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Samvaad: An Interactive Academic Session and Get Together of the Students of Philosophy

Samvaad: An Interactive Academic Session and Get-Together was successfully organized, bringing together students of philosophy from various academic years. A total of **seventy-eight students** participated in the event, which aimed to foster dialogue, academic engagement, and a sense of community among philosophy students. The session served as a platform for intellectual exchange and encouraged students to share their thoughts on philosophical themes and contemporary issues.

During the event, Aayushi, the President of the Philosophical Society addressed the gathering and formally welcomed the first-year students. She provided them with a comprehensive overview of the discipline, highlighting the scope, relevance, and transformative power of philosophical inquiry. Her talk helped the newcomers understand the significance of studying philosophy and the opportunities it offers for critical thinking and personal growth.

On the occasion the students of BA second and third year presented self- made cards to the students of first year, as a token of welcome and remembrance.

The session concluded with an informal get-together that allowed students to interact and build connections beyond the classroom.



Students during Samvaad

Students Seminar on Topic: Nature of Philosophy

The Philosophical Society organized a Students' Seminar on the topic 'Nature of Philosophy', which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. **Seventy seven students** participated in the seminar. The seminar aimed to provide a platform for students to explore and express their understanding of philosophical concepts, particularly the foundational nature and purpose of philosophy. The speakers for the seminar were Khushpreet, Bhakti, Prachi, Palak, and Akanksha, who each presented well-researched and thought-provoking papers. Their presentations reflected diverse perspectives on the nature, scope, and relevance of philosophy in both academic and everyday contexts.

The session was chaired by Ms. Silvis Oinam, who appreciated the efforts of the speakers and offered valuable insights to enrich the discussion. She highlighted the importance of such seminars in nurturing critical thinking and fostering a deeper appreciation for philosophical inquiry among students. The event concluded with an interactive discussion, where the audience raised questions and shared reflections, making the seminar a truly engaging and intellectually stimulating experience.



Students during the session on Nature of Philosophy

Extension Lecture on Topic: Significance of Books in Our Lives

The Philosophical Society organized an extension lecture on the topic 'Significance of Books in Our Lives', delivered by the distinguished speaker Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Chief Public Relations Officer, Police and Energy, Haryana. **Seventy three students** participated in the lecture. In his thought-provoking address, Shri Ranjan highlighted the enduring value of literature in shaping human consciousness and moral vision. He discussed the contributions of renowned Hindi writers such as Premchand, Mahadevi Verma, and Nirmal Verma, emphasizing how their works reflect the depth of Indian society and its struggles. He also reflected on the lives and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, offering detailed insights into Gandhi's Hind Swaraj, which he described as a profound text connecting literature with political and ethical thought.

Shri Ranjan stressed that literature serves as a bridge to the culture of life and human values, and that the Hindi language plays a significant role in uniting the country. The lecture concluded with an engaging question-answer session, where students actively participated. Diksha from B.A. Final Year and Bhakti from B.A. First Year raised important questions and shared their perspectives on the challenges faced by Indian languages today, particularly in the context of globalization and modern education. The session left the audience with a renewed appreciation for the power of books and the richness of Hindi literature.



Shri Rajeev Ranjan during deliberations at the seminar

Extension Lecture on Topic: Knowing, Knower, and Knowledge

The Philosophical Society organized the eleventh lecture of its seminar series 'Dialogue' on 10th September 2024. The topic of the seminar was "Knowing, Knower and Knowledge", and the speaker was Dr. Navneet Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala. The event commenced with a warm welcome, followed by an introduction of the speaker by Akshita Rana, a student of B.A. 3rd year. The seminar was well-attended, with the presence of faculty members, students, and research scholars from Panjab University, making it a rich academic gathering. **Seventy Eight students** participated in the lecture.

Dr. Sharma delivered an insightful lecture on the intricate relationship between knowing, the knower, and knowledge. Drawing from the philosophical tradition of epistemology, he explored how knowledge is acquired, the role of the individual in the knowing process, and its relevance to education. His interactive approach, supported by real-life examples, kept the audience engaged throughout. The lecture concluded with a lively question-and-answer session, where students actively interacted with the speaker. The event ended on a cheerful note with a group photograph capturing the presence of all guests and participants.



