

**A case study
Of
Project: First War of Independence Memorabilia**

Conceptualization of the idea/ Project:

The First War of Independence (1857) –was started by Kali Paltan (*native platoon*) of British Indian Army stationed at Meerut Cantonment. The college along with the entire nation celebrated the 150th anniversary of the First War of Independence (1857).The college fraternity on this occasion resolved that there should be one memorabilia to cherish this event.

The Lead

The Drawing and Painting Department of the college took the responsibility of designing and implementation of this project.

Resource &Skill Mobilization

The Management Committee of the college – resolved that it will provide all necessary resources including site, for this project.

Dr. Nupur Sharma, Head of Drawing and Painting Department in consultation with students, alumni, faculty members and management committee finalized the site, in front of the library Lawn, for the memorabilia.

Dr Prince Raj, alumni of the Drawing and Painting Department, in consultation with Dr. Nupur Sharma, designed the memorabilia. The memorabilia has seven statues of Martyrs with the statue of Mangal Pandey shown with prominence. The design was appreciated by the Management, faculty and students as well.

Implementation: The Building and Maintenance Committee of the College, in consultation with Dr Prince Raj, the principal sculptor of the project and Dr. Nupur Sharma, Head, Department of Drawing Painting, supervised construction of the platform to install the sculpture.

On completion of platform, Dr Prince,Raj in collaboration with the students of Drawing and Painting Department, gave shape to the design. For chiseling thesculpture he along with the students, camped at the site and worked day and night for about one month.

The college staff took care of the daily needs of the team working on memorabilia.

Dedication of the Memorabilia: On 18th December, 2016 the Memorabilia was dedicatedby Sri Pankaj Mittal, Honorable Judge of U P High Court, and Guest(s)of Honour Mrs. and Mr. Kulkarni, the renowned artist of the College of Art, New Delhi along with Sri Amit Sharma, Honorary Secretary, Management Committee, Professor Madan Mohan Sharma, Sri Rajendra Sharma, former MLA, Sri Pankaj Sharma , member(s) of the Management committee to the community.