

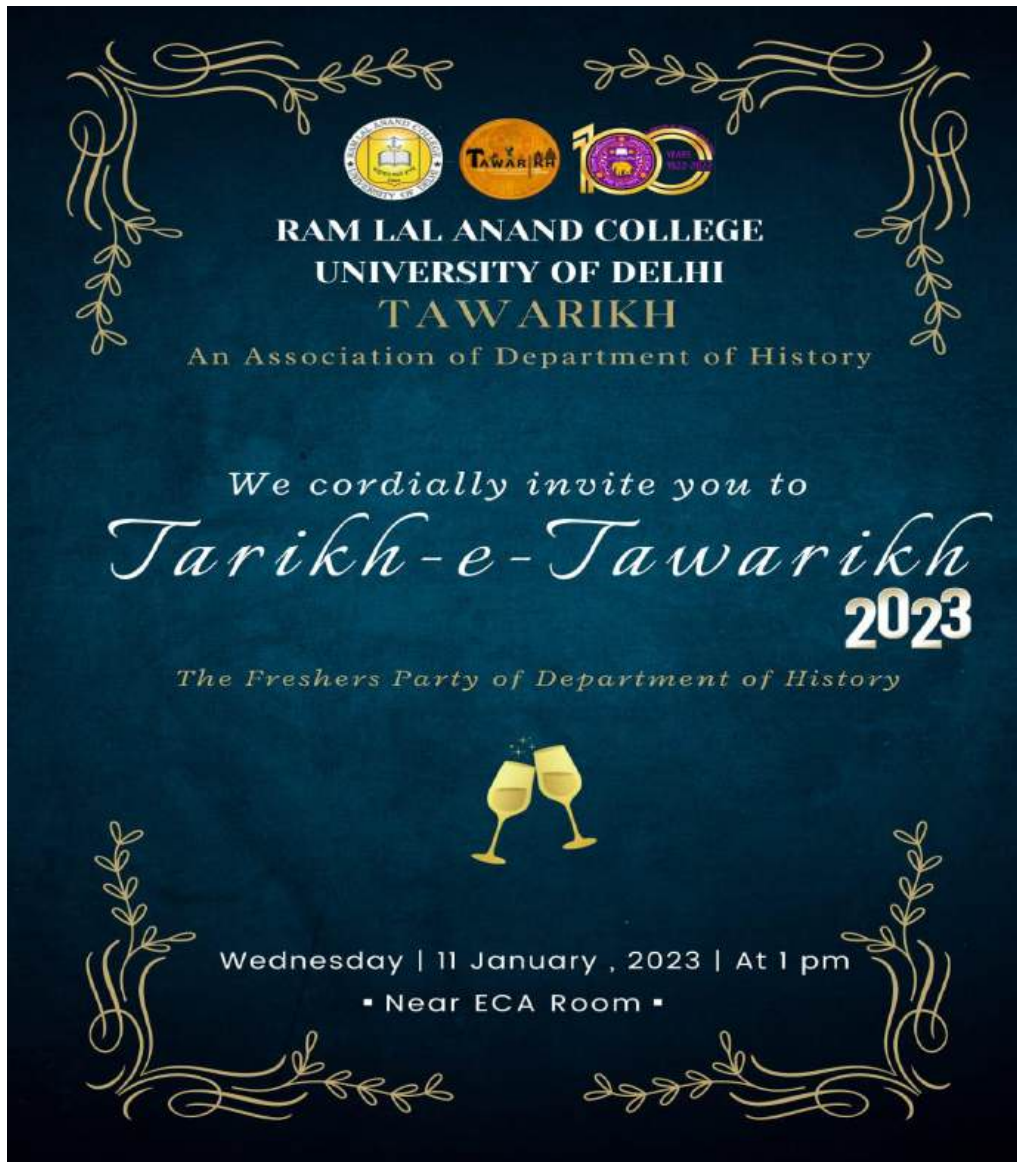
Department of History- Annual Report 2022-23

The Department of History has a twofold mission: to introduce students to the breadth and depth of human experience through a comparative study of past and contemporary societies and cultures; and to develop their ability to conduct research, analyze and assess evidence, and articulate sound conclusions both orally and in writing. All our students thus acquire knowledge and skills that help them develop as informed, engaged, and thoughtful citizens. The study of history plays a distinctive and central role in any strong liberal arts curriculum, particularly in any field that values thoughtful analysis of evidence, effective communication skills, and a broad and empathetic approach to knowledge. We seek to educate students in the complexities of historical inquiry, to develop their critical thinking skills, and to improve their understanding of the world around them. We also seek to impart essential workforce skills, such as writing, reading comprehension, and communication.

The academic session began with the felicitation ceremony for outgoing office bearers of *Tawarikh* (the History Society). It was a gesture of gratitude to the students who worked hard, in times of Covid and online teaching, and ensured that cultural interactions among faculties and students specific programs continued unabated. We also welcomed the new office bearer of *Tawarikh*.



On 11 January 2023, Department also organised an *freshers* welcome for the batch of 2022-25. Filled with music, dance, games and a lot of fun, this **3-hour long program** familiarized the students with the seniors and each other as well.





Under the aegis of Vasudha: The Eco Club of Ram Lal Anand College, student of the Department of History participated in a campus cleanliness drive. The cleanliness drive was led by Dr Parul Gaur. She enlightened student on the importance of ecology, waste-management and how waste-collection could be a very ecologically sensitive business enterprise.



In teaching history, the faculty members of the department always emphasize on learning from first-hand experience, and every year the department organizes a student trip to historical monuments. These trips serve as important learning tools and enhance bonding among students. Prof. Narendra Kumar Pandey and Dr Shachi Meena promote grassroots/interdisciplinary learning among students by conducting field investigations. Prof. Narendra Kumar Pandey, for instance, encouraged his students to conduct a field survey on Mohalla Clinic, DTC Network, Schools run by Delhi government and Electricity subsidy. Likewise, Dr Shachi Meena regularly conducts heritage walks to monuments and archeological sites for her students.

On 20th January 2023, the Department of History organised a heritage walk to the Mehrauli Archeological Park, Qutub, Delhi. The walk was attended by 129 students from all 3 years.



Students were accompanied by faculty members including Dr Rajiv Kumar (Convenor), Dr. Parul Gaur, Dr. Shachi Meena, Dr. Arvind Patel, and Dinesh Kataria. Dr Shachi Meena lead the Heritage walk and enlightened student with historical background of the place, and it's significance in medieval Indian history. The Office-bearers of *Tawarikh*-Sanskriti Semwal (President), Mohit Tak (Treasurer), Hardika Sharma (Vice president), Raman Jha (Secretary), and Yash Sirohi (Joint secretary)- were also present. The team played a crucial role in the organization and smooth conduct of the walk.

