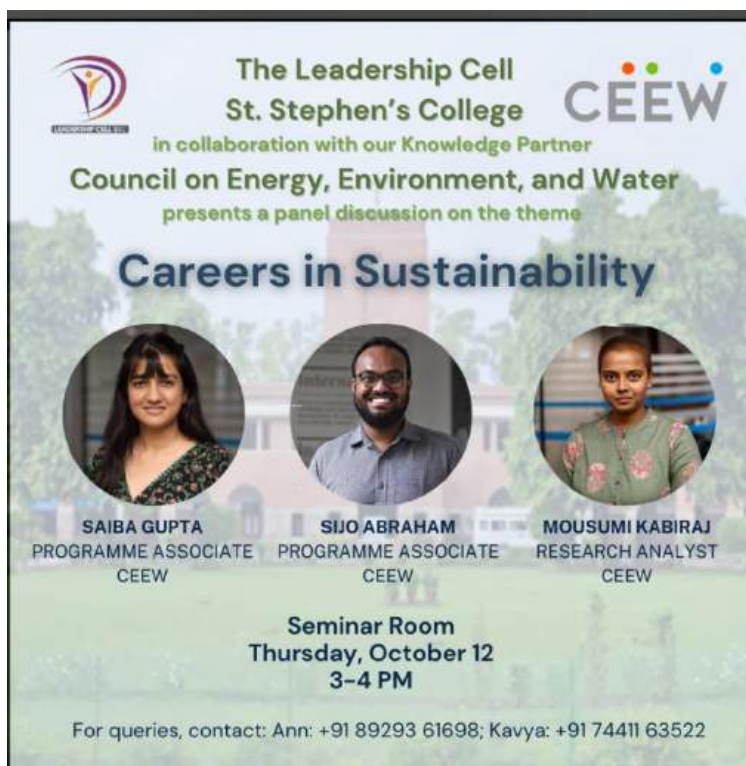
Resource person(s): Saiba Gupta, Mousumi Kabiraj, Sijo Abraham

No. of participants: 25 from Stephen's, 0 from outside

*Brief description of the event*

The Leadership Cell collaborated with CEEW for a dynamic event, hosting Ms. Saiba Gupta, Mr. Sijo Abraham, and Ms. Mousumi Kabiraj for a panel discussion on Careers in Sustainability. Held on October 12, the event provided insightful discussions on the burgeoning field of sustainability, exploring diverse career opportunities and pathways. Attendees gained valuable perspectives on integrating environmental consciousness with professional aspirations. With engaging dialogue and expert insights, the event underscored the importance of sustainability in contemporary careers. The collaboration with CEEW enriched the discourse, fostering a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and their relevance in shaping future career trajectories.

*Few photographs of the event along with the picture of the main poster (which was circulated) and the certificate which was given to any one participant (if available)*



*Picture of the attendance sheet (else mention the names of the participants)*

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the participant</b>	<b>Course/Department</b>	<b>College</b>
1	Loveneet Rana	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
2	Ananya Choudhary	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
3	Kahvi	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
4	Kezia	Eco Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
5	Reyna	Maths Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
6	Ashok	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
7	Ishaan	English Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
8	Manya	Philo Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
9	Kavya	Eco Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
10	Aayushi	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
11	Aradhay	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
12	Dhruv	English Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
13	Rohan	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
14	Manav Poonia	BAP I year	St. Stephen's College
15	Shalin Das	Maths Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
16	Juanita	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
17	Dev Sharma	Eco Hons I year	St. Stephen's College
18	Bharti	Hist Hons I year	St. Stephen's College

## **Reigning Perspectives: International Perspectives on Israel-Palestine – A Lecture by Dr. A.K. Ramakrishnan**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Resource person(s): Dr. A K Ramakrishnan

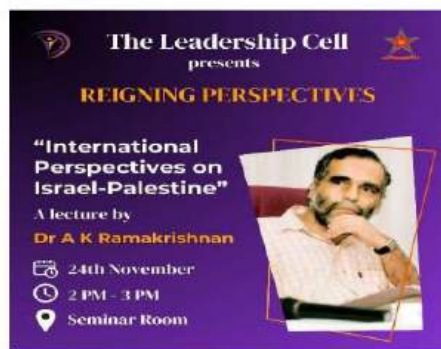
No. of participants: Around 50 from Stephen's, 0 from outside

The Leadership Cell at St. Stephen's College was proud to host a distinguished guest, Dr A K Ramakrishnan, a renowned professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, for an enlightening lecture as part of its annual discourse on International Relations, Titled "Reigning Perspectives". Dr. Ramakrishnan's lecture focused on the intricate theme of "International Perspectives on Israel-Palestine". Attendees were treated to a profound exploration of the historical complexities, diverse narratives, and potential avenues for resolution surrounding this globally significant issue.

