

Department Vision and Mission

The Department of History, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College is one of the oldest departments. It laid 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 so as to trigger the analytical skills of our students, thereby enabling them to critically explore the historical processes. We want our students to not just learn the past but rather learn to interpret it. Over the years the department has been adopting some innovative methods of teaching so as to enhance the learning process. Class room 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, we want our students to be humble, empathetic and sensitive human beings.

Virsa: The History Society

History Department, of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College has its History Society popularly known as VIRSA, which aims to encourage participation from all students studying History, though History Hons students get entry by default, 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 so as to give them the charge of organizing various activities to enhance the learning process. Virsa maintains gender equality between its student office-bearers, whereby fifty percent of the office-bearers are girls. 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, organize panel discussions, quizzes, exhibitions etc. giving our students better learning opportunities. Virsa also organizes a number of 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 more close to the contemporary past. The AY 2020-2021 has brought new challenges posed by the pandemic. The classroom teaching was

efficiently replaced by the online virtual teaching on the Google meet. Virtual tours of the museums was also undertaken. This was supplemented with Google Classroom, which was a platform used for assessment and evaluation of the students. The students since then have been engaged in a positive way through the use of technology to continue with the Teaching-Learning process.