

Chintan -the Debating Society of Bharati College

Committed to excellence in both competitive and educational achievement, *Chintan* has had an extremely interesting and eventful year. Our debaters have participated both at University level as well as State level events. Step by step, *Chintan* is making its mark in the debating circuit as a serious voice, one that cannot be ignored. A major role toward this effort was played by the office bearers of the society, including Ms. Soumya Malhotra- the President of *Chintan*, Ms. Sitika Gupta, the Vice President and Ms. Lakshmi Tiwari, the Secretary of the Society.

This year, the College started with a Live Talk series. The inaugural lecture on **Kashmir-Background and Future Prospects** was delivered by Major General (Retd.) Balraj Mehta on 10th October, 2018.

The second talk in the series was held on 10th January, 2019. Ms. Swati Chawla from the University of Virginia spoke on the **Tibetan Exile in India**.

A highlight of the year was the **LGBTQ Pride Parade** organized by *Chintan* in view of the Supreme Court Verdict on Section 377.

Another highlight of the year was the **Annual Intercollege Debate** that was organized on 12-13 February, 2019. The event saw massive participation both in house and from Colleges across Delhi. Experts were called from outside to judge the event, both in the Preliminary and Final Rounds.

Chintan in association with DAIC, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is also organizing a **State level Quiz Competition** on 27 March, 2019. The Ministry has agreed to fund the event, while the other details will be managed by *Chintan*. The event will help to popularize the thought of Babasaheb Ambedkar.