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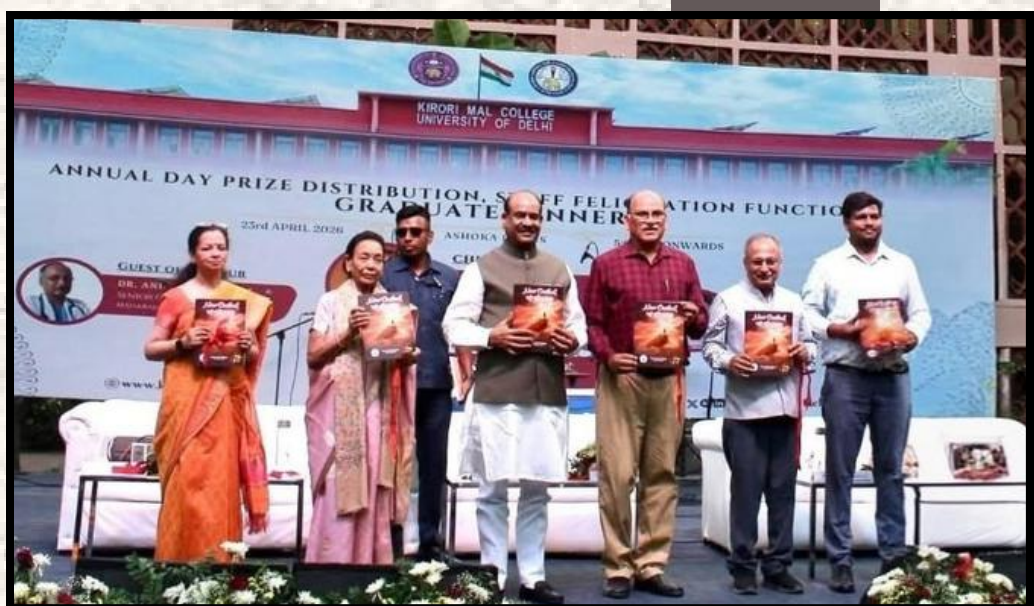
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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Annual Magazine Committee Monthly Digest. This initiative is all about putting a spotlight on the people of Kirori Mal College. Our goal is to bring you ground-level reporting on the events, the conversations, and everything else happening across our campus. By documenting our collective experiences, we want to capture the true, everyday pulse of the student body and the stories that matter to you.

September was an action-packed month, and this edition tracks the momentum chronologically. We start by revisiting the massive crowds at the freshers' Orientation, moving right into the heavy campaigning and silent aftermath of Elections '26. Later in the month, we cover the inspiring NSS Founder's Day on the 24th, followed closely by the tech-focused inauguration of the Center for Artificial Intelligence on the 25th. Finally, to balance out the rush of campus news, we feature "The Rain," a poignant piece of poetry exploring the intense, melancholic feelings of longing and distant love. Read on to catch up on the month!



THE RAIN

Will I ever see love?
With its arms around me
Will it ever stand in front of me
Tangible and all in its glory?
Does distance make the heart grow fonder?
Does it create a desire even in the smallest corners of the heart
Desire so intense that it consumes me whole
Draining me of who I once was
So empty, lacking the devotion I was made of
Built of just the flesh and bones and blood
Blood that oozes out as the knife seeps further and further in
All I see is red, blinding me, decaying me, wearing me thin
And when we meet again
Will we have forgotten the goodbyes we once spoke of
Or will we morph into the farewell we bid each other
Is that all we are now, consumed by the ending of a secret we
held
The knife dug deeper, the blood didn't stop
The phantoms withering and howling as they fall
The Rain And in the middle of it all there was me
Rotten and spoilt with my hands still red
In ruins and waning yet the love?
It didn't morph into more than a thought in my head.

— MYRA

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LIGHTS, LAMPS, AND A HALL PACKED TO THE RAFTERS: THAT'S A WRAP ON ORIENTATION 2026

Venue: Shankar Lal Concert Hall Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Batch: 2026–2029/30

If you were anywhere near Shankar Lal Concert Hall on Friday evening, you know the place wasn't just full—it was packed to fire-exit capacity.

The Orientation and Freshers' Welcome for the 2026–2029/30 batch ran from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The three hours flew by, packed with a Principal's welcome, a video campus tour, guest speeches, a Viksit Bharat pledge, and more. Principal Prof. Dinesh Khattar led the evening alongside Chief Guest Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu. Guests of Honour Prof. Vasuben Trivedi and Dr. Vikas Gupta, along with Student Union members and societies, gathered to welcome the freshers.

HOW THE EVENING WENT

It kicked off standard college style: Vande Mataram, the National Anthem, felicitating dignitaries, and the essential lamp-lighting. No campus event is complete without it. Prof. Khattar took the stage to remind students that they hold the nation's future. Freshers then watched a video highlighting life at KMC. Afterward, Prof. Vasuben Trivedi spoke on the college's diversity, shared childhood anecdotes, and encouraged students to join the Viksit Bharat movement. The batch then stood in unison, taking the pledge to contribute to national development. The speeches gave the evening a weighty start, but the real energy was yet to come.

THE CHIEF GUEST TAKES THE MIC

Chief Guest Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu unveiled the video for the college's new Science Block. Sharing insights from his time at the Indian Embassy in the US, he urged students to step beyond their textbooks and, build multi-dimensional lives.

Key Takeaway from the Chief Guest:

“Do not confine yourselves to the pages of textbooks—get out, explore, and become multi-dimensional human beings.”

