

# ZEPHYR - THE WESTERN MUSIC SOCIETY OF KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE



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Zephyr, the Western Music Society of Kamala Nehru College, is a collection of powerful and dynamic singers. We are an A cappella group divided into four sub-categories on the basis of vocal ranges i.e Bass, Tenor, Alto and Soprano. Zephyr has been a part of the college since 2010 and is one of the most active performing societies. We have taken part in multiple events and competitions over these 12 years. Even after the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic, the society continued to soothe and entertain people through their online presence, mainly on Instagram by uploading covers of various popular songs. We continue to strive towards excellence and make our college proud.

## 2016:

Zephyr successfully hosted the annual inter-college competition Rhythm 'n' Blues during ULLAS2016 with numerous participant colleges.

We secured-

First position-

1. Miranda House
2. Sri Venkateshwara College
3. Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology
4. Indraprastha College for Women

Second Position-

1. Janki Devi Memorial College
2. Jesus and Mary College
3. Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi)
4. Shiv Nadar University

Third Position-

1. Delhi Technological College
2. Kirori Mal College
3. Hindu College



## 2017:

In January 2018, Zephyr hosted a vocal workshop with Luiza Sales (Brazilian Vocalist) and Pedro Carneiro Silva (Pianist) which was also attended by teams from Gargi College, Jesus and Mary College and Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies.

Zephyr was placed second at the annual fest of BITS Pilani and also participated at MOOD INDIGO, the annual fest of IIT Bombay. The Choir also performed at the Hot Chocolate Fest which was held at the Junction, Hauz Khas. The choir won the first prize at JDMC and is hoping to bring more laurels in the remaining season.



## 2018:



Zephyr stood in the top five teams in the DU music circuit and had brought a lot of laurels to the college through competitions not only in Delhi but also on other national platforms.

### First Position:

1. Janki Devi Memorial College
2. Sri Ram College of Commerce
3. Kirori Mal College
4. Shaheed Bhagat Singh College

### Second Position:

1. BITS Pilani

2. Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies
3. Delhi College of Arts and Commerce

**Third Position:**

1. Ramjas College
2. MotiLal Nehru College.

Zephyr successfully hosted its annual inter-college Western Music Competition Rhythm 'n' Blues as part of Ullas 2018, with participants from various colleges of Delhi University. The judges for this year were MrAnirudhVerma (pianist, composer and producer) and Ms Swati Bhatt (singer, composer and A Cappella practitioner)

**2019:**



The year started off with a bang with Zephyr winning the first position at Janki Devi Memorial.

**Second Position:**

1. Lady Sri Ram
2. Dyal Singh Evening College
3. Miranda House
4. College of Vocational studies

**Third Place:**

1. Jesus and Mary College
2. Hansraj College

- Riya Khattar secured the first position in solo singing at 4 colleges and a second position at 3 colleges.
- Akshaya Bharadwaj also secured the third position at Miranda House in solo singing.



## 2020:



We kicked off the fest season in January 2020 and won various positions till the time it ended abruptly.

### First position:

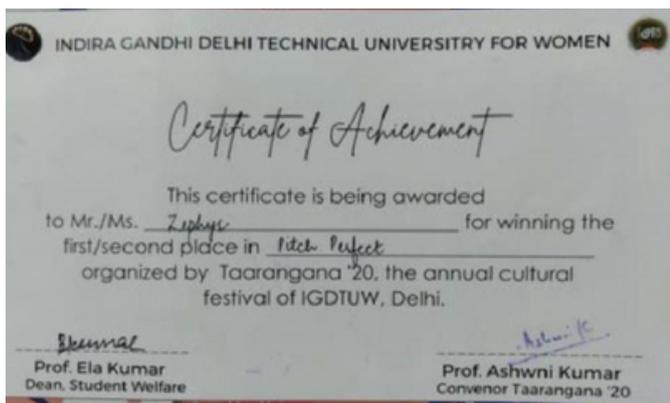
1. Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women
2. Lady Hardinge Medical College

### Second Position:

1. Lady Sri Ram College
2. Dyal Singh Evening College

### Third Position:

Gargi College





We also participated in other college fests and competitions which are mentioned below:

- Zakir Hussain College's Music competition on 24th February 2020.
- SNU Music competition on 8th February 2020.
- JMC College's Music Competition on 14th February 2020.
- DTU and Ramlal Anand College on 15th February 2020.
- St. Stephens College on 19th February 2020.
- Maitreyi College and Motilal Nehru College on 21st February 2020.
- Ramjas College and SSSCBS College on 26th February 2020.
- Acharya Narendra Dev College and Venkateshwar College on 27th February 2020.
- Daulat Ram College on 28th February 2020.
- Hansraj College on 29th February 2020.



