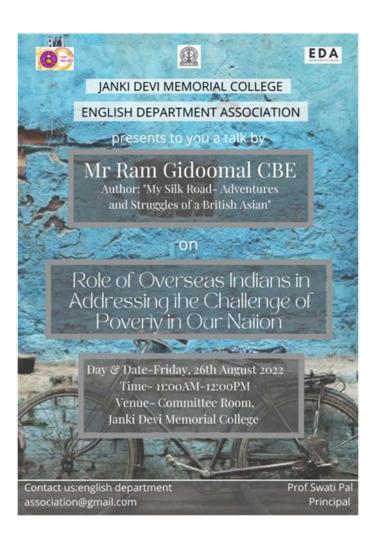
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SEMINAR: ROLES OF OVERSEAS INDIAN IN ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE OF POVERTY IN OUR NATION

The English Department of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a talk on 26th August, 2022 at the seminar room on the topic *Roles Of Overseas Indian In Addressing The Challenge Of Poverty In Our Nation* with Mr Ram Gidoomal CBE, the author of My Silk Road- Adventures and Struggles of a British Indian. Ram Gidoomal CBE, a global businessman and philanthropist, is the Chair Designate of Traidcraft, a Christian-based fair trade organization and development foundation. In the session, Mr Gidoomal shared his experiences of being a Non-Resident Indian. He talked about his school life, his days of being a college student, and the struggles he faced during the partition, and gave the students of Janki many lessons on how to lead their life. It has been a great delight to hear Mr Ram Gidoomal.

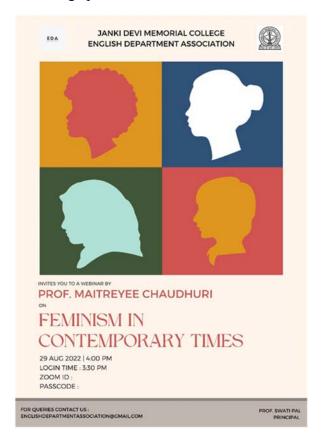






Webinar on Feminism in Contemporary Times

The webinar conducted by Prof Maitreyi Chaudhuri was extremely relevant in the context of bringing forth key issues related to gender in contemporary India. She touched upon feminist perspectives within historical contexts, social structure, class, caste, race, ethnicity, religion and patriarchy. Prof Chaudhuri also contextualised feminist movements within the purview of knowledge production and dissemination.





FIFE: ANTI SWEAR BRIGADE

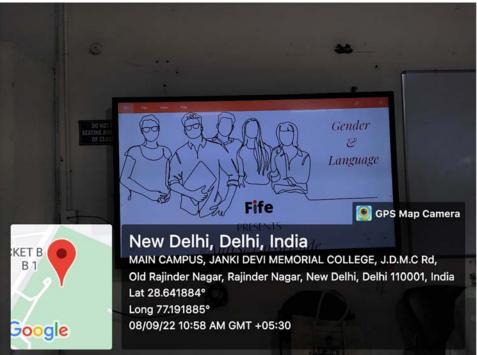
FIFE Organization has launched a campaign called *Anti Swear Brigade* with the objective of educating the youth about the ill-effects of using abusive language and swear words, and its association with misogyny. As a part of the campaign, FIFE organized a seminar with Janki Devi Memorial College on **8th September**, **2022** at Room Number 68 of Janki Devi Memorial College. The session offered a safe space where everyone was seen, heard and understood.

The session included informative videos, presentations, group work, case studies, and some fun games. In the age, where the cuss words are becoming the new cool, the session highlighted the wrong behind it. It helped the students to recognize how cuss words are not just words to vent anger. The abusive language has a deeper, misogynistic correspondence. The session helped to sensitize the participants. The FIFE's Anti Swear Campaign strives to make people aware about the language we use, the meaning and origins of the cuss words, and how misogynist and demeaning these words are. The event was a great learning experience.





