

## *Report of SPIC MACAY Fest 2019 Aryabhata Chapter*

A (Hindustani Classical Vocal recital) performance under the aegis of Spic Macay took place on 15th March, 2019 at 11: 00 a.m. in the seminar hall of the Aryabhata College, University of Delhi. The act was presented by Rajnish Mishra and Ritesh Mishra. The artist brothers belong to a traditional music family of Benaras Gharana. They received their initial training in music from their grandfather Hanuman Prasad Mishra, and Gopal Mishra. Later, they honed their skills under Rajan Mishra (father) and Sajan Mishra (uncle) of Benaras Gharana. They are 'A' grade artist with All India Radio and Doordarshan and have performed widely in many prestigious concerts in India and abroad. These include the Tansen Samaroh, Gwalior; Saptak Music Festival, Ahmedabad; UDCO Festival, Lucknow; Royal Albert Hall, London; Symphony Hall, Birmingham; and Lincoln Centre, New York. They have also successfully conducted lecture-demonstrations and workshops at various academic institutions, both national and international. Rajnish and Ritesh Mishra have been honoured by many prestigious organizations, like the Yuva Ratna Award by Rotract Organization, and Certificate of Honour by Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, USA. They have many recordings to their credit including the Grammy Award, nominated album, Rise. The programme began with the traditional lightening of the lamp by the Principal Dr. Manoj Sinha and a warm welcome note presented by Dr. B. Mangalam. The artist brothers known for their ability to create heavenly music that soothes the mind, body and soul, displayed a unique presentation portraying a distinctive amalgamation of the benaras gharana. At the end of the event, Mishra brothers interacted with the students and satiated their queries by sharing interesting facts & valuable inputs. The programme, that was an opportunity to learn the true essence of Hindustani Classical music, was attended by a large number of students, faculty members and karmacharis.



The performers were applauded and a vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Rajendra Dayal. A token of gratitude was given to them by the Principal Dr. Manoj Sinha.

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Convenor  
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