

Annual Report (2018-19)

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy had an enriching academic year. Following is the list of events that was organized during the session:-

1. The session commenced with an **orientation program** of 1st year students in which students were introduced to the faculty and a brief description of the course and class schedule was given to them.
2. A **debate competition** for Philosophy students on the topic “Ethical Issues in Social Media and Cyber Space” was held on 29th August 2018. **Ekta Bhambri** (Department of Applied Psychology), **Dr. Hansi Bisht** from department of Philosophy was judges for the debate. The event was organized by **Mansi Handa and Monika Shivhare**. There was an immense participation from various departments. The result of the competition was as follows:-
 1. 1st position- Gayatri (Economics Hons. 1st yr) And Sheetal (Maths Hons. 3rd yr)
 2. 2nd position - Yatee and Ashwarya (Philosophy Hons. 2nd yr)
 3. 3rd position - Megha (Maths Hons. 2nd yr.) and Yakshita (Psychology Hons. 1st yr.)



3. A one day **workshop** on the topic “Swami Vivekanand’s views on Vasudev kutumbakam” (Realising your full potential) on 19th Sept, 2018 was organized. To grace this occasion our distinguished guests were from Ramkrishan mission of Delhi branch. **Dr. Anuradha Balaram** (Chief coordinator of the awakening citizen program of Ramkrishan mission) along with **Dr. Nandini Seshadri** and **Nupur Mukherji** conducted the workshop. The event was organized by **Pooja Sharma**. They have divided the session into three parts:
 - 1) Education of youth by Anuradha Balaram
 - 2) Potential of youth by Nandini Seshadri
 - 3) Meditation session by Nupur Mukherji

Many students participated in this Workshop. Students of third year Philosophy Hons did a short play on power of youth to celebrate Swami Vivekananda's years of world religious parliament. The workshop ended with prize distribution ceremony.



- 4 A **Paper Presentation Competition** was organized on the topic "Impact of Science and Technology on Human Behaviour" on 3rd October, 2018 at SPM College, Hall No. 1. The event was attended by B.A. (h) Philosophy, Economics (h) and B.A. (P) students of 1st, 2nd, 3rd year and department Faculty members. The event commenced at 11.30 am with the lighting of lamp by Judge, Dr. Hansi Bisht (Head of Department of Philosophy, SPM College), **Dr. Alpana Rastogi** (Department of Mathematics as a second judge), Teacher coordinator **Chetna Gupta** (Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, SPM College) and Department Faculty members. It was followed by bouquet presentation. Altogether, 11 students from different disciplines participated in this event and judges selected from them 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank holders. Pragya from 3rd year B.A. (H) Philosophy stood first, Jebin from 1st year B.A. (H) Philosophy stood 2nd and Titksha from 2nd year B.A. (H) Philosophy stood 3rd in the paper presentation. The judges gave their comments regarding the event and Patron of the college, **Dr. Sadhna Sharma** (Principal, SPM College) distributed the certificates along with the judges to the winners and participants. In the end, token of respect was given to the judges and Principal along with vote of thanks.



- 5 The department screened a **Movie** titled “Ship of Theseus” on 31st October 2018. It was followed by a discussion session. During the discussion many philosophical issues were discussed like Environmental Issues, Animal Rights, Human Rights, Notion of Aesthetic Beauty, Karma Theory etc. The event was organized by Neetanjali Khari



- 6 Department of Philosophy, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, University of Delhi organized ICPR Sponsored Lecture Series on “Concept of Soul: Indian and Western Perspective” on 1 st February, 2019 at SPM College Room No. 27 (Conference Hall). The event was attended by B.A. (h) Philosophy 1st, 2nd , 3rd year and department Faculty members. The total number of participants was 100. The event commenced at 11.30 a.m. with the lightning of lamp by Patron- **Dr. Sadhna Sharma** (Principal, SPM College), Chair- **Dr. Hansi Bisht** (Head of Department of Philosophy, SPM College), Speakers: **Dr. Ajay Verma** (Associate Professor, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU) and **Dr. Satyapal Singh** (Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi) and Convenor- **Chetna Gupta** (Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, SPM College). It was followed by bouquet presentation. The event started with an inaugural speech given by Patron- Dr. Sadhna Sharma (Principal, SPM College).

She elucidated the relevance of the event. This was followed by Keynote given by Chair-Dr. Hansi Bisht (Head of Department of Philosophy, SPM College). She said that the need of this lecture series springs from the current situation in the field of philosophy. She enlightened audience with the necessity of Concept of Soul seen from both Indian and Western Perspective. The program was followed by a lecture given by Dr. Ajay Verma. He discussed western perspective of Concept of Soul. He further discussed many Philosophers views such as John Locke, Rene Descartes, Immanuel Kant on Concept of Soul. He said that idea of soul comes from negation and transcendental deduction can lead to knowledge of soul. The second lecture on the same topic was given by Dr. Satyapal Singh. He threw some light on Concept of Soul when seen from Indian Perspective. He started with the notion of what is Philosophy? He talked about Law of Karma, law of causation. He further said that consciousness is an eternal element that takes its birth in the self. He elaborated Sankhya's school views on Concept of Soul in terms of Purusa. He explained Jaina's school views on Concept of Soul. Dr. Hansi Bisht chaired the event. She said that lectures were informative, inspiring and thought provoking. These lectures guide the students for their further progress. In the end, vote of thanks was given by Chetna Gupta and refreshments were also given.



- 7 The Department screened a Movie titled “The Pursuit of Happiness” on 10 th April 2019. It was followed by a discussion session. During the discussion many philosophical issues such as why happiness is required, different interpretations on the concept of happiness. The event was organized by **Pooja Sharma**.



