

ASSOCIATION REPORT 2021-22

The Philosophy Association 'Skeptics' began its yearly activities with electing the office bearers of the association on 23rd August 2021:

President- Chunauti Gupta B.A. (H) 3rd year

Vice- President- Naini Mishra B.A. (H) 2nd year

General Secretary- Shambhavi Ojha B.A. (H) 2nd year

Joint Secretary- Shristi Dixit B.A. (H) 1st year

Cultural Secretary- Sakshi Pradhan B.A. (H) 3rd year

Cultural Secretary- Vriddhi Sirohia B.A. (H) 2nd year

Cultural Secretary- Veronica Khokhar B.A. (H) 1st year

1. The Philosophy Association organized a talk on “**An Alliance Beyond the Human Realm for Ecological Justice**” by Prof. Shashi Motilal, Retd. Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi on 6th March, 2021. The event was organized via Google Meet and was live streamed on YouTube. Prof. Motilal argued that ecological justice that is rooted in an ecocentric approach to nature is the key to achieving integral human development which goes beyond ‘development that is only worth our while.’ Her lecture argued that ecological justice is achievable if we understand the relation between the entire human community and other elements of the ecosystem i.e. the relation between human and non-human realm. This relation forms the basis of the alliance that we form to address issues of integral human development. However, an “alliance” is normally formed between partners with equal standing. In this context she explored the pertinent question, Is there a sense in which both human and non-human world can be considered to be ‘equal partners in an alliance’? She examined diverse philosophical viewpoints to answer this question. The talk was followed by an engaging interactive session. It was an Inter- college event attended by more than 150 participants including faculty members and students from across the University of Delhi and beyond.

2. Skeptics organized a talk on “**Philosophy of Technology: Probings into a Posthuman Society**” by Prof. P. Kesava Kumar, Head of the Department, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi on 7th September, 2021. The event was organized via Google Meet and was live streamed on YouTube. Prof. Kumar discussed the relevance of technology as an important and defining factor in the modern world, which has a huge impact on personal as well as professional spheres of our lives. He discussed the difference between technology and science. While science seeks to know, technology is being used to control as is evident from the control of technocracy in the modern times. Prof. Kumar argued that in the present times philosophy of technology as a discipline holds great importance as it deliberates on the nature, rationale, moral and ethical dilemmas in the sphere of technology. Among many other questions his lecture raised the pertinent question about the position/place of human being in this technocentric infosphere. The talk was an Inter- college event attended by more than 200 participants including faculty members and students from across the University of Delhi and beyond.
3. Skeptics organized a talk on “**Philosophy as a Life Skill**” by Dr. Anirban Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal on 29th September, 2021. The event was organized via Google Meet. In true philosophical spirit his lecture brought forward the therapeutic nature of philosophizing. Philosophy in its true sense is about learning to ask questions i.e. by learning gradual methods in philosophy the learner is trained in the skill of putting forth a question. The talk was highly informative and enriching. The perspectives and insights provided by his lecture were well received by our students. Dr. Mukherjee answered all the queries raised by the students and encouraged them to interrogate further. The talk not only helped them in developing a better understanding of philosophy as a subject but life at large. It was an Inter- college event attended by around 100 participants including faculty members and students from across the University of Delhi.

Dr. V. Sujata Raju

Association In-charge 2021-22