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- The Philosophy Association organised its annual festival Darśana on 10th February 2020. Bhikkhuni Thong Niem from Vancouver, Canada was invited to give a talk on The Status of Women in Buddhism. The session was interactive with students asking a variety of questions related to the personal transformation as well as academic journey of the Buddhist Nun, who has written a PhD thesis on the same theme. Various inter-college competitions were organised to give platform to students to actualize their hidden talents and enhance their creativity.
- A two-day workshop was organised on Short Film Making to give hands on experience to our students for their skill enhancement course on Art and Film Appreciation. Dr. Krishna Sankar Kusuma, Faculty Member A.J.K. Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia University, Delhi conducted the workshop on 17th and 19th February 2020. The objective of the workshop was to equip the faculty as well as students with the nuances of film making through easily available tools and software in mobile phones. The workshop was divided into four technical sessions. In the first session the students learned about the various intricacies of short film making and were taught different tools used in the process. The students were then given the task to capture sounds which Dr. Kusuma and his team evaluated in the second session. In the third session, held the next day, student groups were encouraged to make short films. In the final session the student groups presented their short films and received critical insights by the resource team. Students enthusiastically participated and learned film making. The students displayed their talent by making short films. This extension activity was well participated by the students wherein they learnt the nuances of making short films on smart phone. Students made interesting short films/documentaries and the workshop concluded with screening of these films.

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- The Philosophy Association organized a talk on **The Philosophical Significance of Manusmriti** by Dr. Bharat Gupt, Retd. Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi, Indian Classicist and Cultural Analyst, Trustee and Executive Member at IGNCIA on 26th February 2021. The event was organized via Google Meet and was live streamed on YouTube. Dr. Gupt enlightened the participants about Manusmriti which is the foremost of all smritis. He brought out the significance of Manusmriti in ancient and modern times by arguing that it is a paradigm of liberal thought. He further elaborated on the question-What actually Manusmriti is about by discussing various themes dealt with in chapters, like, Creation of the World, Dharma Lakshana, Internal Dharma (Shruti) and External Dharma (Smriti), Atmatashti, Varnashrama Dharma, Concept of Marriage in ancient times and several others. The talk was followed by a question- answers session and ended with a formal vote of thanks. It was an Inter-college event attended by more than 150

participants including faculty members and students from across the University of Delhi.

- 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 was organised on 6th March, 2021. The event was organized via Google Meet and was live streamed on YouTube. Prof. Motilal through her presentation proposed to argue 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’? In the course of the lecture 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.
- A “3 Days E-SDP: Enhancing Learning through ICT Tools” was organized by Department of Philosophy under the Aegis of IQAC for 2nd and 3rd year students of BA (H) Philosophy and BA (Prog) Philosophy and Psychology combination from 17th -19th August 2020. The aim of E-SDP was to familiarize the students with essential platforms for e-learning in ongoing COVID times. Students were trained in internet tools like, G-Suite and its features, like, google meet, google drive, google forms, google docs, google classroom and others. Also, the hands-on training enhanced their accessibility of e-resources like, creative commons, e-courses, e-lectures, journal articles, e-books and others. The Student Development Program was intra college event attended by 109 students and they were assessed for each session through assignments submitted via google forms. Also, student feedback was taken throughout the sessions.
- Department of Philosophy under the Aegis of IQAC, Daulat Ram College organized an International Webinar on “Relevance of Indian Philosophy to Contemporary Western Philosophy” by Dr. J. L. Shaw, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand on 30th September 2020 via Google Meet platform. The Inaugural Address for the International Webinar was delivered by H.E. Mr. Muktesh K. Pardeshi, High Commissioner of India in New Zealand. The webinar was streamed live via YouTube. Dr. Shaw analysed a wide range of issues, which have been debated and discussed in western analytic philosophy over the years without any convincing resolution. In this webinar Dr. J.L. Shaw put forth solutions to

those problems by taking recourse to Navya-Nyaya school of Indian philosophy. He concluded the lecture with a discussion of Swami Vivekananda's spiritual universalism. The International Webinar received an overwhelming response with the participation of more than 1000 faculty members, research scholars and students from across the world.

