

# **Departmental Annual Report - 3**

# **Departmental Activities - Curriculum and Beyond**

# **Department - History**

Academic Year: 2017-18 (1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018)

## **Department Society and its Office Bearers:**

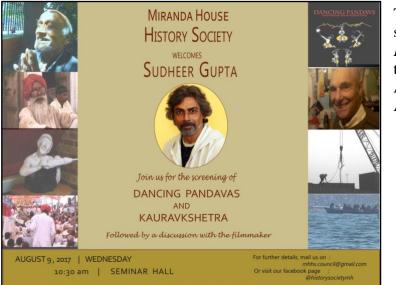
The History Department organizes various seminars and workshops to create a holistic environment of learning beyond the classroom. Activities also include study tours, heritage walks and student excursions.

### **Office Bearers for 2017-18:**

President	Vice	Treasur	General	Musafir
	President	er	Secretary	President
Shreya Das	Rabia	Tarika	Romsha	Aakansha
	Mehra	Sanduja	Vats	Malia



### Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department



The Department of History organised the screening of the film 'Dancing Pandavas and Kauravkshetra' followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, **Mr Sudheer Gupta**, on 9 August 2017.

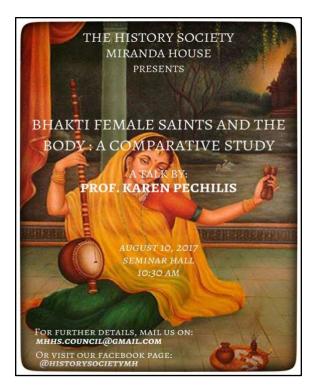
Attendance - approximately 70

On 21 July 2017 at 22:08, Bharati Jagannathan <bharati.jagannathan@mirandahouse.ac.in> wrote: Yes, if it is not very long, we could actually screen both films the same day. What do the others colleagues as well student office bearers feel? Warmly, bharati On 19 Jul 2017 10:26, "Snigdha Singh" <snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in> wrote: Dear All, Kindly find the attachments which contain the poster etc. Do let me know what time should we begin the screening of the film as I need to inform Sudheer Gupta accordingly. Another thing do you'll think we could also screen ' Kauravkshetra' as he has finished this film sometime back. I request the union to check the logistics for 9 August 2017. Best wishes, Snigdha.</snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in></bharati.jagannathan@mirandahouse.ac.in>	From: Bharati Jagannathan <bharati.jagannathan@ mirandahouse.ac.in&gt; Date: Sun, 23 Jul 2017 at 18:56 Subject: Re: Screening of Dancing Pandavas To: Snigdha Singh <snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in> Cc: Srimanjari Miranda <srimanjari@mirandahouse.ac.in>, Sneh Jha <sneh.jha@mirandahouse.ac.in>, Romsha Dubey <romshaa24@gmail.com>, Madhu <madhu@mirandahouse.ac.in>, Tarika Sanduja <tanusanduja@gmail.com>, Rabia Mehra <mehrarabia5@gmail.com>, Kamini K Das <kaminikumari.das@mirandahouse.ac.in>, Shreya Das <sd.shreyadas269@gmail.com> Student office bearers, please respond to Snigdha! On 22 July 2017 at 17:27, Snigdha Singh <snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in> wrote: Kindly let me know either way as soon as possible as we should inform Sudheer Gupta early next week. Other things that need to be looked into 1) confirmation of scheduled time for screening 2) venue and logistics 3) introduction and thank-youwhoever is doing the needful kindly meet faculty members 4) are we screening both the films or only one of them? Best wishes, Snigdha.</snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in></sd.shreyadas269@gmail.com></kaminikumari.das@mirandahouse.ac.in></mehrarabia5@gmail.com></tanusanduja@gmail.com></madhu@mirandahouse.ac.in></romshaa24@gmail.com></sneh.jha@mirandahouse.ac.in></srimanjari@mirandahouse.ac.in></snigdha.singh@mirandahouse.ac.in></bharati.jagannathan@ 
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The Department of History organised a talk by **Professor Karen Pechilis**, Drew University, New Jersey, on the topic 'Bhakti Female Saints and the Body: A Comparative Study' on 10 August 2017.

Attendance – approximately 100



# 'WINTER <sup>IS</sup> COMING':

Snow, Rain , And War In Mughal South Asia

The Mughals fought ceaselessly. Their empire was based as much on diplomacy and alliance-building, as on violent and frequent wars. While Mughal armies constantly fought a variety of adversaries, they also had to relentlessly negotiate the diverse environmental conditions of the huge landmass of South Asia. The extremely heterogeneous climate, terrain, and ecology of the subcontinent profoundly shaped Mughal military practices and made the latter very heterogeneous as well. In Bengal and Assam, for instance, Mughal armites discovered the terrain to be dominated by numerous rivers. Consequently, they had to learn to wage amphibious wars. Still, they found it very difficult to negotiate the very heavy annual rainfall and the enormous floods they caused. In the north, imperial armies Bught their way across the Himalayan foothills into Kashmir. But severely cold winters and very heavy snoufall prevented them from expanding any further. Severe snoufall prevented them from expanding any further. Severe snoufall abso seriously jeopardised Mughal wars in Halkh-Badakishan and Qandahar in the northwest. Primatify using examples about how Mughal armites struggled against two climatic factors - snow and rain, this paper highlights the importance of environmental factors in moulding Mughal warfare and territorial expansion.