- We had the privilege of performing at an event organized by the Vanishing Girls NGO on the occasion of The International Day of the Girl Child, at Dilli Haat on October 11, 2019.



- Many members of our group made various covers over the quarantine period which was widely appreciated by a lot of people. This was part of our 'Cover Series' and they were posted on the official Instagram account @knc.zephyr. (The link for the same is: <https://instagram.com/knc.zephyr?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=> ).
- We had hosted an online Farewell for the seniors on 20th August 2020.



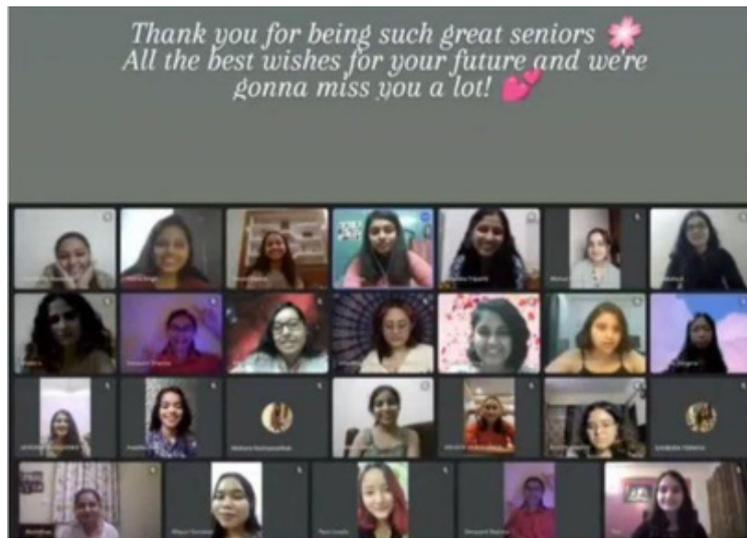
- We had auditions for the first-year students on 20th November 2020.
- We successfully conducted an Orientation to welcome and introduce the society to the first years on 25th November 2020.

- In the month of December, the society successfully conducted online audition for the selection of the first years. It lasted for two days and had a three-step procedure. The final team is yet to be selected.

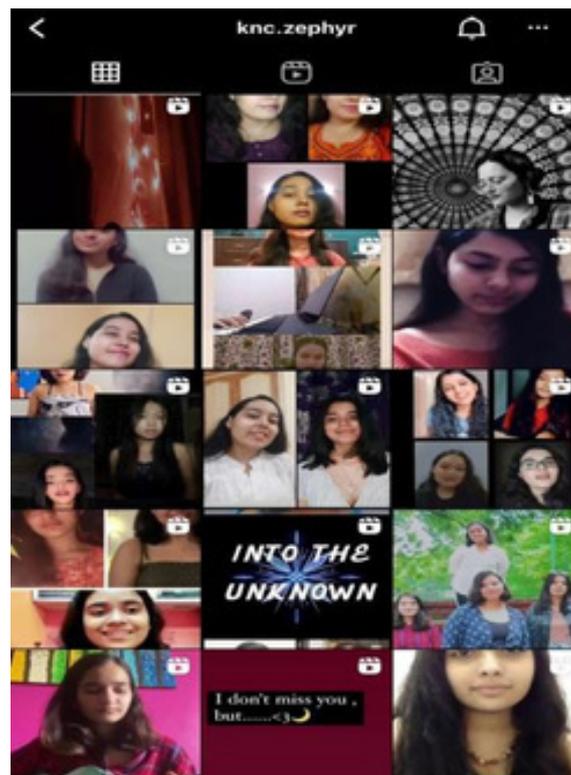
## 2021:

We tried to make use of this year as much as we could by having regular sessions along with participating in many virtual as well as physical events and keeping the society as active as possible.

- We had an online farewell conducted for our seniors as well on 31st July 2021.