Students during the session of Knowing, Knower, and Knowledge

Students Seminar on Topic: Rethinking Existence in the World of Facebook, WhatsApp, and Artificial Intelligence

The Philosophical Society organized a thought-provoking Students' Seminar on the topic 'Rethinking Existence in the World of Facebook, WhatsApp, and Artificial Intelligence'. **Seventy students participated** in the seminar. The seminar featured engaging presentations by Aditi, Tanu, Riya, Harshita, and Ayushi Gill, all students of B.A. Final Year. The session was chaired by Ms. Anchal Rana, also of B.A. Final Year, who effectively guided the discussions and encouraged critical reflection on the subject. The seminar explored how social media platforms and emerging technologies are reshaping human identity, communication, and our sense of existence in the digital age.

Each speaker brought a unique perspective to the theme, touching upon the philosophical implications of virtual interactions, the construction of self in online spaces, and the ethical concerns surrounding artificial intelligence. The session sparked lively engagement from the audience, with students posing several thoughtful and challenging questions. This open dialogue highlighted the curiosity and critical thinking of the participants, making the event not only informative but also intellectually stimulating.



Students presenting their ideas

Students Participation and Poster Presentation at the International Conference on Gandhi and Ambedkar's Philosophy: Inclusion, Equality, and Dignity

On 23rd September 2024, around **one hundred students** from the Department of Philosophy actively participated in the International Conference on Gandhi and Ambedkar's Philosophy: Inclusion, Equality, and Dignity, organized by the Department of Gandhian Studies at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Twelve students from the department presented their ideas on stage before a distinguished panel of five university professors from various disciplines. Their presentations thoughtfully engaged with the philosophical ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, showcasing deep reflection on themes of social justice, human dignity, and equality. Among them, Mansi from B.A. First Semester was adjudged the Best Speaker by the panel for her insightful and well-articulated presentation.

In addition to the stage presentations, around one hundred students from the department participated in a poster exhibition. Their creative and meaningful posters depicted key ideas from the philosophies of Gandhi and Ambedkar, transforming abstract concepts into powerful visual messages. The poster display was highly appreciated by the panel for its originality and relevance. Jiya Panjta of B.A. First Year was awarded the Best Poster Award for her exceptional work. The event highlighted the intellectual and artistic talents of the philosophy students and significantly contributed to promoting the values of inclusion, equality, and dignity in academic discourse.



Mansi receiving the Best Speaker award, Mansi during her presentation and Poster Presenters

Students Visit at the Panchkula Book Fest

Eighty Students from the Department of Philosophy actively participated in the 3rd Panchkula Book Fair, organized by the Department of Haryana Power Utilities and Urja Sanskriti Samiti at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula. The fair was held from November 4 to November 10, 2024, and the students visited the venue on 6th November 2024. The event featured a wide range of books across genres, including literature, philosophy, history, and contemporary issues, providing an enriching and engaging experience for the attendees.

During their visit, the students explored various book stalls, interacted with publishers and authors, and engaged in discussions on the relevance of reading in the digital age. The fair served as an excellent platform for them to deepen their appreciation for literature and philosophical texts. The exposure not only enhanced their academic curiosity but also encouraged a broader understanding of cultural and intellectual traditions. Their participation reflected a growing interest in the culture of reading and lifelong learning.



Students at the Book Fair

Students Seminar on Topic: Possibilities of Story Literature and Youth in the Tri-City

The Department of Haryana Power Utilities and Urja Sanskriti Samiti, Haryana, organized the 3rd Panchkula Book Fair at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula, from November 4 to November 10, 2024. The event brought together readers, writers, and students from across the region, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of literary exchange and cultural dialogue. Students from the Department of Philosophy actively participated in the fair and contributed to its academic sessions.

On November 6, 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM, the students presented their papers in a seminar titled “*Possibilities of Story Literature and Youth in the Tri-City*.” The seminar was chaired by eminent Hindi writer and thinker Prof. Shambhu Nath, former Professor at the University of Calcutta. The students' presentations reflected thoughtful engagement with the evolving role of storytelling in contemporary youth culture. Their ideas highlighted the relevance of story literature in shaping identities, expressing social concerns, and inspiring creative thinking. The session was well-received and appreciated for the students’ insightful contributions and confident participation. **Eighty students** participated in the Seminar.