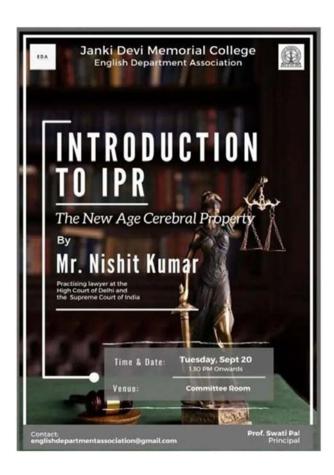


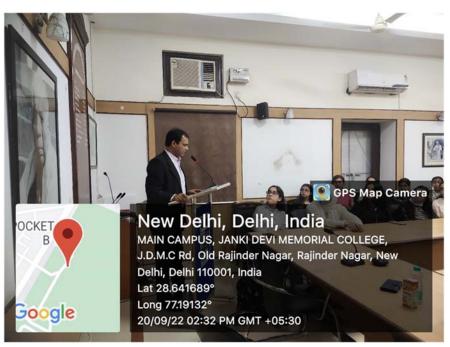


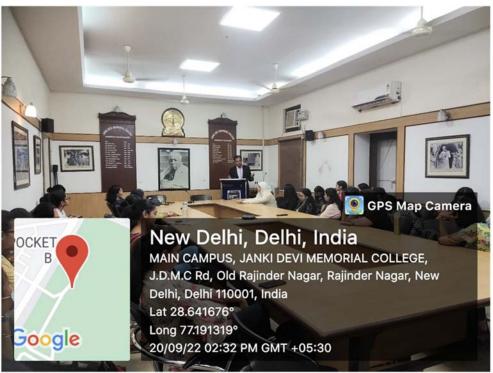
SEMINAR: INTRODUCTION TO IPR

The English Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College conducted a session on **20th of September 2022** in the committee room of the college on the topic, *Introduction to IPR: The New Age Cerebral Property* by Mr. Nishit Kumar. The session informed literature students about the powers of this right. The talk started with a

discussion over plagiarism and progressed as to what was considered as intellectual property and how one might be violating or getting their rights violated. The talk then gave alternatives on how to protect one's right as well as convict someone who has violated IPR. The most interesting part of the talk was the loop-holes of the right and the ways on how to avoid being stuck in them. It was an overall informative session where students were intrigued by the knowledge of IPR and how closely it was woven in their daily lives.









POETRY FESTIVAL

On **23rd September**, **2022**, the English Department Association along with Hawakal Publishers organized a day long *poetry festival* in the Seminar room. The themes of the poetry festival revolved around grief and loss. The loss of beloved lives has rendered people emotionally and mentally despondent. Teachers from the college as well as speakers from outside recited their heartfelt poems. Students across college also attended the event and recited some beautiful poems. The festival gave the students strength to fight their emotions against their losses.





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AKASH THEATRE

The English Department association of Janki Devi Memorial College conducted an excursion to The Akshara Theatre on 27th September 2022, which was attended by 9 students. The students viewed classical drama and enjoyed the customary space of the theatre. The outing has been a great and fun learning for literature students.

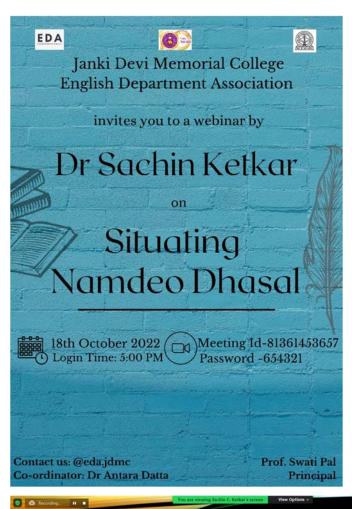
UNDISCIPLINING VICTORIAN STUDIES

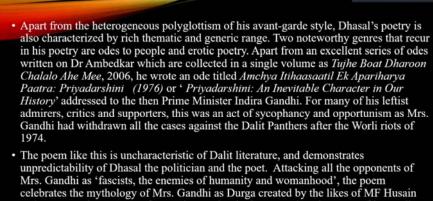
Dr Shantanu Majee in his talk provided an alternate point of view vis a vis the Victorian period. Shifting away from the usual methodology and academic representation Dr Majee spoke about meta data in relation to the Victorian period. He spoke about intellectual labour and Victorian women touching upon the multiple possibilities of attempting an alternate historical point of view of the period



