

STRENGTHS

- The Department of History consists of well-qualified, motivated and adept faculty members which is a blend of years of experience and young and energetic dynamism.
- The faculty members of the department have been active in organizing various national and international seminars, conferences and talks on various historical issues.
- The faculty members are associated with several professional bodies and have successfully published their books and articles in various peer reviewed journals.
- Most of the faculty members are coordinators of national and international study programmes and are involved in major research projects which is funded by ICHR, ICSSR, University of Delhi etc. and have had the opportunity to present their papers in National and International conferences.
- Apart from these achievements, the teachers are always available for the students beyond classroom teaching for further discussion and clarification of their doubts & queries.
- The teachers use PPTs, video clips, relevant YouTube links, and reference books to make the learning environment of the classroom more productive and fruitful.
- The Members of the History Department are dedicated to creating a democratic culture in the college through various events such as seminars, lectures and talks that have been conducted under the aegis of the history society: Virsa.
- Extra classes are arranged by the teachers to give special attention to students with special needs especially differently abled students ensuring equal academic and personal growth. The faculty members provide all students with academic guidance for their future education and career.
- The teachers try to resolve the problems of Hindi medium students by taking extra and remedial classes. Persistent efforts are being made on the part of respective teachers for providing best possible reading material to all the students.

WEAKNESSES

- The semester is packed to the full with classes and tutorials. The teachers of the department devote their maximum effort to complete the whole syllabus on time. Therefore, due to time constraints, the department finds it difficult to organise on-site workshops.
- Lack of a humanities studio is a hindrance to show maps and other audio-visual content to all students together.
- The suggested readings in the syllabus of the university are mostly in English. The college enrolls both Hindi and English medium students. Although most of the textbooks are available in English and Hindi; many reference books are not available in Hindi.

OPPORTUNITIES

- The beauty of history as a discipline is that one can occupy a pole position in all disciplines and thus subject oneself to vast opportunities. The department of History has evolved consistently over the years, in order to act as a guiding force for students

to get well versed with the discipline and also to be able to carve out a niche for themselves in their chosen field.

- In view of the changing socio-political space, the curriculum is designed and implemented in a manner which is directed at enabling students to properly understand the various topics.
- Emphasis is being given on papers which provide them the basic knowledge and practical guidance to navigate the various spheres of life and eventually contribute to the social, cultural and political growth of the society and country at large.
- The highly qualified and talented faculty of the department work diligently, to increase the knowledge and research aptitude of the students, by making teaching learning process easy to grasp for the students which adds up to their overall growth and development.
- The department works strongly to organise events such as talks, discussions and seminars where opportunities are provided to students to participate and organise in the event. The whole exercise is a learning experience and provides a forum in which students can display their talents, gain new insights and learn from the guest participants and speakers.

CHALLENGES

- Considering the fact that our college is an off-campus college, all possible attempts have been made to provide best facilities and infrastructure, but there is a lot of scope for improvement to ensure smooth functioning of the college and students activities.
- History can be learnt best, when it is experienced. We have been organising local history tours but we need to organise history tours outside Delhi to enrich the knowledge of the students. But at the same time, framing and implementation of such tasks is onerous specifically considering the parental security concerns and pandemic crises.
- Though numerous initiatives have been undertaken to make online learning a success, but still, it becomes difficult sometimes to reach to students who have poor internet connectivity or lack proper devices for online learning. Despite this, consistent attempts are being made by faculties to ensure everyone moves ahead in their studies.