Students during the session

Students Seminar on Topic: Possibilities of Poetry Literature and Youth in the Tri-City

The Department of Haryana Power Utilities, Urja Sanskriti Samiti, Haryana, organized the 3rd Panchkula Book Fair at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula, from November 4 to November 10, 2024. The event aimed to promote literary culture and intellectual exchange among readers, writers, and students. As part of the fair's academic activities, students from the Department of Philosophy enthusiastically participated in a special seminar, contributing to the ongoing dialogue on literature and youth.

The seminar, titled "*Possibilities of Poetry Literature and Youth in the Tri-City*", was held during the fair on November 7, 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM and provided a platform for students to explore and express their views on the role of poetry in the lives of young people. The session was chaired by renowned Hindi writer and thinker Prof. Shambhu Nath, former Professor at the University of Calcutta. Under his guidance, the seminar became a rich exchange of ideas, where students discussed how poetry can serve as a powerful medium of expression, identity, and social reflection. The session was marked by thoughtful insights and youthful enthusiasm, highlighting the enduring relevance of poetry in contemporary times. **Eighty students** participated in the Seminar.



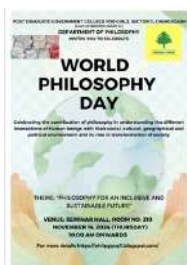
Students presenting their thoughts

World Philosophy Day Celebrations

The Philosophical Society celebrated *World Philosophy Day* with great enthusiasm by organizing a series of inter-college competitions aimed at promoting philosophical thinking and creativity among students. The events included a Declamation Competition on the topic “*Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future*”, a Solo Song Competition, a Poetry Recitation Competition, a Poster Making Competition, and a Short Video Making Competition—all centered around the theme of inclusivity and sustainability in philosophy. The celebrations witnessed active participation from students of various colleges, who showcased their talent, critical thinking, and artistic expression through a variety of formats.

Each competition was judged by a panel of faculty members and invited guests, and the winners were awarded First, Second, and Third Prizes respectively. The Declamation Competition featured powerful speeches that reflected a deep engagement with contemporary global issues through a philosophical lens. The Poster and Video Making Competitions stood out for their creativity and thoughtful interpretation of the theme, while the poetry and song segments added a rich cultural and emotional dimension to the event. These activities not only highlighted the relevance of philosophy but also provided students with a platform to express their ideas and values meaningfully.

The Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In her address, she inspired the students with her encouraging words and emphasized the importance of philosophical thinking in navigating today’s rapidly changing world. She appreciated the sincere efforts of the students and faculty of the Department of Philosophy in organizing such a meaningful and intellectually enriching event. As a token of recognition, the Principal felicitated the winners with books, further promoting a culture of learning and intellectual growth. The event concluded on a high note, reinforcing the role of philosophy in shaping an inclusive, thoughtful, and sustainable future.



Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal, the Chief Guest at the World Philosophy Day 2024

Extension Lecture on Topic: “Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future”

Celebrating World Philosophy Day, Philosophical Society organized an Extension Lecture on the topic “*Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future*”, which was delivered by Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Head, Department of Philosophy, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The session aimed to engage students and faculty in a reflective discourse on the relevance of philosophy in addressing contemporary global challenges. Dr. Srivastava provided deep insights into how philosophical thinking can guide societies toward inclusivity, social justice, and environmental responsibility. Drawing from both classical and modern philosophical traditions, he emphasized the need to rethink development and progress through ethical and humanistic lenses.

The lecture was well-received by the audience, which included students, faculty members, and invited guests. Dr. Srivastava’s clear and thought-provoking articulation encouraged active participation and critical questioning from the students. He highlighted the importance of integrating philosophical values into everyday life and policymaking to build a more equitable and sustainable world. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the speaker’s valuable contribution and reaffirming the department’s commitment to fostering philosophical inquiry and social awareness. **Hundred students** participated in the lecture.



