

## **Report 2012-2013**

The year 2012-13 has been an eventful year for the department of Sociology in all its ventures with the active participation of the faculty members and the students. A series of academic activities were organized to give students exposure to the world of knowledge. In this regard various sociological stalwarts from esteemed universities and academic institutions visited the college on several occasions and critically reflected on various current social issues and perspectives of the contemporary society.

On 17th February 2012, the department undertook a daylong seminar under the sponsorship of UGC. The theme of the seminar was 'Popular Culture and Social Change'. The seminar was inaugurated by Professor Emeritus Yogendra Singh, followed by other eminent speakers like Professor Biswajit Das (Jamia Millia Islamia), Professor Maitrayee Chaudhuri (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Professor Deepak Mehta (University of Delhi), Professor Renuka Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Professor Sanjay Srivastava (India Economic Growth). Students were exposed to issues ranging from the construction of the 'new image' of the consumers as represented through various discourses like media, television and novels to understanding the issues of legal status quo in the context of Ram Janmabhumi - Babri Masjid issues.

The tradition of knowledge dissemination of our department went ahead further with our prestigious Annual Lecture Series event organized every year by the department. The 2012 lecture series was held on 1st November 2012 with Prof. T.N. Madan as our honorable speaker. His most pressing views on "Sociology and Literature: Real versus Imagined Worlds" helped all of us to explore different aspects of both the disciplines, which are hardly discussed and compared in traditional sociological discussions.

Apart from these, the first semester students of the department have actively participated in the prestigious M.N. Srinivas declamation held this year by Sri Venkateswar College( University of Delhi) Overall academically, the students have fared well in the university examinations down the years. Our student's achievements in sports activities are also worth noting. The batch of 2011-12 passed out successfully, many of whom have had admission for higher studies in esteemed institutions in India such as Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi school of Economic, South Asian university, Jamia Millia Islamia, Amity University, IP university etc. Thus overall the department has witnessed a successful year from at its curricular and extracurricular front.