

**JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Departmental Activities - Yearly Report

(2017-2018)

Department of Philosophy, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi had organized a number of talks, presentations, documentaries in the period of July-October, 2017. Fresher's Welcome Programme had been successfully conducted by the students and faculties of the Philosophy Department.

BBC Documentary was screened which is based on Satre's Road to freedom. Also, ones based on the dialogues between Satyakam and Nachiketa, with respect to the Chandogya Upanishad and the Katho Upanishad respectively had been screened.

An invited lecture had been delivered by Dr. Chinmayee Satpathy, Full Bright Scholar, on Jagannath Consciousness, emphasizing the following:

The importance and ways of synthesizing the tribal cultures and caste systems into our lives. Harmonizing the multi-cultural dimensions of the world, essentially pointing towards the importance of Pluralism here.

How feminine and the male aspects have been equally treated in the Jagannath consciousness.

How reconciliation in between monistic and pluralistic approaches can be made.

Suggested ways towards the treatment of the environment as means of caring for the future.

Revelation 2017, which is the Annual Philosophy Festival, had been conducted by the Department. Dr. Anuradha Needham gave an invited talk on the Role of the Department of philosophy Organising Philosophy Day on 13 October 2017. The theme for the whole event is "Indian Cinema: Emerging Trends and Philosophical interpretations." Dr. Anuradha Needham, 2017.

Fulbright Nehru Academic and professional excellence fellow, Professor of English and Cinema Studies, Oberlin Coll7has agreed to speak on the topic:

"Representation of Women in popular Indian Cinema of the 1950s and 60s".



Invited Lecture on Jagannath Consciousness, Department of Philosophy, 2017



Freshers' Welcome Program, Department of Philosophy, 2017



Revelation, 2017



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Nandita Rajguru Memorial Debate January 2018

The Philosophy Department had organised the Annual Nandita Rajguru Memorial Debate on 10th January 2018 as part of Symphony. The topic was "All war is a symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal". There was a spectacular response from all Delhi University colleges, which got reflected by the engrossing debates, in both Hindi and English medium. There were more than 23 teams who took part in the competition and many more were not allowed to participate

due to limitations of time. The External Judge Professor Krishna Jain, Retired JDM Faculty, appraised the Department over their choice of topic and shared her views in this area. Thus, helping the audience develop a better understanding of the sensitivity of the issue. Dr. V. Rajyalaxmi, from the Sociology Department, was appointed as the internal judge for the event. Ayush And Manan from Keshav Mahavidyalaya had bagged the 1st prize. Apoorva and Shreya from Ramlal Anand College and Noor and Rahul from Shivaji college came as 2nd and 3rd respectively. Rajesh Jha from Shivaji college was judged Best Speaker.



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Glimpses of Sports Day 2018, Department of Philosophy





Invited Lecture on Reason, Religion, and Dharma

Philosophy Department organized a talk in the Library Hall on the 22nd of February, 2018, by prof. Rakesh Chandra, Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow. Prof. Chandra spoke on Reason, Religion, and Dharma highlighting a few troubling aspects of practiced religion and

explaining how philosophers related reason to religious discourse. The talk was followed by thought-provoking questions and discussion engaging both students and faculty members.



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Invited Lecture on Environment, Morality, and Values

Dr. Pragati Sahni, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, had been invited to deliver a lecture on Environment, Morality, and Values on March 13th, 2018 by the Department of Philosophy, Janki Devi Memorial College. She spoke on the ethical aspects of relationships humans share with their environment and how an imbalance in this relationship has deleterious effects on generations afterward. She also discussed the vital steps that needed to be taken to stem the degradation of our environment. The students and faculty members had an engrossing discussion over the issue, following her talk, leading towards more scope for further studies in this direction for all.



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