The event commenced promptly at 2:00 PM in the Seminar Room, where an eager audience gathered to gain deeper insights into the geopolitical dynamics of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Dr Ramakrishnan's expertise and nuanced analysis captivated the audience, sparking thoughtful discussions and reflections. Throughout the lecture, attendees had the opportunity to engage with Dr Ramakrishnan, posing insightful questions and sharing their perspectives. The atmosphere was charged with intellectual curiosity and a shared commitment to understanding and addressing one of the most pressing issues in international relations.

The event not only provided attendees with a deeper understanding of the complexities surrounding the Israel-Palestine conflict but also served as a platform for fostering meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas. The presence and active participation of the audience enriched the discourse, contributing to a more holistic exploration of the topic.

In conclusion, the lecture by Dr A K Ramakrishnan on "International Perspectives on Israel-Palestine" was a resounding success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Leadership Cell and the enthusiastic engagement of the attendees. It served as a testament to the importance of such discussions in fostering mutual understanding and paving the way for potential resolutions to complex geopolitical issues.



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<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the participant</b>	<b>Course/Department</b>	<b>College</b>
1	Abiya	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
2	Muthara	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
3	Irene	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
4	Pakeezah	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
5	Gowhar Mubarak	History Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
6	Ayiesha	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
7	Ayiesha Gowhar	Alumni	St. Stephen's College
8	Akash	Alumni	St. Stephen's College
9	Avantika	Eco Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
10	Swara	Physic III year	St. Stephen's College
11	Kashvi	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
12	Kezia	Eco Hons. III year	St. Stephen's College
13	Ananya	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
14	Loveneet	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
15	Ashok	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
16	Aayushi	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
17	Kavya	Eco Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
18	Ishaan	English Hons. II year	St. Stephen's College
19	Dhruv	English Hons. II year	St. Stephen's College
20	Siddhant	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
21	Ayan	Eco Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
22	Harshit	History Hons. III year	St. Stephen's College
23	Chandrakanta Singh	Eco Hons. II year	St. Stephen's College
24	Manav Poonia	BAP I year	St. Stephen's College
25	Bharti	Hist Hons I year	St. Stephen's College
26	Priyanshu Mishra	Hist Hons I year	St. Stephen's College
27	Rain	BSc Physics II year	St. Stephen's College
28	Faraz	Eng Hons II year	St. Stephen's College

## **Soft Skills Sessions: Conducting Academic Events – A Workshop in Collaboration with IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) by Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo**

Date: 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Resource person(s): Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo

No. of participants: 50 from St. Stephen's College, 0 from elsewhere

On March 08, 2024, The Leadership Cell partnered with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) for a remarkable event, spearheaded by Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo. The collaboration ensured a profound impact, enriching the experience for attendees. The event garnered enthusiastic participation from over half of the college's societies, underscoring its widespread appeal and resonance within the student body. Dr. Deo's insightful presentation added depth and value, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. The discussions held involved, inter alia, the issues faced by the student community in organizing academic events as well as the official protocols for inviting guests, creating publicity material, maintaining respectful communication standards, etc. The success of this event underscores the efficacy of collaborative efforts in fostering meaningful engagement and learning experiences within our academic community.



The poster features a dark blue background with orange and white text. On the right side, there is a circular inset photo of Dr. Aditya Pratap Deo, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a blue shirt. The text on the poster reads: 'Leadership Cell in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell presents Soft Skills Sessions Conducting Academic Events A Workshop by Dr Aditya Pratap Deo'. At the bottom, it specifies the date and time: 'March 08, 2024 | 03:00PM - 04:00PM Seminar Room, St. Stephen's College'. A contact number for Loveneet Rana is also provided: '+91 90271 00569'.

Picture of the attendance sheet:

