

SKEPTICS- THE PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATION 2025-2026

During the academic session 2025-2026, Skeptics- The Philosophy Association, Daulat Ram College, organized a series of enriching events/activities including:

- **Art Appreciation Competition: Mystery of the Aesthetic Experience (29th, September 2025)**

An online inter-departmental art appreciation competition was organised that brought together creativity, observation, and thoughtful expression. The event encouraged participants to engage deeply with artworks, share diverse perspectives, and celebrate artistic interpretation and art appreciation.



- **Poster Making Competition: Many Cultures, One Humanity (28th January, 2026)**

An online poster making competition on the theme that centered on *Oneness*, was organised which encouraged participants to reflect on compassion, empathy, and shared responsibility through art. The event witnessed thoughtful creations that highlighted social harmony, kindness, and human values. With enthusiastic participation, the competition became a meaningful platform for creative expression.



- **Talk on Methodological Problems in the Study of the Mind**

Skeptics, The Philosophy Association of Daulat Ram College, successfully organized a speaker session on the topic “*Methodological Problems in the Study of the Mind*” on 10th February 2026 at ZLT. **Prof. Ravindra Mahilal Singh**, from Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, was the key speaker for the session. Prof. Singh delivered an insightful talk on the topic, discussing important aspects such as Mind-Body Dualism, Mind/Soul immortality, Research on the study of Mind, Philosophy of Mind, Illusion, Heterophenomenology, Causal Drainage Problem, Panpsychism, and many more. The talk further drew attention to the ongoing discussions on extreme anthropocentrism that restricts the scope of consciousness and intrinsic worth solely to humans.



- **Darsana'26: Making Sense of Environmental Ethics**

As a part of the annual co-curricular event Darsana'26, a speaker session was organised on 16th March, 2026. The session was presented by **Dr. Pragati Sahni**, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, on the topic “*Making Sense of Environmental Ethics*”. Dr. Sahni's lecture explored the intricate relationship between environment and morality, explaining how environmental ethics emerged as a crucial discipline when issues such as deforestation, species extinction, pollution and resource scarcity, began to raise unavoidable ethical concerns. Through engaging examples, Dr. Sahni discussed varying perspectives including anthropocentrism, animal-centrism and eco-centrism, illustrating how moral choices differ based on one's ethical standpoint.



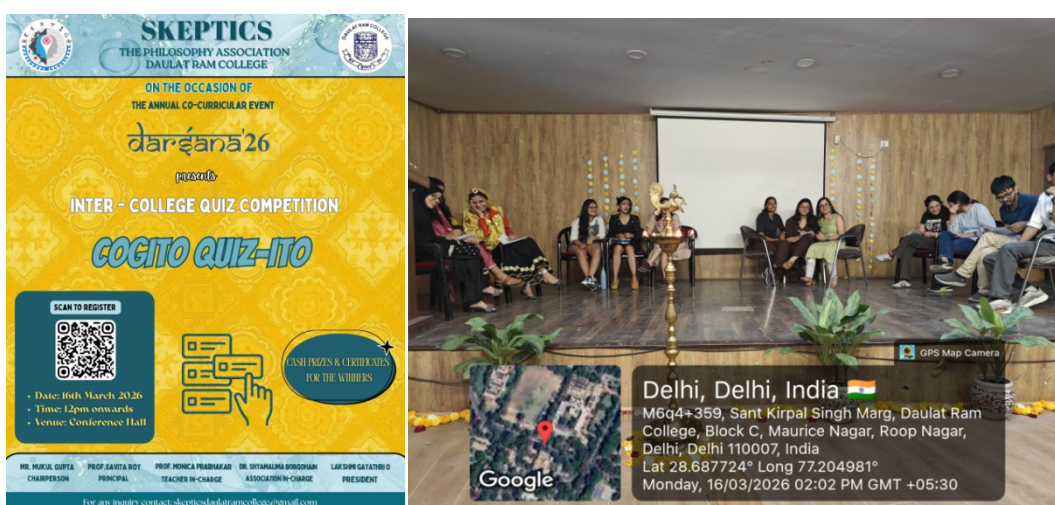
- **Philocinematics: Unveiling the Inner Self (16th March, 2026)**

As part of the annual co-curricular event *Darsana* '26, a reel-making competition was organised to encourage students to creatively engage with philosophical ideas through the medium of short-form visual storytelling. Participants were invited to present original and thought-provoking reels that reflected philosophical insight, critical thinking, and artistic expression. The competition provided a platform for students to explore abstract concepts, communicate powerful ideas, and interpret philosophy through a creative visual lens.



