

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Seminar Report: "Is Jammu Going the Kashmir Way: A Case Study on Demographic Invasion" by Prof. Madhu Kishwar.

Date: October 10, 2023

Venue: Aryabhata College Activity Hall

Organizer: Tathagat - The History Department

The Tathagat, History Department of Aryabhata College, organized a captivating seminar on October 10, 2023, featuring the renowned writer, author, and journalist, Prof. Madhu Kishwar. The seminar was titled, "Is Jammu Going the Kashmir Way: A Case Study on Demographic Invasion." This event was met with overwhelming enthusiasm from students, faculty, and attendees alike, which created a stimulating environment for intellectual discourse.

Prof. Madhu Kishwar is a celebrated figure in the world of journalism and literature. Her extensive work in these fields, along with her thought-provoking books and articles, has established her as an influential voice on contemporary issues in India. Her expertise on the topic made her an ideal choice to lead the seminar.

The seminar witnessed a substantial turnout of students from various departments and faculty members, reflecting the high level of interest in the topic and the respect held for Prof. Madhu Kishwar. The Activity Hall was filled to capacity, creating an atmosphere of academic curiosity and anticipation.

Prof. Madhu Kishwar delved into the topic of demographic changes in Jammu, raising pertinent questions about the region's future. She explored whether Jammu was experiencing a similar transformation as observed in Kashmir and its potential consequences. Her insightful analysis and unique perspective on the issue stimulated profound thoughts and opened up new angles for understanding the complexities of the region.

The seminar was not just a lecture; it evolved into an interactive session that encouraged questions and discussion. Prof. Kishwar's ability to engage with the audience and address their concerns led to a dynamic exchange of ideas. The students and faculty present actively participated, raising important points and sharing their insights. This debate allowed for a comprehensive exploration of the topic and offered a platform for a diversity of opinions.

The seminar provided a rich intellectual experience, broadening the horizons of the attendees and encouraging them to think critically about a topic that is both complex and timely. Prof. Madhu Kishwar's profound knowledge and articulate presentation left a lasting impression on the audience.

The Tathagat History Department extends heartfelt thanks to the teachers who supported and encouraged students to attend the seminar. Their guidance played a crucial role in the success of this event. We also express our gratitude to Aryabhata College for providing the necessary resources, assistance, and the Activity Hall for the seminar.

In conclusion, the seminar on "Is Jammu Going the Kashmir Way: A Case Study on Demographic Invasion" by Prof. Madhu Kishwar was a remarkable intellectual event. It not only educated and informed but also stimulated an exchange of ideas and fostered a deeper understanding of the issues at hand. Such events are vital for fostering critical thinking and enhancing the academic experience of the students at Aryabhata College. We look forward to organizing more such thought-provoking seminars in the future.

Report on Seminar: "Beyond Stones And Spears - Decoding Neolithic Age"

Organized by Tathagat: Department of History

Date: 10th October 2023

Venue: Aryabhata College Activity Hall

Organizer: Tathagat - The History Department

The History Department of Aryabhata College, Tathagat, hosted a seminar on [Insert Date] featuring Professor Rakesh Kumar, a renowned scholar in the field of history, currently serving as a faculty member at Ram Lal Anand College. The seminar focused on the intriguing topic of the Neolithic period, a crucial era in the history of human civilization.

Professor Rakesh Kumar is a distinguished historian with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the subject. His work and publications in the field of history have earned him recognition and acclaim among scholars and students alike. His expertise in the Neolithic period was evident throughout the seminar.

The seminar began with Professor Rakesh Kumar delivering a comprehensive and engaging presentation on the Neolithic period, a critical milestone in the development of human societies. He discussed various aspects of this era, including the transition from hunting-gathering to agriculture, the development of pottery, and the advent of settled communities. The presentation also delved into the societal, economic, and technological changes that occurred during this time, making it a holistic exploration of the Neolithic period.

The seminar garnered significant interest, with approximately 100 attendees filling the seminar hall. It was a diverse audience comprising students, faculty members, and history enthusiasts from within and outside the college.

community. The turnout was not only impressive but also demonstrated the widespread curiosity and enthusiasm for historical topics.

