

## From Reflection to Action: Discussions on Dialogue, Dignity, and Discovery

### Partition of India: Displacement, Identities, and Resettlement

The Partition of India in 1947 was a political decision that redrew borders, but millions of ordinary people bore the true cost. Behind the maps and speeches lay a heart-wrenching human tragedy of displacement, shattered identities, and painful resettlements. My father, then just a young student in Class 8, arrived from Lahore with “khali haath–nage pair” (empty hands – barefoot). He, like countless others, faced unimaginable hardship in a land that was supposed to be his own.

He would often speak of Master Tara Singh, whose fiery slogans and actions fuelled communal sentiments, but he would also fondly recall Lahore—its culture, language, and warmth. His voice would quiver with emotion when he repeated the saying: “Jinne Lahore nahi wekhya, o jamiya hi nahi” (One who hasn't seen Lahore hasn't truly been born). It wasn't just a city—it was home. To leave one's home, roots, and memories behind is a wound that rarely heals.

The refugees who arrived in India had to rebuild their lives from scratch, often facing alienation and being labelled outsiders in a country they now called home. Their identity shifted overnight: from citizens to “refugees.” But amid the suffering, stories of resilience rose, of rebuilding with courage and dignity.

Today, as we reflect on Partition, let us remember it not merely as a political event but as a deeply human crisis. We owe this freedom to the generations who bore its scars, ensuring that peace and humanity triumph over politics.

**Prof. Saloni Gupta**  
(Principal, Bharati College)



### One-Day National Seminar: “Borders and Boundaries: Displacement, Identity and Resettlement”, April 15, 2025

Bharati College, in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Independence and Partition (CIPS), University of Delhi, and jointly hosted by the Departments of Political Science and Punjabi, organized a One-Day National Seminar titled “Borders and Boundaries: Displacement, Identity and Resettlement” on April 15, 2025. The seminar began with a solemn candle-lighting ceremony and the University of Delhi's Kulgeet, setting a reflective tone. Prof. Saloni Gupta, Principal of Bharati College, inaugurated the event with a heartfelt welcome address, sharing her connection to Partition through her father's journey from Lahore, highlighting the resilience and emotional depth of migration narratives.



Keynote speakers included:

- Prof. Ravinder Kumar (Director, CIPS), who termed Partition as the “Indian Holocaust” and emphasized the enduring scars of displacement.
- Prof. Shri Prakash Singh (Director, South Campus, DU) stressed the importance of preserving oral histories.
- Dr. Swapan Dasgupta (Renowned journalist and former Rajya Sabha MP), who reflected on refugee experiences and the formation of new identities post-Partition.
- A panel discussion followed, chaired by Prof. Himanshu Prasad Roy (JNU), featuring:
- Dr. Varun Gulati (DU), who critiqued colonial strategies that led to Partition.
- Prof. Amrit Kaur Basra (DCAC), who advocated for reclaiming forgotten voices, especially from Punjab.
- Dr. Bhuwan Jha (DU), who explored the ideological roots of the Partition.
- The seminar concluded with an engaging Q&A session and a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Jyoti Trehan Sharma (Joint Director, CIPS).

The seminar offered a significant platform for academic engagement and emotional remembrance, emphasizing the ongoing relevance of Partition in shaping contemporary South Asian identities and geopolitics. Bharati College remains committed to nurturing such critical conversations and historical inquiries.

## Kartavyam Takes Center Stage: Delhi University's Legal Hub Ignites Constitutional Dialogue!

Get ready for a constitutional revolution! The Campus Law Centre at the University of Delhi has kicked off 'Kartavyam: A Lecture Series,' a groundbreaking, year-long initiative celebrating 75 years of the Indian Constitution. Starting April 4, 2025, and running into 2026, this nationwide collaboration with top law universities isn't just about lectures – it's about pushing the boundaries of constitutional interpretation and bringing together India's sharpest legal minds for a truly thought-provoking exchange.

The launch event at the University's magnificent Convention Hall was a star-studded affair, featuring none other than Sr. Adv. R. Venkataramani (Attorney General of India), Justice P.S. Narasimha (Supreme Court of India), and Prof. Yogesh Singh (Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi). The momentum continued with a truly special event on April 22, 2025, when the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, joined the celebrations, highlighting the University's deep-rooted commitment to constitutional values. With 'Kartavyam,' the Campus Law Centre is cementing its legacy as a vital force in shaping citizens who are not just knowledgeable but truly engaged with the spirit of the Constitution.

