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Department of Development Communication, Extension and Journalism

COMSCAPE-Annual Academic Festival

COMSCAPE is the annual academic festival of the Department of Development Communication, Extension and Journalism. Held in March 2023, the festival was instrumental in providing the students an academically and culturally stimulating environment. Various inter college competitions were held and saw a huge participation from students of other colleges of Delhi University as well as other Universities.

The festival kick started on an academic note with an interactive lecture on **‘Role and Responsibilities of Media in the Era of ‘G20’**. The key resource person was Mr. Rahul Kashyap, Chief Operating Officer, PRP Group. Themed on one of the most significant issues, the session provided insights on media’s duties in the present scenario. The speaker spoke about ‘The G20 Summit 2023’, responsibilities of media for this valuable event and the contribution of media towards enhancing awareness among the audience. The session highlighted India’s participation in international platforms and its success for receiving the G20 Presidency.



Poster for the Keynote session



Mr. Rahul Kashyap addressing the audience



Director Prof. (Dr.) Renu Arora with the key speaker

The address was followed by question answer session. The students were thoroughly involved in the entire session.

Inter-college Competitions

To provide a platform to the students to showcase their knowledge, skill and creativity, a spectrum of competitions was lined up for the participants. These were:

Bidding Wars of Podcast - On-The-Spot Podcast Making Competition

An inter -college competition on creation of podcast was organised by the Podcast Club, Centre for Media and Communication of the Department. The themes for the event were climate change, sustainability and gender rights. A distinguished team of judges included RJ Rahul Makin, RJ Supriya from 104 FM, Ms. Deepti Ahuja, content director for HT Smartcast, and Professor Parveen Pannu from Institute of Home Economics. The winners received cash awards and gift hampers, while several contestants were provided an opportunity for internship at HT Smartcast and Fever 104 FM.



Judges and students at the amphitheatre watching performances during podcast



RJ Makin and RJ Supriya, 104 FM interacting with the students



Podcast competition in action; a variety of themes were covered by the students

GOONJ 4.0- Street Play Competition

It is one of the most popular competitions amongst theatre enthusiasts. With 30 teams registering for the event, students from universities and colleges from all over Delhi NCR participated with great zeal. The teams presented issues such as climate change, women empowerment, sustainable development, child labour, anti-corruption practices, political and economic stability to name a few. Such issues are necessary to be brought to the attention of the youth of the nation and enhance audiences' awareness towards taking right action. The



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event was a great success. The event was judged by Ishan Jain, a renowned theatre artist and faculty member from Theatre Leela acting studio along with Dr Geeta Punhani, a senior faculty from the college.



Poster of the event Goonj 4.0



Teams from different colleges performing at COMSCAPE



Bahumukh- Pesh Kiya Jaaye- Film Competition

This competition invited students to showcase their work in four formats, namely short film, parody, documentary or mime. The shortlisted entries were showcased at the event. The screening of films during the competition brought forth discussions on several themes such as normalizing of gender-norms and stereotypes, poverty, satire on saving water, cultural beliefs etc. The renowned judges for the event were known filmmakers Ms. Imrana Khan and Ms. Samina Mishra and Prof. (Dr.) Savita Aggarwal, Institute of Home Economics. The competition was a great learning experience for the audience. Prizes were given to the first three winners.



Judges for the event (left) and the screening of films in progress (right)

Maskerade- Inter-College Face Mask Painting Competition

The Visual Arts & Design club organized Maskerade -face mask painting competition. The theme of the competition was 90's cartoons/anime. The participants got an hour's time to paint masks and showcase their creativity. Dr. Garisha Arora, faculty member from Department of Fabric and Apparel Sciences, Institute of Home Economics was invited to judge the event. The competition was enjoyed by all and the winners were given cash prizes.



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Event poster for Maskerade



Faculty of DCEJ, judge for the event and the winners with certificates



***'Jazbaat tasveeron se'* - Inter-college Photo Essay Competition**

Verve Photography Club of the Department organized competition titled '*Jazbaat Tasveero Se*'. This inter-college photo essay competition required participants to utilize a minimum of five and a maximum of eight photographs to construct a concise yet impactful short story. The competition was judged by the artist and founder of Rajman Production Studios, Mr. Manan Kathuria. Several entries were received for the competition. Prizes were given to the winners.



Event poster for '*Jazbaat Tasveero se*'



Mr. Kathuria (left) delivering a talk to the students on storytelling through photographs and (right) students appreciating the photographs on display

The academic festival COMSCAPE ended on a happy note and created much learning among both the faculty as well as students. It also helped to generate ideas for future festivals.