

## *Annual Report 2019-20*

### ***Dastoor -The Music Society***

*Dastoor*, the Indian Music Society of the College was formed in 2015. From its very inception, the society has been very active, performing regularly in intra as well as inter-college competitions. The society held its annual auditions on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 in the College amphitheatre. The office bearer of the society is: Shreeya Dikshit (President), and Ayushi Singh (Vice President). For their guidance, the College appointed Mr. Anirudh Varma, founder of the Anirudh Varma Collective. It is a collaborative project, bringing artists & musicians together as music teachers.

In the Fresher's Welcome party held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, the society members performed the *Saraswati Vandana* in Raag *Baageshri* lined with instrumental and mashups. *Dastoor* also participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> inter college event held at Oasis, BITS, Pilani from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. The Indian classical choir performed its annual composition which comprised of 3 raagas – raag *Bhimpalasi*, raag *Nand* and raag *Vrindavani Saarang*, composed and arranged by Mr. Anirudh Varma and Mr. Prateek Narsimha.

The choir team secured second position in Hans Raj College's Annual Fest. Anvitha came first in LSR College and second position in Gargi College Annual Fest in solo-classical singing. The second and third positions in Indrapastha Technical Institute and Gargi College respectively were attained by Attar Singh in instrumental. Under *Dastoor*, the music society, a fusion band 'Slippery Feet' and western music society 'Grassroots' were formed in 2018- Dipen Gupta is the overall in charge. Rahul Bhandari secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in Guitar battle held at Oasis, BITS Pilani and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in instrumental competition held at Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.

The accolades of the society deserve special mention. Sarthak Pradhan secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the Instrumental Competition held at IIT Delhi. Shravani Upadhyay received special mention in the Western Solo Singing Competition held at Deshbandhu College. Marvin Savio Tudu secured 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the Beat Box Battle held at Swami Shraddhanand College.

'Slippery Feet' organized a Battle of Bands on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2020 as part of the Annual Cultural Fest of RLA College. The event was a great success. Eight bands from different colleges were selected for the competition. Additionally, the Indian Classical choir competition was organized by *Dastoor* on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2020. Eleven choir groups from different colleges performed, leaving the audience mesmerized. Last but not the least, Grassroots, also successfully organized its Western choir competition on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2020.

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