## Bharati College Champions Sanskrit Revival with "Sanskrit Sambhashan Shivir 2025"



Bharati College proudly served as one of 1,008 centers nationwide for the Sanskrit Sambhashan Shivir 2025 (Sanskrit Conversation Camp 2025). This initiative, organized by Samskrita Bharati, engaged over 100,000 participants across India. Through 20 hours of interactive training, students not only gained proficiency in spoken Sanskrit but also cultivated a deeper appreciation for Indian culture. The camp concluded successfully on May 4th with a ceremony held at the University of Delhi Sports Complex. Bharati College is honored to have played a role in the revitalization and popularization of Sanskrit, nurturing both linguistic abilities and cultural pride among all who participated.

## कार्यशाला: "प्रशासनिक कार्यों में राजभाषा हिंदी का प्रयोग"

**29 अप्रैल, 2025:** भारती कॉलेज (दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय) में दिनांक 29 अप्रैल, 2025 को "प्रशासनिक कार्यों में राजभाषा हिंदी का प्रयोग" विषय पर एक महत्वपूर्ण हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य शैक्षणिक व प्रशासनिक कार्यों में हिंदी भाषा के प्रभावी प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहित करना था। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री जगदीश राम पौड़ी, निदेशक, राजभाषा, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता कॉलेज की प्राचार्या प्रो. सलोनी गुप्ता ने की। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत एक सौहार्दपूर्ण वातावरण में हुई, जहाँ प्राचार्या प्रो. सलोनी गुप्ता ने मुख्य अतिथि श्री जगदीश राम पौड़ी का स्वागत एक पौधा भेंट कर किया, जो पर्यावरण संरक्षण और सत्कार भावना का प्रतीक रहा। इसके पश्चात कार्यशाला में भाग लेने वाले सभी प्रतिभागियों ने अपना संक्षिप्त परिचय दिया, जिसमें उन्होंने अपना नाम, विभाग और कॉलेज में कार्य करने का अनुभव साझा किया। यह परिचय सत्र बेहद रोचक रहा, क्योंकि इसमें कॉलेज के विभिन्न विभागों जैसे हिंदी, पंजाबी, पत्रकारिता, वाणिज्य, पुस्तकालय, लेखा और प्रशासन से जुड़े सभी सदस्यों ने भाग लिया। इस विविधता को देखकर मुख्य अतिथि ने विशेष प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की और इसे कॉलेज की एक सकारात्मक विशेषता बताया।

इसके बाद, कार्यशाला का मुख्य सत्र आरंभ हुआ, जिसमें श्री जगदीश राम पौड़ी ने भारती कॉलेज द्वारा राजभाषा हिंदी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किए गए प्रयासों की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि कॉलेज परिसर में किए गए छोटे-छोटे बदलाव स्पष्ट रूप से दिखते हैं और ये बदलाव हिंदी भाषा के प्रचार में एक बड़ी भूमिका निभा रहे हैं। उन्होंने यह भी सुझाव दिया कि हमें विद्यार्थियों में हिंदी में पुस्तक पढ़ने की संस्कृति को विकसित करना चाहिए, जिससे भाषा के प्रति रुचि और जुड़ाव बढ़े। श्री पौड़ी ने राजभाषा से संबंधित संविधान के अनुच्छेद 343(1) का उल्लेख करते हुए यह बताया कि हिंदी को हमारे देश की राजभाषा के रूप में संवैधानिक मान्यता प्राप्त है। उन्होंने यह प्रश्न भी रखा कि पहला हिंदी दिवस कब मनाया गया था, और फिर उससे जुड़ी महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी भी साझा की।

आगे उन्होंने राजभाषा नियमों, हिंदीभाषी, अर्ध-हिंदीभाषी और गैर-हिंदीभाषी राज्यों की पहचान व विशेषताओं पर भी प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने अपने अनुभवों के आधार पर '4D सूत्र' प्रस्तुत किया – Desire (इच्छा), Direction (दिशा), Dedication (समर्पण) और Discipline (अनुशासन)। उनका मानना है कि यदि इन चार बातों को अपनाया जाए तो प्रशासनिक कार्यों में राजभाषा हिंदी का प्रभावी प्रयोग निश्चित रूप से संभव है, और यह प्रक्रिया हमारे लक्ष्य की ओर एक सुखद और सफल यात्रा बन सकती है।