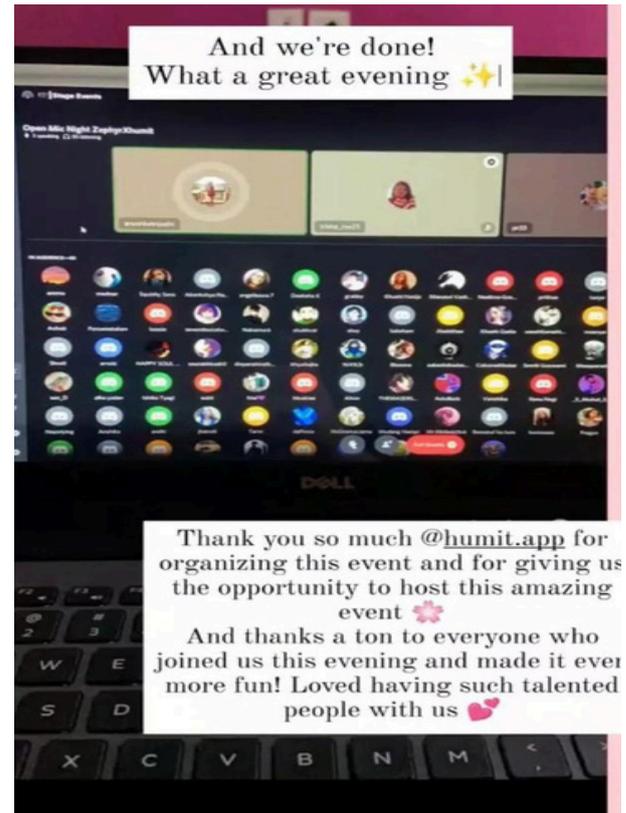


- We also made it a point to expand our Instagram page through posts and reels which helped in encouraging the members in participating and showcasing their music.



Listed below are the few meetings and events that we were involved in for the online academic year of 2021-22:

- We had a brief online session with our seniors who have already graduated but were a part of Zephyr and are now currently pursuing music. It was on 2nd May 2021. The main aim of the meeting was to help the first years in understanding the technical concepts of music better and to get an idea of how acapella actually works.
- We had co-hosted and participated in an online Open Mic event organized by The Humit, which is a relatively new but promising company focused on music, on 28th August 2021. We had an overwhelming number of participants and audience, and overall it was a success.



- Some of our members performed for an NGO event of the GirlUp Organization on 4th December 2021 at Champa Gali, Delhi. This event was organized to celebrate the 16-day Activism Against Gender-based Violence in collaboration with the Fair Trade Forum India and in partnership with UNHCR, India.



- We also conducted online practice sessions every week in our ECA period on Wednesdays to keep in touch with our music and our society.
- We also tried our best to keep up with our social media activity by posting a lot of Instagram music covers and reels to expand our reach, introduce our new members to other music societies, and above all, stay connected musically.
- Some of the members had participated in a virtual event named "Ruhaniyat" organized by NDIM and submitted their entries and audio clips by 26th August 2021. 7. Some members participated in a virtual event named "Rhapsody" organized by Maharaja Agrasen College and submitted their entries and audio clips between 29th September 2021 to 9th October 2021.
- A few members had participated in solo singing competitions. Listed below are the following
  1. 'Symphony'- IMT Ghaziabad 10th December 2021
  2. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College
  3. 'Requiem2.-'- NMIMS Navi Mumbai 23rd October, 2021
  4. 'Jashn-e-hunar'- NSS, GSS Gargi
  5. 'Mood Indigo Multicity'- IIT Bombay 21st October 2021
  6. 'Requisition'- SSCBS 26th April 2022
- We also held our auditions for the new first-year batch for the academic year of 2021-22 on 24th December 2021. It involved two rounds of auditions and one orientation session after which we decided on our final team for this year.
- Offline Practices also began with the slight ease of the Covid-19 pandemic.



A meeting with the faculty conveners.

# 2022:

- 26th April - participated in 'Requisition', a Solo Singing Competition hosted by Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies.
- 1st May - Conducted farewell for 2019-2022 batch.
- 6th June - Threw a felicitation party for the new council.
- 13th September - Performed for the cultural evening held by the college for the NAAC team.



- 16th October - Secured first position in Sargam - the Western Acapella Competition organised by Thomso, IIT Roorkee.



# 2023:

- 25th January - collaborated with GirlUp Ikhtiyaar to spark off their project 'Zariyah' dedicated to donating winter clothes to those in need in the Delhi NCR



- 29th January - participated in IIIT Delhi's annual Western Acapella Competition 'Odyssey'.
- 18th February - Collaborated with 'Sakaar outreach', an NGO devoted towards making a difference in the lives of those in need. We gathered a crowd in Connaught Place's Central Park through a fun-filled jamming session.



- 21st March - placed third in 'Staccato', the Western Music Event organised by Dyal Singh College (E).



- 30th March - Our talented soprano Aroma Mathews secured the 3rd prize at St Stephen's College's Solo Singing Competition.
- 31st March - Aroma Mathews won the first position in the Western Solo Singing competition organised by Shri Ram College of Commerce.