The students who attended the seminar appeared genuinely captivated by Professor Rakesh Kumar's presentation. They actively participated in the Q&A session that followed the talk, asking thoughtful questions and engaging in meaningful discussions. This level of student engagement is a testament to the seminar's success in fostering a deeper appreciation for history and the Neolithic period.

The success of the seminar would not have been possible without the collective efforts of the History Department, the teachers, and the support of Aryabhata College. We express our gratitude to the entire team for their tireless work in organizing the event. Their dedication, hard work, and attention to detail ensured the seamless execution of the seminar.

The college administration deserves special recognition for their support, both in terms of logistics and resources, which allowed us to move swiftly in planning and executing this enlightening seminar.

The seminar on the Neolithic period, led by Professor Rakesh Kumar, was a resounding success. It not only enriched our understanding of this critical era in human history but also showcased the department's commitment to promoting historical scholarship. The active participation and interest shown by the students and the enthusiastic response from the attendees highlight the importance of such events in fostering a passion for history and learning.

We look forward to organizing more seminars and events in the future that will continue to inspire and educate our students and the broader community.

REPORT ON SEMINAR
“COLONIALISM AND THE ARCHIVE”
on
6TH NOVEMBER 2023

TATHAGAT the History Department of Aryabhata college, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI organized a seminar on **“COLONIALISM AND THE ARCHIVE”**. The program started at 12 noon with the introduction of the speaker **Dr. Aparna Balachandran**, Associate professor in University of Delhi and a distinguished historian specializing in British Colonialism, Legal History, Urban History and Histories of Visuality to the house, after which she was felicitated by the panel.



The central theme revolved around colonialism and writing of history. She then addressed the archives that came into popularity during the colonial British rule and how it was documented and

other aspects as History writing is not just about collecting papers. She then addressed how Rankean History has certain interpretations about analyzing and studying history.



She then discussed the papers of historians – Ranjeet Guha, documents like revenue documents that talks about peasants when law and order became the problem, and how most of the things depended on religion and then the papers of Prof. Shahid Amil who used Guha’s method to study Chauri-Chaura incident. Then she ended her lecture by discussing about her own work in this field.



Then the house was open to ask queries and the questions mainly revolved around the papers of Guha and Amil as discussed.

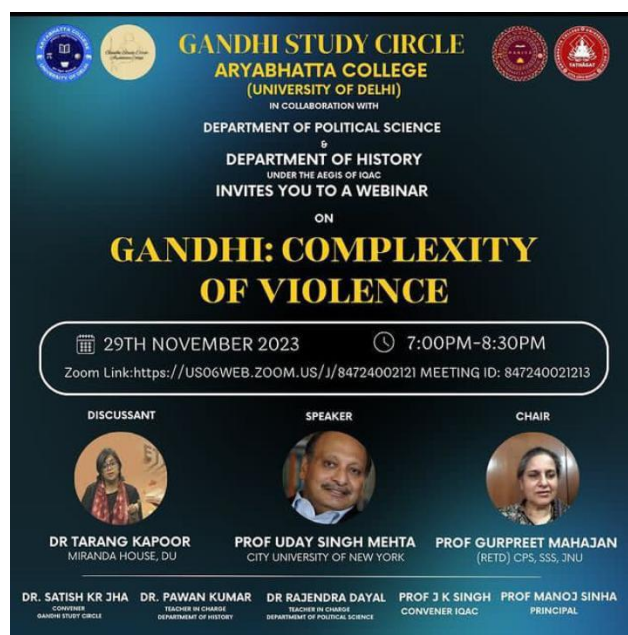


The event was then concluded by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. History Department, Aryabhata College. He expressed his warm gratitude and gave his vote of thanks to the speaker and all the participants who were present in the house.



It was an overall very engaging seminar in which students from different departments showed active participation and attended the whole seminar with enthusiasm.

WEBINAR: GANDHI: COMPLEXITY OF VIOLENCE



Gandhi Study Circle of Aryabhata College, **University of Delhi**, in collaboration with Department of Political Science and Department of History under the aegis of IQAC, had organized a Webinar on **29th November 2023 on zoom**. Uday Singh Mehta was the Guest Speaker on the topic **Gandhi: Complexity of Violence**, while **Dr. Tarang Kapoor** was the discussant. 60 students and faculty members attended the event through online mode. Some of the interested scholars and experts joined in too. The session was enriching and was followed by the question answer session

Zoom Link: Time: Nov 29, 2023 06:45 PM India

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84724002121>

Meeting ID: 847 2400 2121

REPORT ON SEMINAR

“CIVIL SERVICES: A REAL CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY”

on

28TH FEBRUARY 2024

TATHAGAT the History Department of Aryabhata college, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI organized a seminar on **“CIVIL SERVICES: A REAL CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY”**. The program started around 11 A.M. with the introduction of the speaker **IPS Neha Champawat**, Inspector General of Police. It continued with facilitating her by the TATHAGAT department’s student council and teachers.