SITUATING NAMDEO DHASAL BY DR. SACHIN KETKAR

Dr Ketkar provided a comprehensive presentation on the Dalit Movement in Maharashtra. His focus on Namdeo Dhasal broadened our perspective on the Dalit Panther Movement that had originated in Mumbai. He also focussed on Dalit women who were instrumental in this movement. Dr Katkar's lecture gave a very comprehensive understanding of the Dalit Movement in India.



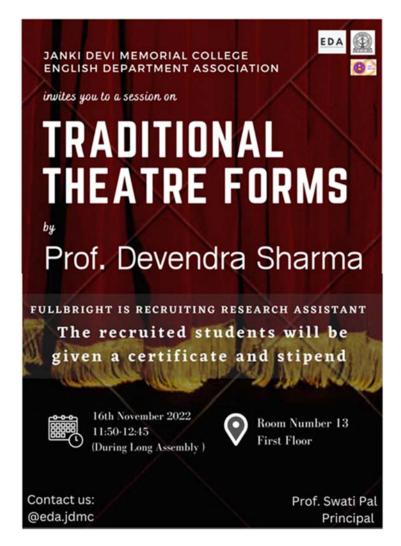


and compares her to Joan of Arc. The speaker in the poem, keenly aware of impending criticism of his poem, tells Mrs. Gandhi to 'Keep smiling like a green new leaf /in



TRADITIONAL THEATRE FORMS

The English Department of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a session on 16th November, 2022 in room number 13 on the topic of *Traditional Theatre Forms*, the session was delivered by Prof. Devendra Sharma, a writer, director and performer of Swang Nautanki and Raslila. He enlightened us about traditional forms of theater. The session began in a very interesting way and he delivered all the details to the students in a very fun way. He gave many lively examples to make students understand about Swang Nautanki and the way it takes place each and everyone could connect to what he said. He shared his real life theater experiences and his journey which was extremely inspiring. It was a great delight to hear Prof. Devendra Sharma.



PANEL DISCUSSION SERIES SAMVAAD

On the completion of 100 years of the prestigious Delhi University, Janki Devi Memorial College has taken initiative to organize a series of Alumni Meet on **4th December**, **2022** where former students along with the teachers, had a panel discussion. The Alumni association of Janki Devi Memorial College along with the English Department Association arranged a gathering where the agenda was *women and higher education*.

As an opening note Professor Sandhya Garg, the vice principal, addressed everyone. The meeting was then hosted by Dr. Sanjukta Naskar. She welcomed all the Alumnae with great honour and pleasure with a warm smile on her face. The freshers were also the part of the meeting to gain a head start in the new phase of their life. Professor Swati Pal then expressed her joy after seeing her former students and hearing them speaking with such confidence. She wished them to do their best. The meeting was concluded by the vote of thanks given by Dr. Jitender Gill. The alumni meet was a great success.





INDIAN HABITAT CENTRE

On 23rd January 2023, The English Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College conducted a drive to The Indian Habitat Centre to see the visual arts Gallery, which was attended by 37 students. The art work presented in the gallery was curated by Jyoti A. Kathpalia. The artist presented some of her best works there and was appreciated for her contemporary art. The students enjoyed the visit to the gallery.



BIKANER HOUSE

The English Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College conducted a visit on 22nd October 2022 to Bikaner house to see the Bikaner House: India's March to Freedom exhibition, which was attended by 16 students. It's an iconic place with classical and contemporary music renditions along with theatre, storytelling and other art forms. Bikaner House, restored beautifully by Abha Narain Lanbah, a conversation architect. Students were enlightened by the works of painters, sculptors and photographers. The art gallery comes to life very often with soul-stirring

performances and events of a grand scale. The outing has been enjoyable and pleasing for the students.



