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Dr. Chandra Mukherji, Visiting Lecturer in Hindi at the Centre for Language Learning (CLL), hosted a one-day workshop, "Orientation for Hindi Learners" for learners and teachers of Hindi on February 21. The workshop, held in collaboration with the Indian High Commission, was officially opened by HE Sri Gouri Shanka Gupta, High Commissioner for the Republic of India. Pundit Dr. Rampersad Parasram spoke on "Development of Hindi in Trinidad & Tobago." Another participant was Dr. Deepak Kumar Pandey, Second Secretary for Hindi and Culture of the High Commission. The participants and visitors were welcomed to the CLL and the Campus by Dr. Beverly-Anne Carter, Director of the CLL.

Learning HINDI

Dr. Mukherji who arrived in Trinidad and Tobago in October 2015 is on assignment from Government Degree College for Women, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana State, India where she is Associate Professor

and Head of the Department of Hindi. She is the most recent academic who has been sent to UWI St. Augustine by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations to support the teaching of Hindi as a foreign language. Dr. Mukherji is already making her presence felt both in and out of class with activities such as this workshop and her role leading her students in song in the CLL's end-of-year concert in November 2015.

Hindi is one of the 10 foreign languages taught at the CLL. Conversation classes will be offered in the mid-year programme which runs from May 02 to July 28. Registration for Semester 1 classes 2016/2017 will begin on August 22. Find out more about Hindi at the CLL http://sta.uwi.edu/the/ctl/courses_Hindi.asp



Dr. Chandra Mukherji is surrounded by workshop participants as they show off their certificates.

Advance Visit by Rear Admiral

Trafficking in narcotics and people; natural disasters; security and defence – issues which are significant within the Organisation of American States (OAS) – are high on the agenda when Rear Admiral Martha Herb, Director, Inter-American Defense College (IADC) returns to Trinidad and Tobago with her class in April.

The Rear Admiral was in the country in mid-February and paid a courtesy call to PVC and Campus Principal, Professor Clement Sankat, where she told him that this was actually an advance visit before her class arrives under an arrangement with the T&T Government and the Defence Force.

The IADC operates under the aegis and funding of the OAS and the Inter-American Defense Board. It provides a professionally oriented, multidisciplinary, graduate-level course of study over an eleven-month programme, giving students opportunities to travel abroad and to study security issues.



Rear Admiral presents Professor Sankat with a token.



It seems a little odd to associate a jazz concert with a cake sale, but to complicate it with an actuarial science seminar takes it just over the edge. Maybe this is what the Department of Mathematics and Statistics was trying to achieve when they softened their seminar with a bit of jazz brought in by Samuel Broverman, a full-time professor in Actuarial Mathematics at the University of Toronto. Broverman, at 60, has never been able to separate his music from his math, and that's what he did at the seminar on February 18.