

**Miranda House
University of Delhi**

**Department Activity Annual Report 2022-23
Department of Philosophy**

Faculty Details

Permanent Faculty (Seniority Wise)

Dr. Reena Kannojiya
Prof. Pratibha Sharma (TIC)
Dr. Raj Verma Sinha (on CCL)
Dr. Shweta
Dr. Simmi Valecha
Dr. Alka Saharan

Total Permanent Faculty - 06

Ad-hoc Faculty (01)

Dr. Anmolpreet Kaur (Against Dr. Nisha Bala Tyagi)

Guest Faculty (02)

Ms. Alisha Chaudhary
Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bharti

Total Faculty- 9

Union Members 2022-23

President- Aashra Patel
Vice-President- Anshika Sethi
General Secretary- Aadheyaa Wadhwa
Treasurer- Aditi Singh

The Department of Philosophy is one of the oldest departments of the college and hence bears the responsibility to organize events to improve the academic quality. The present report is divided into four sections talking about the events organized by the department under four heads. These are:

(1) Academic

- Research paper competition- The Department of Philosophy conducted a Research Paper Competition on the topic: Medical Ethics during COVID-19 pandemic. The idea was to engage students in writing papers.
- Career after graduation- The department organized two career counselling events with the aim to help students choose their paths after UG. The first session was taken by M.s Tarunpreet Kaur, a Metropolitan Magistrate at the Saket Court. She spoke about the field of LLB and the careers which students can opt for after law. The session was conducted on 6th September 2022.
Second session was taken up by Supriya Bajpai. She is pursuing her doctoral research at IIT and is an alumna of our college. She spoke about research in philosophy as a career option that the students may choose. The session was held on 31st October 2022.
- Talk on Russell and Wittgenstein- A philosophy session was taken up by Dr. Nilanjan Bhowmick which covered the topics related to existence monism and logical atomism. The talk was held on 10th November 2022.
- Philosophical counselling- The Department organized a session on Philosophical Counselling- Stoics, Heidegger and Zen. The session was taken over by Dr. Navneet Chopra on 15th November 2022.
- World philosophy day- The Philosophy Department celebrated The World Philosophy Day on the 17th November 2022. The day started off with two academic lectures by Prof. Bindu Puri and Dr. Aditya Kumar Gupta.
- Research methodology- The Research Methodology was presided over by Dr. Reetu Jaiswal, which focused on research proposals, essential readings, and how to publish papers. The event held on 9th February 2023.
- Philosophy Project Collaboration- The department, on 2nd April 2023, collaborated with the Philosophy Project under their Mentor-Mentee initiative on the topic “Introduction to Bioethics”.

(2) Co-curricular

- Akshardham- Students who had opted for the elective Philosophy of Science had an enriching outing to Akshardham to gain insights of rich Indian Ancient tradition and technology. The student trip took place on 30th August 2022.
- Teachers’ day celebration- The students of the Philosophy Department organized an event to celebrate their teachers on 5th September 2022.
- Art therapy session- Art is a unique way to express ones’ emotions. The department conducted an interesting Art Therapy Session with a

professional Art Therapist Ms. Monica. The event took place on 13th October 2022.

- World philosophy day- Our students cosplayed as different philosophers and enacted their theories on the occasion of World Philosophy Day on 17th November 2022. The day ended with a Play on Hegel which focused on Master-Slave dialectic.
- Gnosis- The annual fest of the department of Philosophy, GNOSIS, was celebrated on 17th February, it was a one-day event that started off with a lecture by Dr. Rekha Navneet on Art, Aesthetics and Morality. The department conducted three competitions- Eudaimonia, The Debate Competition; Ekphrasis, the Spoken Words Competition; Trial by Trivia, the Pop Quiz.

To end the day on a special note, we had a chorus performance named Symphony of Soul and two local artists' performance.

- Launch of Department Merch- The Department launched their merch. Tote bags, varsity jackets, badges, bookmarks, and stickers were launched.
- Launch of podcast- The Editorial Board of the Department of Philosophy launched their very first Podcast- What's the Point?
- Editorial board- The Editorial Board over the months conducted various events on Academic Writing Workshop, Graphic Design Workshop, Creative, Social Media, PR and Logistics Workshop, and Academic Book Reading and Discussion.

(3) Challenges faced

- Skill training without field exposure has little value.
- Lack of research orientation in curriculum.

(4) Future plans

- To come up with more value-oriented short-term courses.
- Activity based programmes.
- Organize a certificate course on Philosophical Counselling.
- Planning to start a Happiness Club as our VAC paper "The Art of Being Happy" is popular among students.
- Encourage UG students to pursue Research.
- Promoting and encouraging spirituality inherited from our rich Ancient Indian Traditions as a part of experiential Learning.
- Sarva Dharma Sambhāva Yātrā with the aim to inculcate the value of religious diversity and harmonious co-existence.