# **Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies**

University of Delhi

# **BEST PRACTICES**

The Department is proud of being the only Government Institution in the country imparting the knowledge of Hungarian, Bulgarian, Czech and Croatian language, literature and culture, besides Russian and Polish.

#### 1. Film Festival

One of the best practices of the Department is the annual theme based Film Festival which has been running since the last fifteen years. This is an extension service for the students which gives them an opportunity to view and understand various social phenomena across cultures beyond their own, and of the language they are learning. The workshop conducted by the teachers, as well as invited film experts, directs them to think "out of the box," breaks down stereo-types and helps them to open up their minds to develop themselves as global citizens.

### 2. Quiz Competition

Another best practise is the annual quiz competitions - Slava and Azbuka - for the students, where they are required to form their own teams, study and learn about the history and culture of these countries and participate in the competition. These competitions serve multiple purposes. While providing students with an opportunity to learn and discover facts and figures for themselves, they understand the value of team work and cooperation with each other.

### 3. Annual Students Cultural Festival

The third best practice that is worth mentioning is the annual students cultural festival Raduga, where the students are encouraged to show case their talent in extracurricular activities like recitation, play acting, singing, dancing etc. They are required to perform specifically in the language they are learning. This function helps the students to discover their own hidden talents and boosts up their confidence.

All these activities help to integrate the students of the Department irrespective of the Course they are pursuing and creates a healthy and vibrant atmosphere.