WEBINAR: CENTERING AND DECENTERING

The English Department of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a webinar on *Centering and Decentering* on **24th January**, **2023**. Miss Usha Akella was the guest speaker who provided a

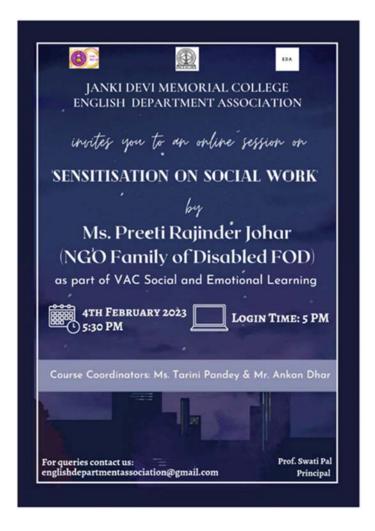
microscopic and telescopic view of the world. Dr Antara Dutta welcomed the guest speaker to our college with a planter. After reading out some of her poems, Miss Usha Akella excitedly took questions from the audience. Students actively participated in the post-session discussion by asking Miss Usha Akella about her opinions on poetry. At the end of the session, Miss Usha Akella gifted hard copies of her various poetry books. The event was a great success.

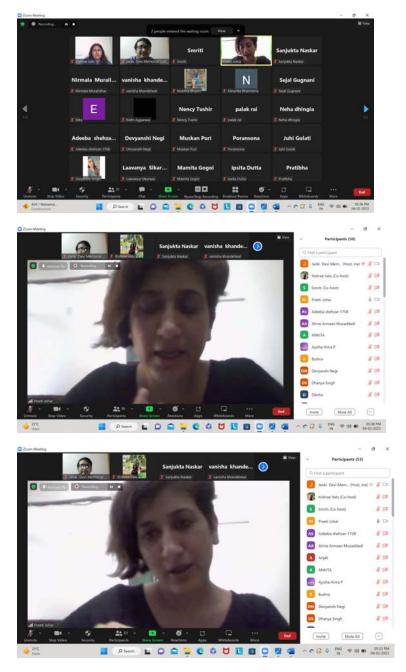




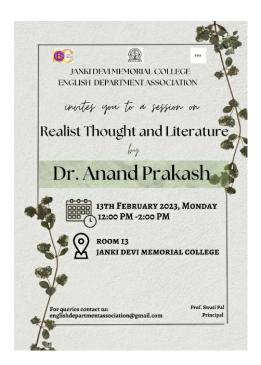
WEBINAR: SENSITISATION ON SOCIAL WORK

As humans, we all have the ability and responsibility to contribute to our society, and one person who embodies this ideal to a tee is Miss Preeti Rajinder Johar. The daughter of Dr Rajinder Johar, the founder of the Family of Disabled, and the carrier of his legacy, Miss Preeti Rajinder Johar, enlightened the students and faculty of JDMC with her talk on Sensitisation on Social Work on 4th February, 2022 at 5:30 PM. The session was conducted as part of the VAC, "Social and Emotional Learning", and Mr Ankan Dhar, one of the course coordinators, overlooked the event. After completing her lecture, Ms Preeti Rajinder Johar took questions from the audience and enlightened them on the working of Family of Disabled and other NGOs. The session ended on a warm note and left the audience wondering how they can contribute to society as individuals and intent to start now. The session has been a great inspiration.