कार्यशाला का एक विशेष आकर्षण वह संवादात्मक सत्र रहा, जिसमें उपस्थित प्राध्यापकों और कर्मचारियों ने विभिन्न विचार और सुझाव साझा किए। कुछ प्रतिभागियों ने सुझाव दिया कि विद्यार्थियों में हिंदी के प्रति रुचि बढ़ाने के लिए विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं आयोजित की जाएं। वहीं, कुछ ने कॉलेज पुस्तकालय में हिंदी और अंग्रेजी दोनों भाषाओं में साहित्य उपलब्ध कराने का सुझाव दिया ताकि छात्र-छात्राएं दोनों भाषाओं में अध्ययन कर सकें। इस कार्यशाला ने न केवल हिंदी भाषा के प्रशासनिक प्रयोग की दिशा में जागरूकता बढ़ाई, बल्कि यह भी दिखाया कि भाषा के माध्यम से हम सभी एक-दूसरे से और अधिक सशक्त रूप से जुड़ सकते हैं। प्रतिभागियों के लिए यह कार्यशाला एक प्रेरणादायक, ज्ञानवर्धक और विचारोत्तेजक अनुभव रही।



### Once a Bharatian, Always a Bharatian: Bharati College Hosts Inaugural Alumnae Meet with Great Fervour



April 26, 2025. In a heart-warming celebration of legacy, nostalgia, and new beginnings, Bharati College witnessed the grand inauguration of its Alumnae Association along with its first-ever alumni meet on the evening of April 26, 2025. The verdant Central Lawn of the college came alive with the laughter, warmth, and stories of generations of Bharati graduates coming together to relive their cherished memories.

The event commenced at 5 PM and was graced by esteemed dignitaries. Dr. Kawaljeet Kaur, former Principal of Mata Sundari College, attended as the Chief Guest, offering insightful reflections on the role of women in academia and the enduring bonds forged during college years.

The Guests of Honour included Dr. Sunita, Assistant Professor at Central Sanskrit University; Ms. Archana Gaur, Deputy Manager at State Bank of India; and Ms. Ankita Chakravarti,



Deputy News Editor at CNN-Network 18 — all distinguished alumnae of Bharati College. Their presence served as an inspiring testament to the achievements of the institution's graduates across diverse fields. A host of engaging activities marked the occasion ranging from live music performances and a networking dinner to the election of the Alumnae Association's office bearers, setting the stage for a vibrant and active alumnae community.

**The formation of the Bharati College Alumnae Association is not only a celebration of the past but a commitment to the future. College representatives emphasised that “the journey beyond graduation continues with connection and collaboration.” Alumnae are encouraged to register on the newly launched official alumni portal, a space dedicated to fostering professional growth, networking, and lifelong engagement with their alma mater. The initiative seeks to honour the contributions of former students, celebrate their achievements, and uphold the enduring spirit of Bharati.**



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### UPSC Unplugged: Secrets to Success Revealed!

Bharati College, University of Delhi, hosted its annual academic event Utkarsh'25, organized by Dhairya, The Civil Services Society, from April 16–17. The two-day event blended competitive activities with engaging discussions on governance and public service. Day one featured events designed to spark ethical reasoning and critical thinking. On day two, keynote speaker Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, senior bureaucrat and former LBSNAA Director, addressed challenges in governance, including the upcoming Census, urban-rural representation shifts, and linguistic diversity. Quoting Lal Bahadur Shastri's "Aspire, Assert, Adjust," he stressed adaptability in public service. A panel discussion followed with IRS officer Mr. Rajesh Gupta and Prof. Vinay Nangia, former UPSC Board Member. Mr. Gupta shared administrative experiences, emphasizing bureaucrats as change agents, not just rule-followers. Prof. Nangia demystified the UPSC interview process, highlighting the importance of integrity, neutrality, communication, and connecting theory with practice. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A on continuous learning and ethical social media use in public roles. Dhairya Convenor Mr. Vimlok Tiwari, the Principal, and the Sankalp President felicitated the guests. Student Taarini Goel (BA Hons English, III Year) described the experience as "encouraging and inspiring."

