

Report 2013-2014

The department had its annual festival on 1st March 2013. The event opened with a play written, directed and acted by the students of the department. The theme of the festival was 'Women in the Mirror: Celebrating Selves' on which a panel discussion was organized, which was aimed at providing a public forum to critically engage oneself over the buzzing issue of 'gender and women' through real life experiences. Women from various selected occupational backgrounds were invited to narrate their everyday experiences while focusing on differential roles and the role conflicts they face in their everyday life. Students from across Delhi University colleges and other universities participated in a series of competitions like Photography, Ad-Mad, J.A.M and the like. The department also brought out its newsletter which received lots of articles from the students under various themes of sociological relevance.

A short ethnographic documentary *Raju Penter* was screened by the department on 4th April 2013 which was then followed by a discussion over the issue by the writer, director and producer of the documentary. The movie helped the students in experiencing the plight of migrant communities in metropolitan cities by critically making them engaged in the discussion. The department organized its Annual Lecture Series event on 15th October 2013 with Prof. T.K.Oommen, Professor Emeritus, JNU as the speaker. His most pressing views on 'Is Objectivity Possible in Social Science?' helped all of us to explore the age-old debate on the issue of objectivity in new light.

The overall performance of our students in the university examinations as well as in other entrance examinations has remained satisfactory. Many of our students have cleared all India level entrances and are at the moment continuing their higher education in reputed institutions like Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Delhi University (DU), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Jamia Millia Islamia University and the like.