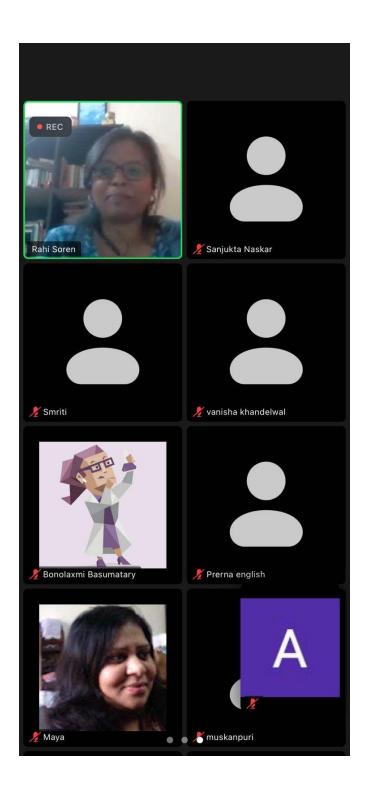
LECTURE BY PROF. ANAND PRAKASH ON "REALIST THOUGHT AND LITERATURE



WEBINAR - DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND ARCHIVING

The English Department Association has organized a webinar on *Digital Humanities and Archiving* on **15 February**, **2023** through the zoom meeting platform. The event started with smiles and glee. The speaker for the session was Dr. Rahi Soren, Assistant Professor at Jadavpur University, School of Oceanographic Studies. She explained Archiving that focuses specifically on the preservation and organization of cultural artifacts in digital formats. This can include everything from digitizing physical objects like photographs, letters, and newspapers, to managing born-digital materials such as emails, websites, and social media posts. We received a good response from the audience and also they gave very good feedback.

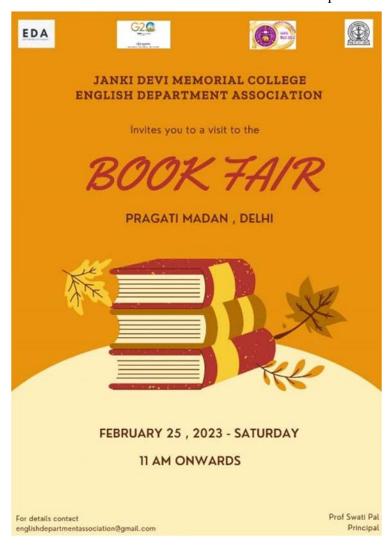




WORLD BOOK FAIR

The English Department of Janki Devi Memorial College organised an outing to the World Book Fair on 25th February 2023 which was attended by 11 students. The place was full of books from

big to small publication houses. From the oldest editions to the newest ones. It was neatly set up and gave the students the opportunity to connect with literature and other book lovers. The feedback from the students who attended was also positive.



POETRY WAGON (CELEBRATION OF WORLD POETRY DAY)

This event was held to celebrate World Poetry Day on 21st March 2023. There was great enthusiasm among students who were looking forward to celebrate their favourite genre in literature. The Spoken Word competition proved to be a success as there were many who joined the contest. The theme of nostalgia added to the overall success of the event.