### Creating Safe Campuses: ICC's Commitment to Change

Bharati College's Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) conducted a sensitization session on Sexual Harassment at the Workplace for its teaching and non-teaching staff to raise awareness about rights, responsibilities, and redressal mechanisms under the PoSH Act, 2013. The session, led by ICC members, featured an interactive presentation by Prof. Namita Rajput, a noted academic and advocate for gender-sensitive institutional spaces. Prof. Rajput addressed key concerns related to workplace conduct, the importance of safe, inclusive environments, and the legal framework surrounding sexual harassment. She emphasized mutual respect, ongoing dialogue, and institutional accountability. Tools such as the 'She Box' for filing complaints online were introduced, along with detailed insights into the ICC's role and processes rooted in integrity and transparency. Participants reflected on power dynamics, reporting structures, and the shared responsibility of all staff members in fostering a harassment-free workplace. The event reaffirmed the college's commitment to creating a secure, respectful work culture. Teachers expressed that they felt more informed and empowered about their rights following the session.

### Champions Celebrated: Bharati College Hosts Inspiring Annual Sports Day 2024-25

**April 2:** Bharati College, University of Delhi, held its Annual Sports Day and Award Ceremony for the academic year 2024-25 with great enthusiasm at the college auditorium. The event honoured the dedication, talent, and sportsmanship of student-athletes across a range of disciplines.

The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Navneet Singh, Silver Medalist in Lawn Bowls at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, and Guest of Honour Deepika Dhiman, an international karate player and proud alumna of the college. Their presence and words of encouragement inspired students with stories of perseverance and excellence.

The programme commenced at 10:30 AM with a ceremonial lamp lighting by the distinguished guests and Chairperson Prof. Kavita Sharma. This was followed by prize distributions, speeches, and recognitions of outstanding athletic achievements.

The event underscored Bharati College's continued commitment to promoting a spirit of sportsmanship, resilience, and holistic development among its students.



NSS Bharati College successfully conducted a three-day workshop on **Psychological First Aid under Project AMANI** on April 11, 17, and 19, 2025. The sessions were held in the college's Seminar and Sports Room and saw active participation from students committed to mental wellness.

The workshop was led by Ms. Sheetal Chaudhary, an RCI-registered counsellor, who guided participants through key aspects of trauma response, effective listening, coping strategies, and the importance of self-care, ethics, and emotional boundaries.

The initiative aimed to equip students with essential tools to support themselves and others in times of psychological distress, reinforcing the importance of empathy and mental health awareness in academic spaces.

**April 12:** In an enriching journey through history, culture, and nature marked the recent educational trip to Mount Abu and Udaipur organized by NSS Bharati College, University of Delhi. Students embarked on this adventure, starting with an early morning arrival at Abu Road, followed by a scenic bus ride to the hill station of Mount Abu.

The trip unfolded with a mesmerizing sunrise at 5:00 AM, and continued with visits to iconic spots like the Dilwara Temples, Nakki Lake, and Guru Shikhar. Students also immersed themselves in the spiritual calm of the Ambaji Temple and explored the ancient ruins of Chandravati. The journey extended to Udaipur, where serene boat rides across Lake Pichola and Fateh Sagar captivated everyone's attention, while the legacy of Maharana Pratap left a lasting impression.

This educational journey transcended textbook learning, offering a firsthand experience of India's rich history, cultural heritage, and natural beauty, while fostering deeper connections among the students. It was an unforgettable experience that blended learning, exploration, and personal growth.



### A monthly 'Cleanliness Drive' under Project Dhara.

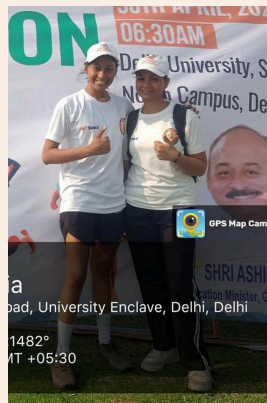
**April 22:** The initiative aimed to promote environmental responsibility and sustainable practices within the campus community.

Volunteers actively participated in the drive, reinforcing the message of collective action for a cleaner, greener planet. The event served as a reminder of the importance of everyday environmental stewardship and the role of youth in shaping a sustainable future.

Through such initiatives, NSS Bharati College continues to foster awareness and inspire students to contribute meaningfully to ecological well-being.



## Bharati College Joins Youth Run Supporting ‘One Nation, One Election’



The spirit of democracy was vibrant at the University of Delhi’s North Campus as Bharati College actively participated in the youth run supporting the ‘One Nation, One Election’ initiative. Students and faculty came together in a show of unity and national commitment. The presence of Hon’ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Vice Chancellor Prof. Yogesh Singh added significance to the event, inspiring the participants with their vision for a stronger, more unified India.

