

The Photographic Society

INTRODUCTION

The Photographic Society of St. Stephen's College, founded in 1949, is one of Delhi's oldest photographic societies. Led by a group of passionate photographers, our aim has been to encourage the art of photography in the college community. Through diverse events, including photo talks, photo walks, and inter and intra-collegiate collaborations and competitions, we hope to broaden the scope of photography. Our alums include prominent photographers like Aditya Arya, Ram Rahman, and Sanjeev Saith.

Under the aegis of our fests, such as Frames and Breaking Frames, varied national-level competitions are carried out. The motto of our society, *'Keeping College in a Frame since 1949'* succinctly captures the role we play in covering programs organized by both academic and cultural societies as well as the *St. Stephen's Center for Advanced Learning (SCAL)* and the *Center for International Relations* here on the college campus. Our team is also involved in the yearly compilation and publication of the official college calendar, sold to current students and alums alike.

With a team comprising 30+ junior members from various years and courses, we organize ourselves in multiple verticals, such as the event-covering team, the publicity team, the sponsorship team, and the website team, to ensure the smooth functioning of our society. The academic year 2022-23 has been a busy year for us at the society, the details of which will be elucidated further in the paragraphs below.

EVENTS 2023-24

Photo Classes: As part of our effort to teach the college community about photography, we conducted two photo classes, both led by current junior members, in October 2023. Here, the technical working of a DSLR, and other basic ideas were taught by the Vice President of our society.

The Photographic Society went on a **Photo – walk** in the month of September in collaboration with **Parchayi- The Photographic Society of DTU**. The location was Connaught Place and the theme was Street Photography. 20 members from both the societies were present and made this collab a success.

On 28th, 29th November 2024, the Photographic Society held **its Mini Fest – Breaking Frames** which was a huge success, it included events like Treasure Hunt, an On-spot Photography Competition for all the stephanions and an online Photo story competition which received a huge response from all over the university.

Event-Covering | Creating a Digital Archive: Amidst all this, there was quite the hustle-bustle in the event-covering team as they were involved in photo-covering for various society and administration-organized events in college. In this academic session, we have covered over **80+ events** of 30+ college societies, such as those of the Debating Society, the Gandhi-Ambedkar Study Circle, and the Social Service League. Moreover, this semester, we are seeing more 1st-years participating in event-covering alongside second and third-year mentors.

The highlight in February was the invitation offered by Dr. Ajay Dua, a retired civil services officer and one of our sponsors to cover the ***Golfing Tournament 2024*** and celebratory Lunch organized by *The St. Stephen's Golfing Fraternity* on 23rd February at the Delhi Golf Club. The society also covered **Harmony**, the annual college Fest for three consecutive days in February'24. Furthermore, we were invited to cover prominent events such as *Amoros*, the annual production of the Choreography Society, the annual production of The Shakespeare Society, *Dastaan*, the annual production of Sabha, *Unicolour*, the annual fest of The North East Society, and many more. The event-covering vertical covered the *Convocation Ceremony for the Batch of '20, 21* which was organized by SUS.

On 15th, 16th March, The Photographic Society was hired by the Taber - The Photographic Society of Jesus and Mary College (JMC) for media coverage of their Annual Fest which was 2 day Event which turned out to be a Fruitful time.

The Photographic Society has also collaborated with IQAC, Chapel and other groups for media coverage and is ready to capture the emotion and moments for the upcoming Convocation and Graduation Dinner of the ongoing batch of 2024.

Thank you.