Dr. Pankaj Srivastava addressing the participants

Students Participation in the workshop-cum-seminar on the theme “Prakriti Raksha Mein Sahitya”

On 11th January 2025, the Department of Philosophy, in association with the Departments of Hindi and Sanskrit of the college, in collaboration with Punjab National Bank and Shuruat Samiti Haryana, organized a workshop-cum-seminar on the theme “Prakriti Raksha Mein Sahitya” to celebrate *International Mother Language Day*. The event was held on the college campus and aimed to create awareness among students about the vital role of literature in environmental conservation. The programme featured multiple competitions, including Poster Making, Poetry Writing, and Poetry Recitation, all centered on the theme of environmental protection through literature. The students participated enthusiastically, showcasing their creativity, environmental concern, and literary talents.

A highlight of the event was the special lecture delivered by Prof. Sudha Singh, Senior Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi. In her thought-provoking address, Prof. Singh elaborated on how literary traditions in Indian languages have long emphasized the symbiotic relationship between humans and nature. She encouraged students to draw inspiration from classical and contemporary literature to promote ecological consciousness in daily life. The event was graced by Shri Rajesh Prasad, Zonal Manager, Punjab National Bank, Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest, who appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of youth involvement in environmental issues. Prof. Anita Kaushal the Principal of the College presided over the function and praised the departments for organizing such a meaningful and timely programme. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of students, faculty, and collaborators in making the workshop-cum-seminar a resounding success. Hundred students **Seventy students** participated in the seminar.



Prof. Sudha Singh and Shri Rajesh Prasad addressing the students

Extension Lecture on Topic: Contemplating National Voters' Day through the Prism of Democracy: A Constitutional Approach

Electoral Literacy Club in Association with Prashasnika Society, Philosophical Society and Nostalgia Alumni Association, Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector 11, Celebrating National Voters' Day 2025, organised an Extension Lecture on "Contemplating National Voters' Day through the Prism of Democracy: A Constitutional Approach" on 25th January 2025 at the College Campus.

Dr. Sunaina, Assistant Professor (Laws), Panjab University Swami Sarvanand Giri Regional Centre, Hoshiarpur, Punjab was the resource person of the lecture.

Dr. Sunaina commenced her presentation by delving into the core concepts of democracy and the electoral process, emphasizing their significance in the context of the Indian Constitution. She articulated the foundational principles that underpin democratic governance and the essential role of elections in ensuring representation and accountability.

Throughout her lecture, Dr. Sunaina shared creative ideas and insights related to the Indian Constitution, highlighting how it serves as a guiding framework for democratic practices in the country. She encouraged students to appreciate their voting rights and the power they hold as citizens in shaping the future of the nation.

The lecture was attended by faculty members and around **Eighty Six students**.



Glimpses of the deliberations

Students Participation in the Seminar on ‘Power of Togetherness – Fostering Harmony in Our Communities’

The Department of Philosophy in association with Department of Sociology of the College organized a thought-provoking panel discussion on the theme “*Power of Togetherness – Fostering Harmony in Our Communities*” on 29th January 2025 at the college campus. A total of **fifty-eight students** from the department participated in the event, which aimed to inspire young minds to reflect on the significance of unity, mutual respect, and social harmony in a diverse society. The discussion provided a platform for students to engage with some of the most respected voices in academia and public service on the pressing need for building inclusive and compassionate communities.

The event was graced by distinguished speakers who brought diverse perspectives and insights to the topic. Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Hon’ble Chairman of the National Minority Commission, Government of India, delivered the keynote address. In his talk, Shri Lalpura emphasized the importance of interfaith dialogue, cultural understanding, and empathy as essential tools to nurture peace and harmony in a pluralistic society like India. He drew on his rich experience in governance and social service, sharing real-life examples of how communities can overcome conflict through collective efforts and a shared sense of humanity.

Prof. Pampa Mukherjee, Chairperson of the Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, offered a political and philosophical perspective on the role of citizenship and civic responsibility in sustaining democratic harmony. She spoke about the moral obligations of individuals within a democracy and stressed the need for ethical engagement, inclusive policies, and civic education in strengthening communal bonds. Following her, Dr. Bharati Garg, Chairperson of the Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, reflected on how administrative systems and governance structures can act as enablers or barriers to communal unity. She discussed policy mechanisms and administrative reforms that can promote social justice and equal opportunities across communities.

