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A one day National Seminar on “Historical Perspective of Delhi” was organized by Department of History in Shyam Lal College, in the conference room on 26th September, 2017. The aim of the seminar was to provide an opportunity to the students of History honours as well as non-history students who opted for the Generic Elective paper, “Delhi through the Ages” offered by the Department of History to learn some aspects of colonial Delhi from eminent historians specializing in the area. Teacher-in-Charge, Dr. Jaya Kakkar welcomed the guest of honour and the Head of the institution, Dr. Rabi Narayan Kar and the eminent historians Prof. S.Z.H. Jafri (Professor Medieval History at Department of history, University of Delhi) and Prof. Amar Farooqi (Professor Modern History at Department of History, University of Delhi) invited as the Guest speakers. There were 150 participants in the seminar. The speakers presented their views on the uprising of 1857 and its impact on Delhi. Prof. Amar Farooqui explored the formative stage of the condition of Delhi with the topic 'Colonial Delhi'. In his lecture Prof. Farooqui brought out the life of the last Mogul emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar, his involvement in the revolt of 1857, his exile and death. Dr. Jafri presented his views on the role of Delhi during the uprising of 1857 with the topic 'The City of Delhi during and after the great uprising of 1857'. In his second and third lectures in continuum Dr. Jafri lectured on the topic: “Construction of Modern Delhi” and on “1857 and transfer of capital in 1911”. In his lecture Dr. Jafri discussed the considerations particularly the how historic identity of the imperial city of Delhi and the urban form of their imperial vision led the British colonial government to shift the capital from Calcutta to Delhi in 1911. Dr. Jafri also discussed some of the modern constructions initiated in Delhi and the role of famous architects associated with them.