WHAT THE FRESHERS ACTUALLY THOUGHT

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, minus one major grievance: a severe lack of seating. The hall couldn't handle the massive turnout, which many freshers blamed on upcoming college elections. Take that with a grain of salt—it was mostly pre-election buzz and an overcrowded crowd. Seating aside, students loved the evening. The Principal's address hit the mark, and guest stories about successful KMC alumni inspired the incoming batch.

The clear highlight, however, was the vibrant music and dance performances, which balanced out the formal speeches.



The silence after all the commotion feels unsettling; even though the campus is busy, something feels missing. After endless campaign cards, handshakes, and manifestos, ballot numbers were etched in our memory, the campus was practically a sea of posters and campaigners. Everyone kept murmuring about their vote; **some criticised the campaigning, while others didn't bother to pay attention.** However, the exception was class campaigning; then a sense of united gratitude washed over students; everyone was happy to be saved from a lecture.

Many students preferred to stay aloof from elections; one of them said they'd be interested if candidates tried to restrict **"election hooliganism"**. A non-voter remarked, "A candidate who brings about better opportunities for the professional aspect of my life, better internship opportunities within the college, student exchange programs to different colleges and seminars by professionals from different fields to learn about what it's like to be in different fields would interest me." The common issues that the students wanted the candidates to address is the infrastructure of the college, improper sports facilities and lack of administrative access. **A voter stated, "The basic responsibilities of the administration are made to be a privilege."** Campus safety, for women and everyone in general, was also brought up. It was pointed out that committees for women empowerment exist, but they aren't publicised. A group of voters pointed out a lack of lighting around the sports area and that no cameras are installed for overall student safety.

Furthermore, freshers contested the elections this year and seemed to have a hard time gaining the trust because they lacked proof of work they had done for students. A voter commented, "We shouldn't vote for freshers because experience and connections matter, and **they should first prove that they're capable of standing in elections and not ask for votes just because their personality is unique.**" Parag Saharan, now serving as our President, contested the elections because he feels the generic problems of students are being ignored and sidelined because of religious, caste or regional identity on which candidates gather voters. He aims to make college life easier for students, as their problems are being left out due to administrative inconvenience.



Supporters of the candidate distribute cards and chant slogans in support of the election campaign

Women empowerment was acknowledged by Zuhaib Khan, now Vice President, who contested the elections with the idea of leading an initiative, "Cyber Sakhi", where problems faced by women are raised and addressed in monthly sessions. He also aims to develop an application with the administration to provide students with timetables that clearly mention their classes, faculty and room numbers, which is a common issue faced by freshers.

The Voting day brought with it the silence; long queues of voters were reminded of ballot numbers one last time, as if all the campaigning cards, posters and class campaigning hadn't been enough. As the voting ended, there were no more handshakes, campaigning cards or free treats, just the anticipation of the results. The elections are over; now we have to watch and see if anything changes and make sure they answer for it if it doesn't.

NSS Founder's Day

The NSS Founder's Day was held at the Swami Vivekananda Auditorium on 24th September 2026 to celebrate the founding of NSS. The big day was graced by the Chief Guests: **Mrs. Anjali Rathee**, former Wing Commander; **Shri Khurshid Robanny**, Senior Editor, National Bureau; **Shri Rahul Neel**, Author; **Shri Sharwan Ram**, Regional Director, NSS, Delhi; **Prof. Dinesh Khattar**, Principal of Kirori Mal College; and **Dr. Prempal Singh**, Programme Officer, NSS KMC. The Founder's Day was celebrated with gusto and with events, including Chitrankan - a poster-making competition and Rashtrakila - a quiz competition on the theme of Indian history and heritage. The quiz was won by Venkateshwara College's team led by Karan Kalita. All of this took place alongside the main event, where the Chief Guests addressed the gathering with their inspiring and enlightening words.

In an interview with our correspondent, Shri Khurshid Robanny and Shri Rahul Neel offered a glimpse of how significant NSS's work is and their hopes for the future of India's youth. Shri Rahul Neel especially mentioned students from marginalised backgrounds passing the CUET with the help of NSS volunteers and studying at prestigious colleges such as Kirori Mal, Ramjas and Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa. He mentioned that the event would be more meaningful for him as a guest if he could hear about the experiences of the students.

Shri Khurshid Robanny also highlighted the youth's responsibility not only to themselves but also to the nation. He believes young people should lead with humanity and a positive attitude, qualities that can be cultivated by sharing opinions and ideas with one another. The event was a small glimpse of the scope of NSS KMC and the success it has had in transforming lives.



CAI: KMC'S NEW TECH HUB

The Center for Artificial Intelligence (CAI) officially launched on the 25th, drawing a heavyweight lineup of guests. Attendees included Prof. K. Ratnabali (DU Dean of Academic Affairs and law prof), S. Krishnan (IAS, Secretary of MeitY), Prof. Sanjeev Singh from DU's Institute of Informatics and Communication, and KMC's own Principal, Prof. Dinesh Khattar.

After the launch, CAI President Parth—a third-year B.Com student who co-founded the center with a few friends while grinding on an AI project—shared what CAI is all about. The main USP? Getting KMC students industry-ready with solid AI skills. They plan to roll out accessible tutorials across YouTube, Instagram, digital platforms, and their own site, alongside open seminars, workshops, and competitions for everyone.



Throughout the event, speakers dug into AI's huge role in business and society. They hoped CAI would act as a cross-department hub where ideas bounce around and turn into real-world innovations—positioning KMC as a leader in India's AI wave rather than just a follower.

A major takeaway from the speeches was the need for sharp human judgment, warning everyone not to blindly trust AI output. In response, Parth made sure to promise that cyberethics will stay front and center in all upcoming CAI events and discussions. While the speeches got a bit repetitive toward the end, the event delivered an exciting look at what's coming next.