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The Department of History arranged a talk by **Dr. Pratyay Nath,** Assistant Professor, Department of History, Ashoka University, titled *'Winter Is Coming: Snow. Rain and War in Mughal South Asia'* on 7 September 2017.

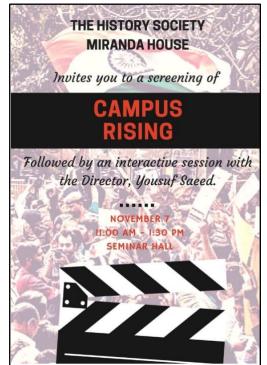
Attendance – approximately 120



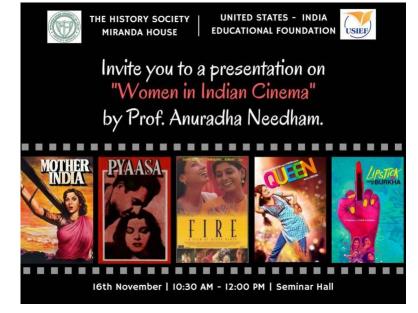
The Department of History organized the screening of the film *Campus Rising*' and discussion with the director, **Mr. Yousuf Saeed**, on 7 November 2017.

Attendance – approximately 150

Organised through telephonic conversations with the director by Dr. Bharati Jagannathan







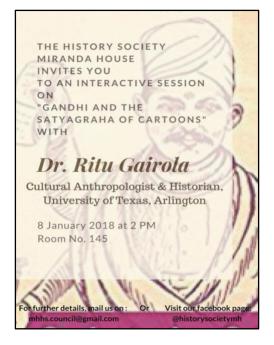
The Department of History organised a film screening and discussion in collaboration with United States-India Educational Foundation on *Women in Indian cinema*' by **Prof Anuradha Needham,** Oberlin College, Ohio, on 16 November 2017.

Attendance – approximately 120

# From: Bharati Jagannathan <bharati.jagannathan@ mirandahouse.ac.in> Date: Mon, 20 Nov 2017 at 18:52 Subject: Re: Thank You To: Pavitra Soram <pavitra@usief.org.in> Cc: Josmi Joseph Srampickal <Josmi@usief.org.in>, Priyanjana Ghosh <Priyanjana@usief.org.in>, Principal Miranda <principal@mirandahouse.ac.in>, Pratibha Jolly ratibha.jolly@mirandahouse.ac.in> Dear Pavitra. You are welcome. It was entirely our pleasure. The students found Prof Needham's talk very stimulating. Warm regards, bharati On 20 Nov 2017 12:53, "Pavitra Soram" <pavitra@usief.org.in> wrote: Dear Dr. Jolly & Dr. Jagannathan, On behalf of USIEF, I would like to thank you for hosting Dr. Anuradha Needham at Miranda House during the International Education Week. It was wonderful interacting with the students and staff of Miranda House and we appreciate your support for giving us this opportunity. We look forward to working with you for more such events in future. Best regards, Pavitra **Pavitra Soram** Program Manager-U.S. Program United States-India Educational Foundation Fulbright House | 12, Hailey Road | New Delhi 110 001 T:+91 11 4209 0928 |F: +91 11 2338 9718| W: www.usief.org.in



The Department of History organised a talk by **Dr. Ritu Gairola**, Cultural Anthropologist and Historian, University of Texas, Arlington, on the topic *'Gandhi and the Satyagraha of Cartoons'* on 8 January 2018. Attendance – approximately 100





The Department of History organised a seminar with **Mr Ravish Kumar**, TV Journalist and **Professor Apoorvanand**, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, on the topic '*Resistance without Arms*' on 12 March 2018.

Attendance – approximately 200





The History Department of Miranda house also organised a Lecture Demonstration by **Dr. Nadeem Shah Suhrawardy**, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, on the topic *'Dastangoi: Mahesh'* on 12 March 2018. Attendance – approximately 150

The Department of History organised a Round Table Discussion with **Prof. Sunil Kumar**, Department of History, University of Delhi and **Mr Sohail Hashmi**, Independent Scholar, chaired by **Professor Amar Farooqi**, Department of History, University of Delhi, on the topic '*Communalising the Past*' on 13 March 2018. Attendance – approximately 150