## Maithili Thakur Represents Youth Aspirations at Summit, Meets PM Modi



At the Rising Bharat Summit 2025, celebrating “Youthful Aspirations – Aspire. Achieve. Ascend,” alumna Maithili Thakur was invited by News18 and had the honor of meeting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, highlighting the vital role of India’s 420 million youth in building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

## Enactus Bharati College Marks Baisakhi with Gesture of Gratitude



April 12: In a heartfelt celebration of Baisakhi, the Enactus team at Bharati College, University of Delhi, organised a meaningful community engagement initiative to foster the spirit of gratitude and inclusivity. The team distributed refreshing soda drinks to the college’s service staff and individuals in need, acknowledging their daily, invaluable contributions to the campus environment.

The initiative reflected Enactus Bharati College’s ongoing commitment to building a compassionate and socially aware campus culture. By reaching out to the support staff, often the unsung heroes of daily operations, the students aimed to strengthen community bonds and encourage mutual respect and recognition.

Through such thoughtful actions, Enactus continues to lead impactful projects that go beyond the classroom, promoting civic responsibility, social sensitivity, and collective well-being.

## Innovative Pedagogy and Curriculum Advancement Award 2025



Bharati College received national recognition as Principal Prof. (Dr.) Saloni Gupta, along with faculty members Dr. Vandana Yadav and Dr. Princy Jain (Economics), and Ms. Sheetal Mavi and Dr. Yajuvendra Pratap Singh (Computer Science), were conferred the prestigious Innovative Pedagogy and Curriculum Advancement Award 2025.

The award also celebrated the contributions of students Kashish Khandelwal, Nishtha Singh, Riti Gupta, and Niharika Jain for their commendable participation in the initiative.

The accolade marks a significant milestone, acknowledging the team’s commitment to reimagining teaching and learning through innovation, collaboration, and excellence.



## Patriotism

Pahalgam's valley, where beauty lies,  
A tragic tale of terror's cruel guise.  
The attack that shook the nation's might,  
A scar on the land, a painful night.

The innocent lives, lost in the fray,  
Their memories live on, in a nation's way.  
The bravery of those who fought with might,  
Inspires a nation to stand united and bright.

Though terror's shadow may try to prevail,  
Patriotism's spirit will forever set sail.  
In the face of such cowardly deeds,  
India's strength and unity proceed in every heart.

Pahalgam's tragedy reminds us all.  
Of the sacrifices, that freedom's call.  
May we honour the lives lost that day,  
And stand strong in our nation's way.

**Radhika Verma**  
B.A. Programme  
6<sup>th</sup> Semester

## Sindoor- Stained Skies

Red lines have been drawn.  
Bright Red against the snow, the blood of innocents.  
Blood-shot Red, the eyes of the nation,  
Red-hot flames, anger boiling over.  
A call to the nation, to strike back, to avenge  
Throat heaving red, crying out for defence.  
Red is the colour of danger,  
Sharp as the laser of calculated anger  
Justice didn't drag, it droned this time,  
Red flags were waved, loud and clear,  
Terrorism won't be tolerated now,  
We will hit back, and how.  
Red is the colour of the calm, after calamity  
Sindoor Red lines drawn across the border  
Not of conquest, but of unshaken will  
From flame to ash- from skies to earth again  
India writes its name - in hues of resilient Red, yet again.

**Jayanti Sharma**  
B.A. (Hons.) English  
4<sup>th</sup> Semester

## The Unyielding Spirit: Salute to the Defence

I wondered  
When spring blooms and the meadows groom  
I'll go down that lane  
Where dawn meets  
The Whispering Pines  
Tis my land  
My pride where perfection binds itself  
Around the corner.  
Ohhh! I tell my friends if they could  
Come over to my,  
My city of peace

And now my friends say-  
"Hey! you're from Rajouri right?  
How's everything in your hometown?"  
My city of peace, my city of pride?  
It's gone far from where I started.  
It's burnt in the scarlet ink  
At cold blooded vengeance's call  
I heard my people run for life  
I heard wolves howling  
At the nightfall

I heard a mother whisper down my face,  
"Be strong my little girl,  
My son, your brothers are out there  
They'll adorn the uniform and stand still  
No enemy could harm  
They're there to kill  
Not to kill to avenge but to protect  
To save their Mother's honour  
To pay their respects.  
I let my boy go down the lane  
That I know might get him back  
Draped in the Tricolour and disdain.  
So don't worry just sleep with no fears  
Your brothers are at the border,  
They won't let any tears roll down."

**Aryama Shama**  
BA (Hons) Political Science  
6<sup>th</sup> Semester