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Department of History, Bharati College organised and participated in several events, workshops and competitions of immense academic importance. Students participated in various kinds of competitions with great excitement not only in the field of History but also in the fields of polity, general knowledge, current affairs on one hand and on another, they also showed their talent in the artistic realms of music, regional as well as classical dance forms.

On 20th September, 2019, a special lecture on the history and polity of Kashmir was organised. In this seminar, Prof. Sangit Ragi from University of Delhi, Delhi talked about the political evolution of the valley of Kashmir, along with the evolution of Jammu and Ladakh region. This lecture had immense impact on the students because of a new approach as well as the relevance of the topic in current day political scenario, and it inspired students to have multiple discussions on the subject within the Department.

One of the most ignited debates to surround the History community in Delhi and also in rest of the country, was and still is, about the pedagogical challenges in teaching history, especially in the changing socio- political scenario of the time. To provide a platform for further discussion on this extremely important debate and to enquire into the new possible methodologies, History Department organised the follow up national workshop, entitled "History In The Classroom: Challenges, Innovations and Pedagogical Issues in Undergraduate History Education", from 30th October- 1st November 2019, as the first part of this workshop was held on 5th- 7th April, 2018. This workshop was organised with the help of PMMMNMTT, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Beyond the theoretical knowledge of classrooms, History department also tried to discuss history in a more practical way; a way in which history can be understood as a living part of our lives and societies. As a result of this attempt, multiple visits to many historical sites within Delhi and Outside Delhi were organ-

ised. Within Delhi, trips were made to National Museum as well as National Archives. Both of these trips helped students in gathering more perspectives on both the relevance of History as well as the writing/archiving of History. Outside Delhi, students visited the region of Shimla, Kufri, Junga and Narkanda. All of these regions played a very important role in the unfolding of late medieval and modern periods of history in the northern part of the Indian Subcontinent. The focus of this trip was the Junga fort, which was built by the rulers of erstwhile princely state of Junga. Later on, this princely state became a part of the Indian nation.

Given the state assembly election 2020, the department of History also participated in the conducting the pre-poll survey, done by DCRC. More than 35 students from the Department of History and NSS and 6 teachers (Mr. Nagendra Kumar, Ms. Shobhana Sinha, Ms. Indu Baghel, Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Mishra, Mr. Abhinav Mishra, Dr. Megha Yadav) participated in the survey. This process required students to interact with people from different backgrounds and locations which led to an immense increase in students capability to talk and negotiate. It is also of utmost importance to note that students in this endeavour were extremely successful. In the case of west Delhi, their survey result was absolute accurate and the final result of the election followed the same pattern as predicted by students in their survey.