After that Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. History Department, gave the introductory speech and expressed his gratitude towards the speaker for attending this seminar.



The speaker, Neha Champawat started her speech and expressed that she is delightful to attend this seminar. Her speech revolved around students' life in college and aspirations they perceive. She then went on sharing her experiences as a civil servant and shared the incident of how “beti bachao beti padhao” effected the areas under her inspection. They used to give free training to the students and also taught them about cyber-crime. She told a story of an incident with the SHO of the area she was working at. She the addressed career growth opportunities and advised how to do everything with discipline and dedication.



Her speech was concluded by asking the students if they have to share anything or have any questions. She replied to the students' questions and also told them how to stay motivated and look at personal value systems and work accordingly at your best level. She shared how she chose her domains for the exam and what was her motivation for the long run.



The event was then concluded by Dr. Pooja Kashyap, Prof. History Department. She gave her valedictory speech and her vote of thanks to the speaker. She thanked the teachers and students' council of Tathagat department for attending this seminar.



The presence and active engagement were highly encouraged. It was an overall very engaging seminar in which students from different departments showed active participation and attended the whole seminar with enthusiasm.



TRIP REPORT - EXCURSION TO SIKANDRA AND FATEHPUR SIKRI

DATE- 14 MARCH 2024

ORGANIZER- TATHAGAT - the History Department

The Department of History on March 14th organised a historical excursion to **Sikandra** and **Fatehpur Sikri** with 40 students along with 7 teachers. Through this trip, students were given an opportunity to broaden their understanding of the intricacies of the medieval period.

Since they were accompanied by teachers who were specialised in medieval Indian history they had explained the monument structure and their creation as a political and architectural structure.



(Tomb of Akbar's entrance)

They left the campus around 7:00 AM and reached their first travel spot Sikandra at 11:30 AM. It houses the mortal remains of the Mughal emperor, Akbar who during his lifetime planned out the construction which was further completed by his son Jahangir.

The mausoleum is situated on the outskirts of Agra city. The uppermost storey stands in contrast with the rest of the structure as it is composed of white marble with insertion of red sandstone. The **Tomb of Akbar** is a typical representation of the symmetry of Mughal architecture, along with the display of a fusion of Rajputana and Gothic styles as well. It is placed in a Charbagh setting of garden with a water canal dividing it by four sections.

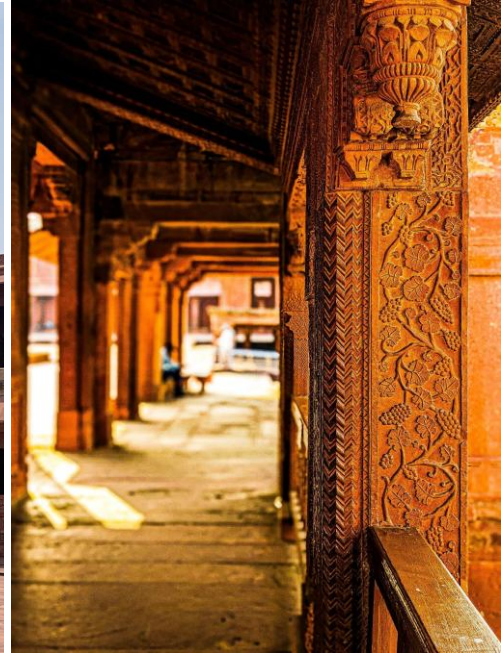


(Tomb of Akbar)

The next stoppage was Fatehpur Sikri where the trip paused for a midday break and lunch. Once a booming capital of the Mughal empire, during Akbar, was abandoned due to the proximity to the Rajputana neighbourhood and the scarcity of water. Popularly known as a ghost town, the term derives its meaning from the Persian word 'Fatah' meaning 'Victory'.

