

Chintan-The Debating Society

The foundations of modern democratic society were built by Ms. Archana Dixit, Associate Professor, Economics Department, on the principles of debate and discussion. *Chintan*- the Debating society of Bharati College strives to inculcate the art of public speaking among students as an important contribution to the civic and political life of the nation. Chintan organizes several activities to encourage students to engage with issues of national and international importance. These include

- Open House Discussions
- Declamations
- Debates(Intracollege and Intercollege)
- Extempore Debates
- Turncoat Debate

This year too Open House discussions on several issues were organized: the discussions on Bajrangi Bhaijaan: Reel Life Hero, Real Life Villain” (4 August, 2015) “Should eating of meat be banned” (28 September, 2015) and “Returning of Awards” led to very successful interaction between and among students and faculty.

An intra class debate on the topic :Freedom of Press vrs Right to Privacy” in the month of October witnessed widespread participation across disciplines. It was encouraging to see a lively, vibrant discussion with real life examples. Cash prizes were also given.

The very popular Inter-College Annual Turncoat Debate sponsored by the Culture Council, University of Delhi was organized on 17 February, 2016. The topic of the debate was “In the opinion of the House, in a Democracy, all voices are heard equally.” The distinguished panel of judges consisting of Shri Shivkant Sharma- Former BBC journalist, Dr. Yasser Arafat – Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi and Shri Ravi Manoram from Time appreciated the relevance of the topic. In the light of recent incidents in educational institutions, this topic provoked strong responses from the students.