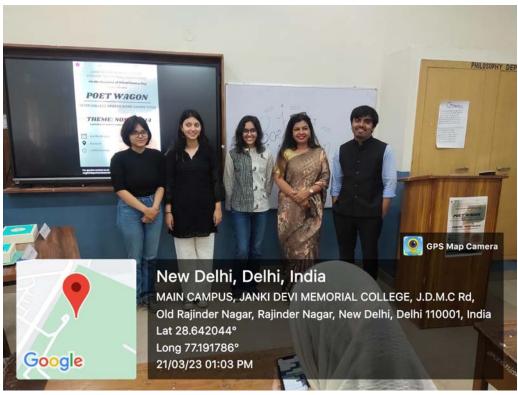






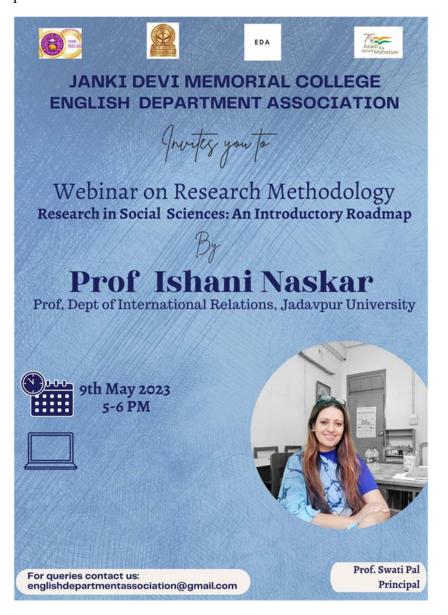


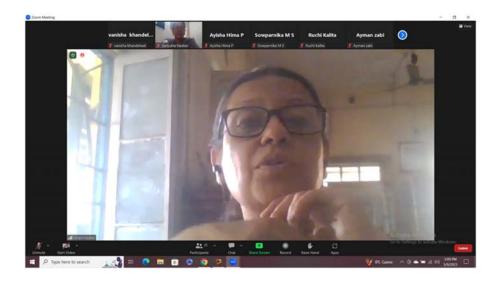




WEBINAR ON RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES: AN INTRODUCTORY ROADMAP

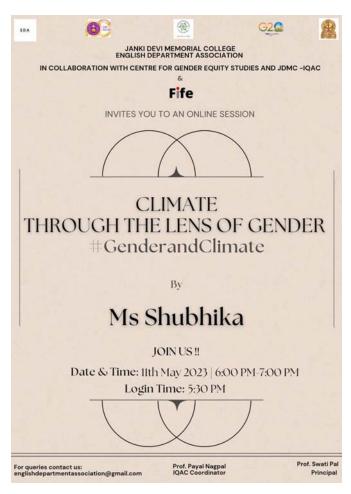
Prof Ishani Naskar, Professor at Jadavpur University provided a foundational lecture on the basics of research methodologies in social sciences. She covered key points regarding the approach that is essential for any researcher. She also covered potential areas of research in political science and social sciences with the students.

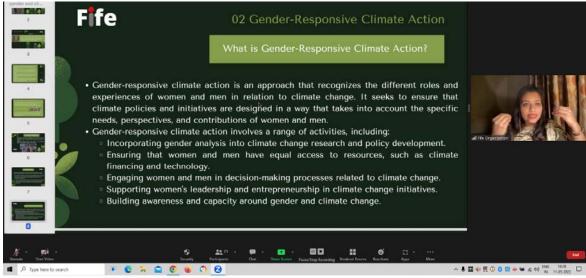




ONLINE SESSION ON CLIMATE THROUGH THE LENS OF GENDER

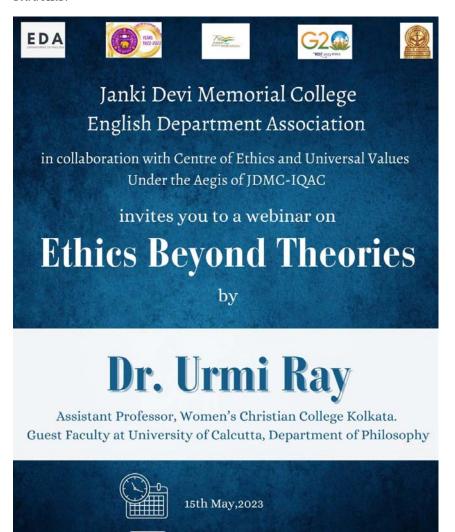
Ms Shubhika prepared the ground a for an engaging online workshop for students. Her session was extremely interactive and the students through practical involvement gained immensely during the session. Ms Shubhika provided a very clear background to gender issues and the ways in which women are both affected and also play a potentially positive role in impacted changes in climate change. The session was particularly important in bringing out issues related to climate change and the ways in which women can be constructively involved.

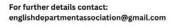




WEBINAR ON ETHICS BEYOND THEORIES

Dr Urmi Ray gave a very thorough background to the ways in which Ethics can play a very positive role in our lives. This webinar projected a very novel perspective to the study of Ethics. Dr Ray proposed ways and means with which Ethics can extend beyond our classrooms and enter into the ways in which we live our lives. She discussed the qualities of rights and virtues as being reciprocal and vital to our quotidian lives. The session has a great response from our students.





Prof. Payal Nagpal IQAC coordinator

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