The seminar was coordinated by the Department of Philosophy, which ensured that the session remained focused, interactive, and intellectually enriching. The seminar not only deepened students’ understanding of social harmony but also encouraged them to reflect on their roles as active citizens in building a more inclusive and compassionate society.



Glimpses of the deliberations

Students Participation in the Seminar on ‘Building a Cyber-Resilient Society: Role of Women, Towards Cyber Awareness and Cyber Defense’

Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gyan Setu Think Tank, Panjab University, Chandigarh, today. The MoU was accompanied by a seminar on the topic “Building a Cyber-Resilient Society: Role of Women, Towards Cyber Awareness and Cyber Defense”.

Lt. Gen (Dr) KJ Singh, former Western Army Commander and Convener of Gyan Setu Think Tank, Keynote Speaker Lt. Gen (Dr) R S Panwar, Col. Harkamal Sidhu, an alumnus of IMA Dehradun and Military College of Telecommunication Engineering, Mhow , decorated members from armed forces, faculty members and students graced the occasion.

Gyan Setu Think Tank will work in close collaboration with the College in Resource Sharing, extending its expertise in the subject matter for organizing lectures, seminars, workshops and other such activities to promote critical thinking and exchange of ideas in diverse fields. The aim of the MoU is to build an innovative platform which will serve as a knowledge bridge for Faculty and students.

Principal Prof Dr Anita Kaushal, congratulated the faculty and wished that this collaboration will open new horizons for the students. Introducing the theme of the seminar she highlighted that in today’s digitally interconnected world, cyber security is not just a technical challenge but a societal necessity. She cautioned the students that while digital transformation brings numerous benefits, it also exposes us to significant risks and vulnerabilities.

Lt. Gen (Dr) KJ Singh citing various examples of Cyber crime highlighted the role that women can play in this area. He asserted that women are the best influencers as they are blessed with intellectual and intuitive capabilities. In his key note address Lt. Gen (Dr) R S Panwar, discussed the various types of Cyber threats and Cyber Defense strategies. He emphasized the importance of encouraging more women to pursue careers in the field of cyber security.

Col. Harkamal Sidhu, emphasized the need on building a resilient society by spreading awareness to counter the Cyber threat. Dr. Ritu Sekhri, from PG department of Psychology, shared the Cyber Crime helpline number and encouraged the students not to hesitate in reporting the matter to the Cyber Crime cell. Dr. Ambuj Sharma, the coordinator of the Programme proposed a vote of thanks. **Sixty Three** students of the Department participated in the Seminar.



Glimpses of the Seminar

Juvenescere 2024 Annual Philosophy Fest

The Department of Philosophy organized *JUVENESCERE'25*—the Annual Inter-College Philosophy Fest—on 25th February 2025 with great zeal and enthusiasm. With over **150 students** from nearly fifteen colleges across Chandigarh participating, the event emerged as one of the most mesmerizing and memorable celebrations in the college calendar. The fest offered a fresh perspective by blending philosophical inquiry with vibrant cultural expression. Through this initiative, the Philosophy Department not only highlighted the academic richness of the subject but also demonstrated its dynamic engagement with art, culture, and creative thought.

The fest featured nine exciting competitions: Debate, Poetry Recitation, Poetry Writing, Poster Making, Photography, Group Song, Solo Song, Group Dance, and Solo Dance. The open stage of the college came alive with talent, energy, and expression. Students also showcased the rich folk traditions of India by presenting folk songs and dances from Manipur, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Ladakh. The audience was enthralled by the Himachali *Nati*, Punjabi *Bhangra*, Haryanvi folk dance, Manipuri folk dance, and a captivating Ladakhi performance. One of the most remarkable highlights of the day was the *Manipuri Group Song* performance *Laaklo* by non-Manipuri students, originally sung by Jeet Kshetricha and written by K. S. H. Tulajit Singh—a tribute to cultural unity through art.

The Principal of the College graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her address, she lauded the Department of Philosophy for its creative leadership and meaningful efforts. She praised the students' dedication and presented trophies and certificates to the winners, encouraging them to continue nurturing their artistic and intellectual talents. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Ambuj Shartma, Head of the Department of Philosophy, who appreciated the collective efforts of the organizing team, and students in making *JUVENESCERE'25* an outstanding success.



Students with College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anita Kaushal