THE ROUND TABLE SOCIETY

Report for the academic year 2019-20

The Round Table, established in 2013, is an interdisciplinary academic society and fosters dialogue across disciplines. It also strives to facilitate the all-round development of its members.

Following the rich legacy of the college and keeping in mind the aim of the Society, two topical themes (a)**Reassessing the Abolition of Article 370** and (b) **Movement of the Indian Economy Towards Another Recession** were discussed and debated by the members on the 3rd September 2019.

The next eventSpectrum: See Beyond the Obvious, was held on 4th October 2019 with LGBTQI+ community and mental healthawareness were its signature themes. The panel of speakers encouraged us to engage with these themes in all their dimensions and complexities from a human rights perspective. Kalyugan activity-based competition challenged its participants to evaluate the importance of mental health and LGBTQI+ rights in their daily lives.

The annual eventof the Society, Intellosphere was held on 30 - 31 January 2020 focused on Different Shades of the Entertainment Industry- the Real, the Reels and in-betweens. On the first day, presentations and discussion by a group of speakers addressed the sub-themes of challenges to cinematic liberty, use of social media for business, the influence of social media on students and the entertainment industry as a career option. On the second day, a Vlogger's meet was organised on the theme of the power of social media and its influence on today's world.



Simultaneously, the **4th edition** of the *Kirori Mal College Model United Nations* was organized. The opening was presided over by Mr. KanwalSibal, the former Foreign Secretary to the Government of India as chief guest. **200** delegates participated in this event. The agendas: *Responsible state behaviour in cyberspace, global trade in illicit opiates; Situation in Yemen; The need for electoral reforms in India and tackling the spread of extremism in India*were discussed in a *total of six committees* under the supervision of a skilled executive board. This two-day event concluded with a *closing ceremony on 1st February 2020*.

The Round Table also took forward its initiative called **TRT Talks** where contemporary issues from around the world are presented on an online platform. **Amazon forest fires, US-China trade war and Pandemics through the ages** were the primary themes this year.