

Departmental Report of National seminar on “**Nature, Disaster and History**”

Department of History, Shyam Lal College (SLC), University of Delhi

Convener: **Prof. Pravin Kumar**, T.I.C., 2023-24

Event: **National Seminar**

Date & Venue: **07.03.2024, Board Room, New Building**

Topic: “**Nature, Disaster and History**”

Speaker– **Prof. Vipul Singh**, Deptt. of History, University of Delhi

No. of Participants–15 Faculty members and more than 56 students participated

Detailed Report: The Department of History had three programmes in collaboration with IQAC, Shyam Lal College on this day. First was an exhibition on the theme ‘Celebrating India's Past Experiences’ held in Porch Area, New Building. It was led by students and the guests were intrigued by the things showcased. The second was the Quiz Competition on the topic ‘Indian National Movement’ organised in room No-102, New Building for students to cater to their interest in the diverse subject of history. The third part was the National Seminar, which was organised in collaboration with IQAC, Shyam Lal College under the convenorship of Prof. Pravin Kumar, Teacher In charge, Department of History, Shyam Lal College (SLC), on the topic ‘Nature, Disaster and History’, which took place in Board Room, New Building on March 07, 2024.

The Guest speaker for the seminar was Prof. Vipul Singh, Deptt. of History, University of Delhi. The programme started with the lightening of lamp. After which the event began with a welcome note given by Dr. Jaya Kakkar, Associate Professor, Department of History, SLC. She welcomed the speaker and the audience. She also shared the objectives of the seminar in her welcome note. A lot of students of B.A. Honours as well as B.A. Programme course of History discipline participated very enthusiastically. Team of our students played key role in organising whole programme. Stage Management was done by Vedansh, first year student of BA honors. Academicians and faculty members graced the event with their presence. Mr. Nishant Kumar Singh, Mr. Sanoj Kumar, Dr. Jaya Kakkar, Dr. Priyanka Thakur, Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Meena, Dr. Rohan Mandal, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Chaudhary, Dr. Dipak Kumar Shukla, Ms Swati Rathi and Dr. Upendra Kumar were present in the event. After the welcome note, introduction of guest was given by Vedansh and he invited Prof. Vipul Singh for his lecture on stage. Prof. Vipul Singh is passionate about environmental history and he has made significant contribution by writing many books and publishing dozens of research papers on environmental history. Lecture delivered by Prof. Vipul Singh was very enriching and thought provoking. It was presented in a very interesting way by using PowerPoint presentation. In

his lecture, he talked about the impact of nature and natural disaster on human history, which is generally not paid enough attention by historians. To make the explanation easy, he gave examples of Tambora Volcano (1815), Bihar Earthquake (1934) and Bengal Cyclone (1834) and tried to establish connection between these natural disasters and change in human history of that time. He also threw light on how the paper of environmental History was introduced in Delhi University. He mentioned Rachel Carson writer of "The Story of Silent Spring" for his work on environmental history and some geographer like Alexander von Humboldt for their contribution to respective field. He also quoted Easter Island, famous for its nearly 1,000 extant monumental statues, called moai, which were created by the early Rapa Nui people and research done on native of this island by different researcher. He clearly proved interrelation among human, nonhuman living organism and nature events/Weather pattern and climate change. Discussion on work of J. R. McNeill and his book "Mosquito Empires: Ecology and War in the Greater Caribbean, 1620-1914" was one of the most interesting parts of the seminar.

The lecture was appreciated by the audience and many queries were raised by them, which were graciously explained by the speaker. The intellectual interactions kept all the participants thoroughly engaged. The speaker concluded the discussion by showing his appreciation for the students, faculty members and principal of our college for organising this seminar. Mementoes and Certificates were also distributed by our guest and faculty members to the winners of quiz competition and Exhibition. In the end, vote of thanks was given by Dr. Jaya Kakkar. She thanked the speaker of the seminar for his insightful lecture and also appreciated the tireless work and great efforts of the faculty members especially Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi, Dr. Rohan Mandal, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Chaudhary and newly appointed Assistant Professors in the department namely, Dr. Dipak Kumar Shukla, Ms Swati Rathi and Dr. Upendra Kumar as well as the student's volunteers' team for successfully organizing such a knowledgeable and fruitful seminar. Event was followed by lunch for all the students and staffs. The event ended with a positive note, the students and teachers thanked the principal Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, whose vision and dedication have always been instrumental in shaping the educational landscape of our college and we are also thankful for his unwavering support and motivation in organizing this seminar at our college. Everyone was intellectually stimulated and happy as the event was a success.