<u>Attendance</u>		classmate Date _____ Page _____
1)	Dhruv - Civil Service Forum	
2)	Dylan - The History Society	
3)	Kavya - The Incubation Centre	
4)	Diyo Jacob - The Computer Science Society	
5)	Kashvi - The BAP Soc	
6)	Kashvi - The BAP Soc	
7)	Shalin Dan - Bgm-e-club	
8)	Aranya Mishra - Sambhit Sabitya Sabha	
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8)	Aranya - Sambhit Sabitya Sabha	
9)	Dharmendra kumar - Hindi Sabitya Sabha	
10)	Soniya - Nivasa - The Punjabi Literary Society	
11)	Jigme - Tahamse Society	
12)	Campus Placement Cell - AVI Charles	
13)	Samyakbrata Biswas - Electronics Society	
14)	Lakshaya Singh - Finance & Investment Cell	
15)	Ishan Bennett Brest - The Planning Forum, The Music Society	
16)	Jaanita Rachel Datta - The St. Stephen's North-East Society	
17)	Mridya - English Lit Soc	
18)	Swara - Gender Studies Cell / 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr	
19)	Diksha - ENACTUS	
20)	Jaidan Gabriel - FAS / Fine Arts Society	
21)	Aditya kumawat - Mathematics Society	
22)	Vidhi Naaula - The Economics Society	
23)	Gaurav - The Debating Society	
24)	Aarsha Kashvi - The Choreography Society	
25)	Angel Thomas Kujur - Shakesoc. (FYS)	
26)		- Poetry Soc
27)		- BSc Soc
28)		- SUS
29)		- Chem Soc
30)	Manya <del>etc</del>	- <del>Phil</del> Philo Soc
31)		- G. club
32)		- <del>Sci</del> Ph. club
33)	Mehnaz Khan	- Quiz Club & GASC
34)	Dider Singh - Punjabi Literary Society	

## **Leadership Conference Day 1 of 3: Gravitas – The Crisis Case Competition**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024

Resource person(s): Mr. Sachin Kumar, Assistant Professor, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi

No. of participants: 7 Stephen's, 11 Outside

The first event of the annual fest of the Leadership Cell was a crisis case competition, Gravitas. The finalist teams were given a case prompt on the spot to prepare and present a case on the theme 'Access to Education in Conflict Zones.' The teams were supposed to propose feasible solutions to develop innovative strategies to integrate psychosocial support programs into educational systems to address the trauma and mental health needs of students in these areas. They also addressed the question of how technology be leveraged to bridge the gap in educational access and the role international organizations can play in supporting and facilitating access to education for children displaced by conflict. The participants designed policy changes needed at the national and international levels to prioritize and safeguard the right to education.

The teams tabled very insightful and intriguing presentations displaying their policymaking acumen. Thereafter, the judge Mr. Sachin Kumar shared his views on the theme and gave suggestions to the participants on how they can improve their presentations to hone their policymaking skills. This crisis case competition served as a beacon of light for future policymakers to deal with the problems faced by the international community.

The Leadership Cell  
Presents

**CRISIS War**

**Gravitas**  
A Crisis Case Competition

Round 1: Online Quiz (on Unstop)  
Round 2: Online Case Submission (on Unstop)  
Round 3: Offline Case Presentation

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<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the participant</b>	<b>Course/Department</b>	<b>College</b>
1	Harshit Sharma		Motilal Nehru College
2	Harsh Kumar		Motilal Nehru College
3	Faraz		Swami Shraddhananda College
4	Umika K Rao		Motilal Nehru College
5	Anmol Jain		Motilal Nehru College
6	Aman Rajliwal		Motilal Nehru College
7	Rachit Batra		Shahid Bhagat Singh College
8	Obaid Gulam		Shahid Bhagat Singh College
9	Siddhartha		Shahid Bhagat Singh College
10	Anayata		SRCC
11	Ridhima		SRCC
12	Loveneet Rana	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
13	Ananya Choudhary	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
14	Ashok	BAP II Year	St. Stephen's College
15	Manya	BA Philosophy II	St. Stephen's College
16	Ann	BA History II	St. Stephen's College
17	Kavya	BA Economics II	St. Stephen's College
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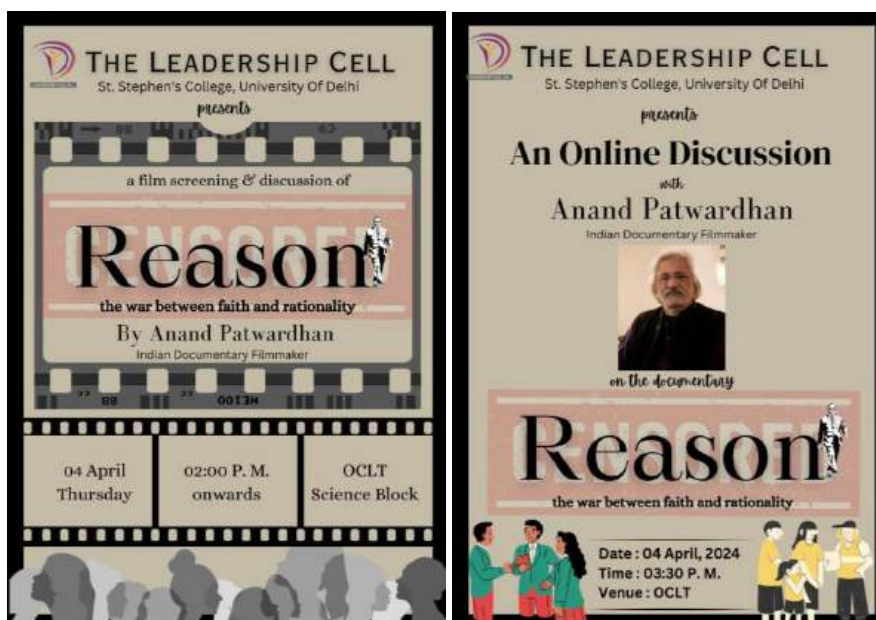
## Leadership Conference Day 2 of 3: Screening of Documentary "Reason" and Q&A Session with Anand Patwardhanj