- Department of Philosophy under the Aegis of IQAC, Daulat Ram College organized a National Webinar on "Quest for Happiness: Insights from Upanishads" by distinguished speaker Swami Atmashraddhananda ji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Kanpur on 5th October via Google Meet platform. In these stressful COVID times, ancient wisdom contained in Upanishads, made the listeners undertake a journey of inner happiness to realize the true nature of our being. Swamiji took an in-depth exploration of the quintessential question – 'WHO AM I?' and explained that happiness or bliss is man's innate quality and that it is not accrued from outside one's own self. The National Webinar was Inter-college event and was attended by more than 200 participants including faculty members, research scholars and students from many colleges of University of Delhi.
- A "3 Days E-SDP: Enhancing Learning through ICT Tools" was organized by Department of Philosophy under the Aegis of IQAC, Daulat Ram College for 1st year students of BA (H) Philosophy and BA (Prog) Philosophy and Psychology combination from 17th - 19th December'2020. The aim of E-SDP was to familiarize the students with the essential platforms for e-learning in ongoing COVID times. Students were trained in internet tools like, GSuite and its features, like, google meet, google drive, google forms, google docs, google classroom and others. Also, the hands-on training enhanced their accessibility of e-resources like, creative commons, e- courses, e-lectures, journal articles, e-books and others. The E-SDP was an intra college event which witnessed attentive and enthusiastic participation by 74 students. The sessions were interactive and all the students were satisfied with the content and learning in the E-SDP. Also, students expressed their interest to attend more E-SDPs in fields like, public speaking, interpersonal interactions, effective use of internet e-resources, other online communication tools and mechanisms, more information on accessibility through phone apps, insights on improving physical and mental compatibility among others.

2021-2022

- 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.

- Talk on “Philosophy of Technology: Problems into a Posthuman Society” by Prof Kesav 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.

2022-2023

- Organized a Two-Day workshop on “Indian and Greek Philosophy, on Literature, Theatre and Aesthetics on 18th and 19th April 2023. The workshop was sponsored by IndoHellenic Friendship League, a subsidiary of Embassy of Greece in India. The Chief Guest and the key note speaker was Prof Bharat Gupt who is an eminent classicist. He is the Trustee of IGNSA and a fellow at Sangeet Natak Akademy. He is also the Vice Chairman of National School of Drama. The Guests of Honor were Mr. Alexandros Boudouris Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Greece, Delhi and Ms Ismini Panagopoulou, First Counsellor, In charge of Political and Cultural Affairs, Embassy of Greece, Delhi. Scholars from English, Hindi, Philosophy and Greek departments from Delhi University and Jawahar Lal Nehru University were invited to speak on the subject. The workshop was well attended and appreciated by students, faculty members and the guests from the Greek Embassy. Pictures and Videos of the workshop were posted by the Embassy of Greece on their Facebook page. The sponsorship amount was Rupees70000/- which was well spent and utilized.
- A Two-Day In-house Skill Development program on Enhancing Learning Through ICT Tools on 26 -27 November 2022.

- An International webinar on the topic Understanding the Meaning and Purpose of Life Through Advaita Vedanta by Swami Sarvapriyananda, Head Vedanta Society, New York was organized on 19 October 2022. Swami ji spoke about how the materialistic and sensual attitude of man is badly shattering him and pervading him as a disease and that the remedy of this disease is the Samyak jnana that is right knowledge based on spirituality. Vedanta gives the right knowledge and turns man's attention from body to spirit.

2023-2024

- On December 6, 2023 a yoga session was organised. Ms Prerna Pandey, a yoga instructor was invited to conduct the session. The purpose was to provide students a retreat from their stressful and busy schedules. The yoga instructor advised the students to focus their attention on their body's abilities which further helps to develop their breathing abilities and the strength of both mind and body. Students were also advised to focus on Pranayamas (breath-controlled exercises). The session was attended by students of Philosophy Hons (all three years) and students of B.A (Prog) Philosophy+ Psychology Combination.
- On February 21, 2024 an English movie 'The Man from Earth' was screened for the students. The movie is based on a thought provoking, intriguing, psychological and philosophical subject in which a retiring professor reveals to his colleagues that he is thousands of years old. The colleagues then ask him questions related to their own fields to check if he was telling the truth. The students thoroughly enjoyed the plot. A discussion between the students and teachers took place after the screening.
- On April 10, 2024 a talk on 'What Knowledge can Philosophy Give?' was organised. Dr. Nilanjan Bhowmick, Assistant Professor, Department of philosophy delivered the talk. The study of Philosophy enhances one's problem-solving ability. There are challenges from realtivists and skeptics in every field whether it is ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics, politics or social theories. The thrust of the talk was to ensure objectivity in whatever answers philosophers give. The students were extremely benefitted from talk. There was also an interactive session of the students with the speaker after the talk.