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Date: 7th March, 2024

Day: Thursday

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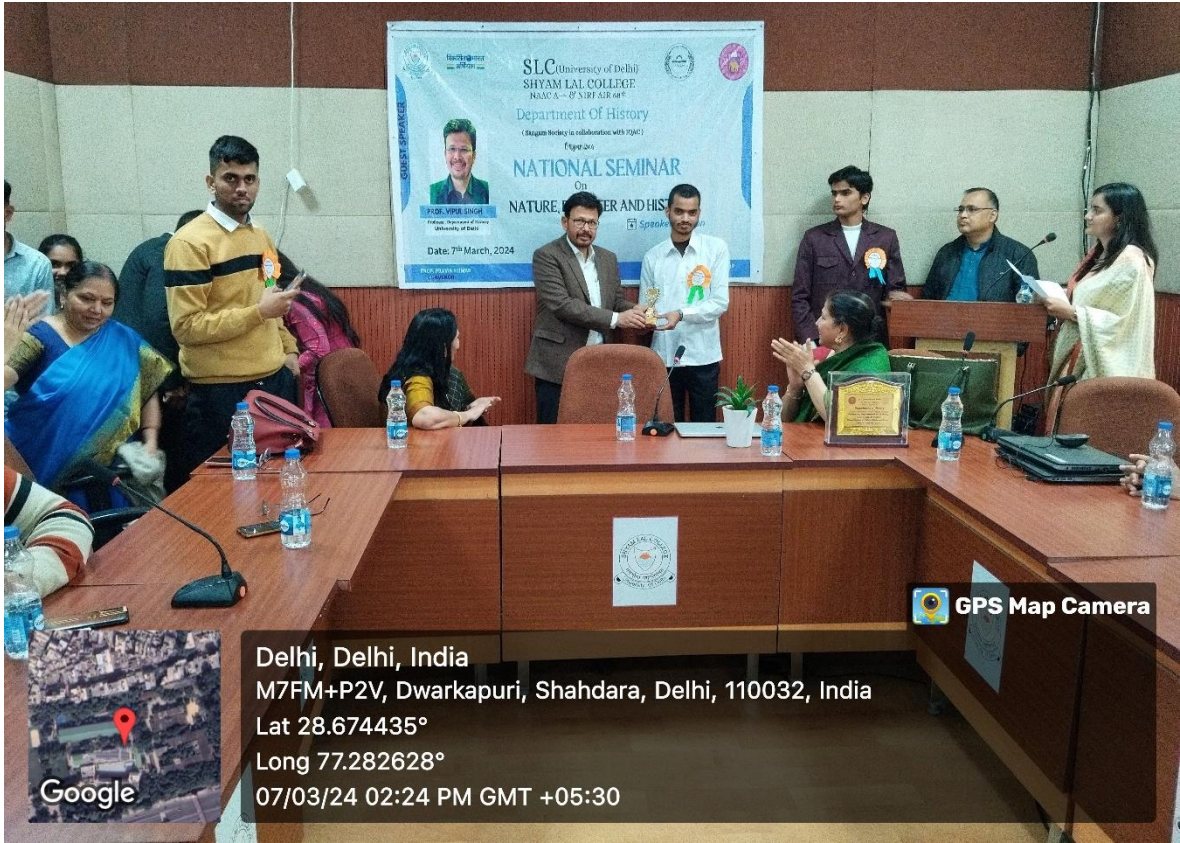




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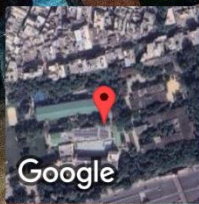


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