One of the major landmarks visited is the red stone buildings that have turquoise brick roofs and are decorated with carvings featuring Hindu motifs reflecting the palace's Hindu occupant, Jodha Bai. **Jodhabai**

Palace is a charming amalgamation of the architectural styles of the Rajputa and the Mughals. Consisting within the complex were - Birbal's Palace, Pachisi Court, Hiran Minar, Daftar Khana, Anup Talao, Naubat Khana, Ibadat Khana, Aankh Micholi Treasury, Panch Mahal, Jami Mosque, Diwan-i-Aam, Diwan-khana-i-khaas and Hawa Mahal.



R(Jodhabai Palace)

Just a kilometre away stands the “Door of victory”, also known as “**BULAND DARWAZA**”, built in 1575 A.D. It commemorates Akbar’s victory over Gujarat. Made of red and buff sandstone, Buland Darwaza combines the elements of Persian, Indian and Central Asian architectural styles. This main entrance to Jama Masjid stands up to a height of 54 meters. This highest gateway in the world is an illustration of the sophistication and heights of technology in Akbar’s empire.



(Buland Darwaza)

The Buland Darwaza complex also contains the shrine of Salim Chishti setup in a white marble showing Akbar's devotion for his ideology. The inscriptions are a testament to Akbar’s religious policy of harmony and tolerance. The tomb, symbol of faith, highlighted the jalis or lattice work and amidst the red stones were the pearls used for this.



The day started with young minds full of high spirits. The students were all dropped off at the college gate at 11:30 PM. The excursion proved to be an enriching blend of exploration, learning, and camaraderie, leaving us enriched with knowledge, memories, and newfound perspectives.



Faculty Achievements and Progresses

Dr. Reena Ragi

1. Presented a paper on “Constitutional Design of Majority and Minority: Integrative or Divisive” in a Special Program to Observe the 73rd Constitution Day on 23rd Nov 2023

Dr. Pawan Kumar

1. Published an Article titled “ Dr. Ambedkar and Humanism” in the Journal Creative Space: International Journal Vol.XI No.3/July-Sept 2023 (ISSN2347/-1689)

Dr. Krishna Murari

1. PHD awarded to Mr. Shanu Kumar, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi under his supervision on the below topic :-

आधुनिक परिप्रेक्ष्य में बुद्ध एवं अम्बेडकर के सामाजिक चिंतन का अध्ययन

Aadhunik Pariprekshy Mein Buddha Evam Ambedkar ke Saamaajik Chintan ka Adhyayan

Ph.D Award/Result Date - 22/02/2024

Dr. Sangeeta Kumar

1. Chaired a session in **Delhi History Congress** held on 4th to 6th 2024

2. Presented a paper on the topic: *Business, Philanthropy and Institution: A Case Study of Lala Shri Ram and the Lady Shri Ram College for Women* in **Delhi History Congress** held on 4th -6th 2024

Dr. Sachin Kumar

1. Completed a 14 day organized by Mahatma Hansraj Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MH-MMTTC), Hansraj College, University of Delhi on 1-14 March, 2024

Ms. Namita Singh

1. Contributed in book *Centenary Logo Book*, University of Delhi, Royal Press, New Delhi, 2023

2. Contributed in book *Centenary of Convocation 1923-2024*, University of Delhi, Royal Press, New Delhi, 2024

3. Contributed in book *Select Convocations Addresses 1923-2024*, University of Delhi, Royal Press, New Delhi, 2024

4. Completed a 14 day online training programme on NEP by MMTTP Hansraj College, DU held from 15th – 28th Jan 2024.

Mr. Sachin Chauhan

1. Completed a 7 day Faculty Induction program organized by University of Delhi, 1st -8th Dec 2023
2. A 14 day online training programme on NEP by MMTTP Hansraj college, DU held from 15th – 28th Jan 2024.

Dr Puja Kashyap

1. Wrote two pieces for The Hindu newspaper. One titled "Mehrauli, an abode of rich history" and another titled "Parenting the 'insta' generation".
2. participated in the two day National Conference on National Education Polity 2020: Perspectives, Challenges and Way Forward organized by Gargi College, under the aegis of IQAC, held on November 3-4, 2023.

Dr. Nida Arshi

1. Completed this 20day Certificate course on Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.