

Department Profile

- The Department of History, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College is one of the oldest departments and also an asset to the college. Since time immemorial it has been striving to lay the foundation of a strong orientation towards social sciences and humanities, by offering a wide range of options for students. Along with following the University prescribed curriculum, our faculty strives at inculcating valuable insights to trigger the analytical skills of our students, thereby enabling them to critically explore the historical processes. Our students do not learn the past but rather they learn to interpret it. Over the years the department has been adopting some innovative methods of teaching to enhance the learning process. Classroom interactions are accompanied with wide range of activities involving field trips, seminars, quizzes, exhibitions, panel discussions etc. that aim at providing a horizon to have a dialogue between the past and the present. Our students have not just been making a mark but also outshined in various fields like higher research, media, theatre, management, civil services etc. Along with excelling in various streams, our students have been humble, empathetic and sensitive human beings.

- **Virsa: The History Society:** History department, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College reconstituted its History Society-VIRSA on 5th October 2018 with the aim to encourage participation of students from BA (Honours) History course, in the various programs and activities scheduled. This has been another feather in the cap of the ever-thriving department. The office-bearers are appointed every year from amongst the students to give them the charge of organizing various activities to enhance the learning process. The student representatives along with the entire student body and with the guidance of our esteemed faculty members invite experts from various disciplines apart from History, giving our students better learning opportunities. Virsa also organizes several field trips to places of historical significance in Delhi as a part of annual activity of the Department.

- **Department Innovative Teaching Methods:** The Classroom lecture is supplemented with visual aids in the form of PowerPoint presentations, educational, historical videos and animated maps. This is supplemented with Audio-visual aids in the form of short clips relevant to the lecture topic and documentaries. Hands-on experience through showcasing samples of ancient pottery and prehistoric stone tools, medieval artifacts, archival collection in form of maps and stamps etc. Students are encouraged to have discussions with emphasis on critical perspective. Ample use of technological aid further facilitates teaching-learning process. Seminars, inviting speakers from various disciplines, facilitate the interdisciplinary approach of understanding History. Quizzes excite the young budding minds to think between the lines. Exhibitions take them closer to the contemporary past. Currently along with the core papers of B.A (H)

History and BA (Prog.), all the DSE papers and Generic papers offered by History (H) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) of History are taught by the department.

- **Number of Teaching Posts:** 7 - 3 (Permanent) & 4 (Ad Hoc)

- **Courses Taught:** BA (H) History, BA (Prog.), all the DSE and Generic papers offered by History (H) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) of History are taught by the department.

- **Papers Taught:**

BA (H) History

Core Courses:

- CC I: History of India-I Sem 1
- CC II: Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World Sem 1
- CC III: History of India-II Sem 2
- CC IV: Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient and Medieval World Sem 2
- CC V: History of India- III (c. 750 -1200) Sem 3
- CC VI: Rise of the Modern West- I Sem 3
- CC VII: History of India- IV (c. 1200 – 1500) Sem 3
- CC VIII: Rise of the Modern West- II Sem 4
- CC IX: History of India-V (c. 1500-1600) Sem 4
- CC X: History of India-VI (c. 1750-1857) Sem 4
- CC XI: History of Modern Europe– I Sem 5
- CC XII: History of India- VII (c. 1600-1750) Sem 5
- CC XIII: History of India- VIII (c. 1857-1950) Sem 6
- CC XIV: History of Modern Europe- II Sem 6

Discipline Specific Courses:

- DSE I: History of the USA: Independence to Civil War Sem 5
- DSE IX: History of Modern China (1840-1960) Sem 5
- DSE V: History of the USA: Reconstruction to New Age Politics Sem 6
- DSE XII: History of Modern Japan and Korea (1868-1950s) Sem 6

Generic Elective Courses:

- Delhi Through the Ages: The Making of its early Modern History Sem 1
- Delhi Through the Ages: From Colonial to Contemporary Times Sem 2
- Making of Post-Colonial India (c. 1950-1990) Sem 3
- Religion and Religiosity Sem 4

Skill Enhancement Courses:

- Understanding Heritage Sem 3
- Indian Art and Architecture Sem 4

BA (Prog)**Core Courses:**

- CC I: History of India from earliest times up to c. 300 CE Sem 1
- CC II: History of India, c. 300 to 1200 Sem 2
- CC III: History of India, c. 1200-1700 Sem 3
- CC IV: History of India, c. 1700-1950 Sem 4

Discipline Specific Courses:

- DSE III: Issues in Twentieth Century World History – I Sem 5
- DSE VI: Issues in Twentieth Century World History – II Sem 6

Generic Elective Courses:

- Culture and Everyday Life in India Sem 5
- Delhi through the Ages Sem 6

Skill Enhancement Courses:

- Heritage and Tourism Sem 3
- Archives and Museums Sem 4
- Popular Culture Sem 5
- Radio and Cinema in India: A Social History Sem 6

➤ Events and Activities**Events and Activities organised in 2020-21**

- Panel Discussion on *Relevance of Gandhi in the Modern World* on 1st October 2020.
- Webinar on *Conservation of Ajanta Caves* by Dr Shreekant Jadhav on 14th October 2020.
- Webinar on *Geography and History in the Service of a Nation: The Concept of Natural Boundaries* by Prof. Dibyesh Anand, University of Westminster, UK on 18th February 2021.
- Panel Discussion on *Colonialism in India: White men's Burden or White men's Business* on 2nd March 2021.
- Webinar on *Indian Leaders, Western Disciples and the Campaign Against Indenture: 1911-1931* by Dr Somak Biswas, Fellow, Institute of Historical Research, London on 9th April 2021.
- Webinar on Prophet Mohammed, Rise of Islam and Crisis in Caliphate by Dr Aqsa Agha, Asst. Professor, SRM University, Amravati on 23rd June 2021

Events and Activities organised in 2019-20

- Organized an educational excursion on 24th September 2019 to various historical monuments of Delhi which included Purana Qila, Red Fort, Vishwa Shanti Stupa etc.
- Organized a visit to national museum on 4th October 2019.
- The History Society got an amazing opportunity to join special election show on 24th October 2019 which was organized by CNN-NEWS18 on counting day of Maharashtra and Haryana elections.
- Organized a history talk on *Delhi: The Heritage City* on 21st January by Vikramjit Singh Rooprai.
- Organized RĀH-E-JUÑOOÑ, an intra-college quiz competition on 24th February 2020.

Events and Activities organised in 2018-19

- Organized a talk by Professor Salil Mishra, the Pro-VC of Ambedkar University, who delivered an enlightening talk on *Some Aspects of the Gandhian Movements* on 11th February 2019.
- Organized A History Quiz **Junoon-i-Itihaas** on 11th February 2019.
- Organized an Exhibition of historical artifacts **Vestiges**

Events and Activities organised in 2017-18

- History Department Quiz Series Part 1 was started on 22nd August 2017.
- Organized a Lecture and Discussion Session on the topic *The Vital Role played by History in shaping Society and promoting Cultural consciousness for Future progress* on 27th September 2017 by Dr Raghbir Singh
- History Department Quiz Series Part 2 was organised on 11th October 2017.
- Organized a Local History Tour of some historical monuments belonging to the Medieval Indian period in Delhi on 20th January 2018.
- Organised Main History Quiz on 13th February 2018.

Events and Activities organised in 2016-17

- Organised a trip to national museum in the odd semester.
- Organised a local trip to monuments located in Delhi in the even semester.
- Organized a talk on the topic *Vernacular Sources of Medieval India* by Dr Vipul Singh on 31st January 2017.