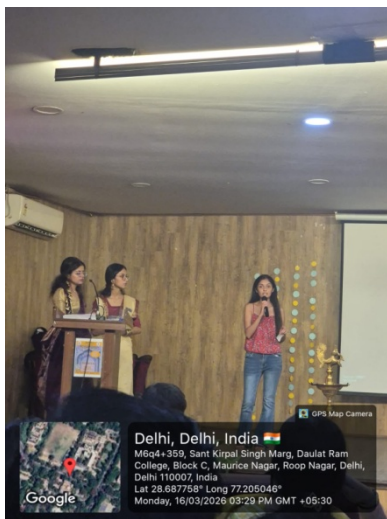
- **Cogito Quiz-ito (16th March, 2026)**

As part of *Darśana* '26, the annual co-curricular event, SKEPTICS – The Philosophy Association, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, organised Cogito Quiz-ito, an Inter-College Quiz Competition to promote intellectual engagement and philosophical inquiry among students. The competition provided a platform for participants to demonstrate their knowledge of philosophy, logic, ethics, and critical reasoning while engaging in a spirit of healthy academic competition. It encouraged analytical thinking, conceptual clarity, and interdisciplinary learning by bringing together students from diverse institutions to exchange ideas and celebrate the pursuit of knowledge.



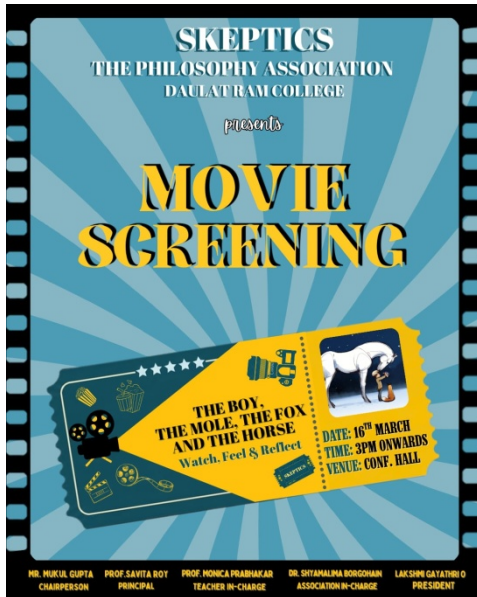
- **PhiloSpeaks (16th March, 2026)**

As part of *Darśana* '26, the annual co-curricular event, SKEPTICS – The Philosophy Association, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, organised PhiloSpeak: an Inter-College Extempore Competition to foster articulate expression, critical thinking, and philosophical engagement among students. The competition provided participants with an opportunity to present well-reasoned and spontaneous perspectives on philosophical and contemporary issues, demonstrating clarity of thought, effective communication, and analytical ability.



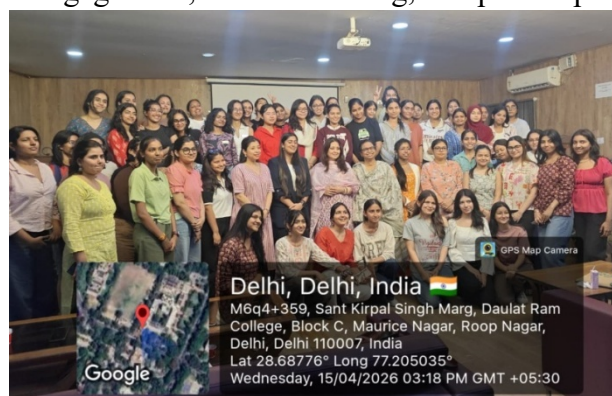
- **Movie Screening: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse (16th March, 2026)**

As part of *Darśana'26*, a screening of the animated film *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* was organised as a reflective component of the event. The film, which follows the journey of four unlikely companions, explores profound philosophical and ethical themes such as friendship, compassion, self-worth, resilience, and the search for belonging. The screening encouraged students to critically engage with these themes, fostering reflection on human values, interpersonal relationships, and the meaning of home and identity. By creating an atmosphere of thoughtful dialogue and introspection, the session enabled participants to relate the film's insights to their own lived experiences and philosophical perspectives, thereby enriching their understanding of these universal concerns.



- **Brainwaves: The Art of Thinking Together**

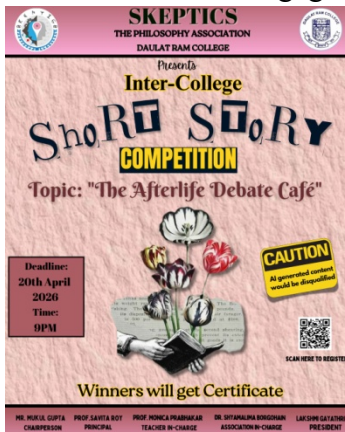
Skeptics, The Philosophy Association of Daulat Ram College, organized an engaging speaker session on 15th April, on the topic “*Brainwaves: The Art of Thinking Together.*” The event commenced with a brief introductory note, warmly welcoming the guest speaker, **Ms. Nimisha Sharma**, a distinguished alumna of the department of Philosophy, DRC, Counselling Psychologist, an Art-Based Therapist (UNESCO CID registered), and Trauma Focused Therapist. Ms. Nimisha highlighted the importance of effective thinking, communication, and collective problem-solving in personal and social contexts as well as creative and interactive tasks. The session was highly interactive and participatory, incorporating a range of collaborative learning activities conducted in pairs and groups, which facilitated active engagement, critical thinking, and peer to peer learning.





- **Inter- College Short Story Competition: The Afterlife Debate Café (20th April, 2026)**

An online inter-college short story competition was organised in which participants were invited to write a compelling short story exploring the themes of imagination, belief, and the unknown. It provided a platform for young writers to blend literary imagination with philosophical inquiry, fostering critical thinking, originality, and intellectual engagement.



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