

Department of History, Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi

Event: Departmental Lecture and Farewell function, Date: 26.04.2023

Topic: "Reading Monuments, Constructing Histories: Stories from Afterlife of some UNESCO World Heritage Sites in North India"

Speaker: Dr. Shashank Shekhar Sinha

No. of participants: 103

Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi, TIC, 2022-23

Department of History organised a Lecture on 26th April 2023 in the Seminar Hall of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi. The topic of the lecture was **"Reading Monuments, Constructing Histories: Stories from Afterlife of some UNESCO World Heritage Sites in North India"**. The Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Shashank Shekhar Sinha, who is an independent researcher, author and Publishing Director, Routledge (South Asia). The programme started with the lightening of lamp and Delhi University anthem. The Teacher-in-charge and Convenor of this programme Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi welcomed the speaker and the audience. A large number of faculty members graced the occasion with their presence. Prof. Neena Shirish, Dr. Jaya Kakkar, Dr. Priyanka Thakur, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Chaudhary, Dr. Rohan Mandal, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Meena, Dr. Wasim and Mr. Ganesh Prasad were present in the event. The hall was jam packed with a large number of students of B.A. Honours as well as B.A. Programme course of History discipline.

Dr. Sinha delivered his lecture in a very interesting mode of storytelling using power point presentation. He explained the role of different sources in the reconstruction of history. Stories of our past are stored in monuments and historical buildings, which are our tangible heritage. Some are constructed in intangible form as well in the form of ideas, cultures and traditions. These traditions and culture that have existed for a long time have great impact in the construction of the history of our country. The lecture was appreciated by the audience and they posed many queries which were graciously explained by the speaker. This was an enriching experience for students as well as for the faculty members.

The lecture was followed by the **Farewell function** for the III year students organised by the II and I year students. All the teachers expressed their best wishes and gave blessings to them. Students showcased their artistic talent in the form of dance, music, rangoli and decoration of the hall. Mementoes and Certificates were distributed to the final year students. At the end, refreshment was distributed to all the students and staff. The event was executed flawlessly by the student team of History Department. The teachers and students of the History department thank our principal who gave this opportunity to organise this event.