- 8th April - performed at Aaghaz'23 in collaboration with Lakshya, the theatre society of Kamala Nehru College.
- 8th April - won 3rd position in Blend - the Western Acapella competition organised by Shaheed Bhagat Singh college



- 20th April - placed 3rd in the Western Acapella Competition organised by Motilal Nehru College



- 21st April - performed at the annual fest of Delhi College of Arts and Commerce as their official entertainment partners.
- 23rd April - placed 2nd in 'Rachnotsav', the Western Acapella event organised by Hansraj College



- 25th April - organised annual Western Music Event - Rhythm and Blues. It was a huge success with over 10+ colleges from the Delhi University Circuit competing against each other.



- 9th May - organised farewell for the batch of 2020-2023 in our college.



- 8th July - elected new council members for the session - Sarah Khan (President) and Kashvi Jain (Vice-President)
- 6th August - collaborated as official society partners in Global Village '23 conducted by AIESEC - a global organisation brought to India by IIT Delhi.



- 23rd August - Conducted a joint orientation for all the music societies of Kamala Nehru College along with 'Sangeetika' - Indian Music Society and 'TRP' - college band.
- 19th September - We orchestrated a lively and dynamic jamming session at our college, brought to fruition through a collaborative effort with "The Rumoured Project."



- 30th October - We secured the 3rd prize in the "Pitch Perfect", the Western Acapella Competition organised by BITS Pilani during their annual fest, "Oasis 2023"



- 2nd December - Collaborated as official society partners in Global Village '23 conducted by AIESEC - a global organisation brought to India by IIT Delhi.



# 2024:

- 2nd February - Won 2nd prize in “Symphony”, the annual Western Acapella Competition organised by Janki Devi Memorial College.



- 13th February - Participated in “Requiem”, the Western Acapella Competition organized by Gargi College.
- 20th February - Participated in “Noise Gate”, the Western Acapella Competition organized by College of Vocational Studies.
- 28th February - Participated in “Syncopation”, the Western Acapella Competition organized by Daulat Ram College.

- 2nd March - Participated in “Hysteria”, the Western Acapella Event organized by Lady Shri Ram College.



- 7th March- We had a collaboration with ‘The Women’s Development Cell’ alongside ‘Sangeeta’ and ‘The Rumoured Project’ for womens day celebration , and had a successful jamming session in the college “Harmony Haven” .
- 12th March- Performed at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, as part of a collaboration organised by ‘Adroit’, the Advertising Society of DCAC for their ADsummit.



- 15th March- Participated in “Madrigal” the Western Acapella Event hosted by Jesus and Mary College.
- 18th March- Organised our Annual Acapella Event “Rhythm & Blues” under the college’s annual fest “Ullas”. It was a huge success as different colleges of Delhi University circuit was competing against each other in both group as well as solo events.



- 16th April - Participated in the Western Acapella Event hosted by Motilal Nehru College.
- 1st May - Organised a farewell for the members belonging to the batch of 2021-2024.



- 11th September - New council members, Jagriti Belwal and Gauri Khurana were selected as Co-Presidents for the session 2024-2025.



- 5th October - We secured the 2nd position in the event "Sargam (Ensemble)", the Western Acapella Competition organised by IIT Roorkee during their annual fest, "Thomso 2024".



- 13th November - Today, Zephyr performed at the freshers of Kamla Nehru College.



- 21 February - We participated in 'Scorrendo', the Western Group Singing competition hosted by Swaranjali, the music society of Dr. Akhilesh Das Gupta Institute of Professional Studies (ADGIPS).
- 24 February - We secured second position in 'Acapellicious', the western acapella competition hosted by Philyra, the western music society of Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women.



- 27 February - Today, we hosted our much awaited annual music competition 'Rhythm and Blues' under our college's annual fest 'Ullas'. The competition comprised of 2 events, the Western Acapella Competition and Western Solo Competition.



- 28 March - We participated in the western group acapella competition under 'Surmanjari', the annual music fest hosted by Musoc, the western music society of Kirori Mal College
- 3 April - We participated in 'Cadence', the Western Acapella competition hosted by Dastgah, the music society of Delhi College of Arts and Commerce (DCAC).



- 24 April - Today, Zephyr gave a performance at the farewell ceremony of Kamala Nehru College.



- 29 April - Today, we organized a farewell for the members of the batch of 2022-2025.



As we stand here, upholding our esteemed reputation within the Delhi University Circuit, we carry forward the cherished legacy of Zephyr entrusted to us by our predecessors.

Thank you.