Date: 4th April, 2024

Resource Person: Mr Anand Pathwardhan

No. of Participants: 15 from Stephen's, 0 from elsewhere

The documentary delves into critical issues surrounding the rise of religious fundamentalism and the challenges to secularism in contemporary India. The screening drew a diverse audience eager to engage with the thought-provoking themes presented in the documentary. Throughout the screening, viewers were captivated by the powerful narrative and compelling visuals that shed light on the complexities of religious identity, communalism, and the struggle for social justice in India. Following the screening, an online question and answer session was held with Anand Patwardhan himself. The session provided attendees with a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the themes explored in the documentary and gain insights into the filmmaking process. Attendees posed critical questions related to the documentary's portrayal of religious fundamentalism and its impact on society. Patwardhan engaged with the audience, offering firsthand accounts of his experiences while filming and the challenges he faced in documenting sensitive subjects. Participants also inquired about the broader implications of the issues addressed in the documentary and their relevance to contemporary Indian society. The discussion extended beyond the documentary itself, with attendees seeking advice and guidance on various aspects of filmmaking from Anand Patwardhan.



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1	Bhat Gowhar Mubarak	History Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
2	Loveneet Rana	History Hons. III year	St. Stephen's College
3	Reyna Prasad	Bsc. Mathematics III year	St. Stephen's College
4	Kezia Prasad	Eco Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
5	Kashvi	BAP III year	St. Stephen's College
6	Poorti	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
7	Novelle	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
8	Alisha	History Hons III year	St. Stephen's College
9	Ashok	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
10	Manya	Philo Soc II year	St. Stephen's College
11	Ankit	English Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
12	Ann Abraham	History Hons II year	St. Stephen's College
13	Aryansh John Kapoor	History Hons I year	St. Stephen's College
14	Aradhay	BAP II year	St. Stephen's College
15	Manav Poonia	BAP I year	St. Stephen's College

## **Leadership Conference Day 3 of 3: Streaming Scrutiny: Decoding Internet Censorship – A Talk with Mr. Apar Gupta**

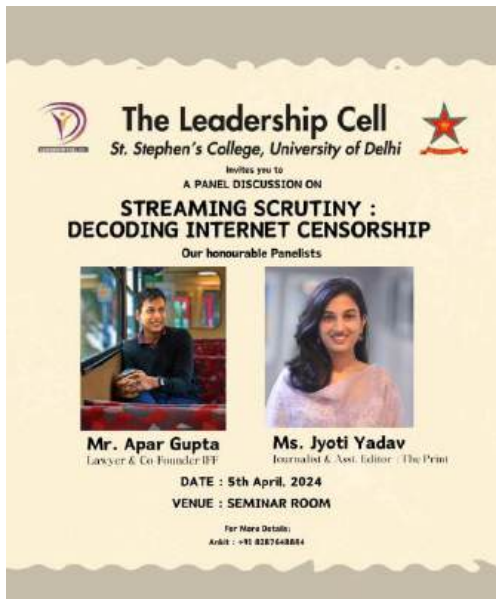
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Resource person(s): Mr. Apar Gupta

No. of participants: 16 from St. Stephen's College, 37 from elsewhere

The Leadership Cell culminated the Leadership Conference 2024 with a captivating discussion titled 'Streaming Scrutiny: Decoding Internet Censorship.' Mr. Apar Gupta, Co-founder & Director of the Internet Freedom Foundation and a seasoned lawyer, delivered an enlightening talk. Attended by students from various faculties of Delhi University, the session resonated deeply with each participant.

Mr. Gupta delved into the intricate digital laws landscape in India, shedding light on the nuances of the New Broadcasting Laws and the evolving landscape of censorship on OTT platforms. His insights navigated the complexities of internet governance with clarity, sparking thoughtful discussions among attendees. The event not only broadened understanding but also inspired a sense of responsibility towards digital rights and freedoms. Attendees departed with enriched perspectives on the challenges and possibilities in the realm of online expression and regulation.



Attendance Sheet: [Streaming Scrutiny: Decoding Internet Censorship \(Responses\)](#)

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