

Report of lecture by Dr Dhananjay Rai, 30th September, 2023

On 30th September, 2023, at 11:30 AM the Heritage History Association of History Department, Janki Devi Memorial College, organised a seminar on the topic “The Praxis of Poorna Swaraj”, in the Seminar Room. The students of history department and other departments joined the lecture. Principal Prof. Swati Pal joined the lecture and welcomed the honourable speaker with a planter. Dr Dhananjay Rai, the speaker and writer of the book ‘Poorna Swaraj: Constructive Programme: Its Meaning and Place’, enlightened the students about Gandhi and his constructive programme in the rural areas of India. Dr Rai informed the students about Gandhi’s vision of attaining real and complete independence or ‘swaraj’ for India. Dr Rai talked about Gandhi’s Road map for an egalitarian and ideal society through his ideas on communal unity, prohibition, basic education, emancipation of women, Adivasis’ concerns, farmers’ distress, removal of untouchability, demystification of leprosy, the role of khadi, charkha, village and small-scale industries, among others. The talk ended with a vote of thanks by the Association In-charge Dr Natasha Nongbri.



Report on Debate competition under G20 events, 22nd September, 2023

On September 22, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the Heritage History Association, Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College, organized an “Intra College Debate Competition” under G20 events on the topic “Will Argentina be an asset to BRICS?”. The debate saw the presence of different faculty members such as Dr Ankita Kumar, DR. Md. Zubeer Ahmed and Dr. Kush Kumar Gayasen in the capacity of organiser and judges. There was a total of 17 participants, all the contestants put their best foot forward in the competition. The debate helped the contestants to develop confidence and to overcome fears of public speaking. They enjoyed a healthy, interactive and stimulating competition, also, they engaged in cross questioning each other, which made this activity a success. Lastly, the competition came to its end with the vote of thanks by Mr. Abhinav Mishra (faculty of History department, JDMC).




Report of Lecture by Prof. Smita Sehgal, 21st September, 2023

The Heritage History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized the 8th Dr Vijay Nath Memorial lecture, on September 21st, 2023 under the aegis of IQAC. The lecture was delivered by renowned Prof. Smita Sehgal from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi. The Teacher in-charge of the history department Dr. Saumya Gupta welcomed all the guests in the packed seminar room and shared a brief biography of Prof. Nath. Prof. Swati Pal, principal of the college addressed the gathering and also called for a two minutes silence in memory of Dr. Vijay Nath. Prof. Sehgal delivered the lecture titled “Contesting the binary: Gender Norms and Departures in Early India.” The president of Heritage Association, Ranjana commenced the proceedings by welcoming the guest with her small introduction and later requested her to initiate the academic discussion.

Professor Sehgal started with sharing her memories with Dr. Nath. Further in her speech she talked about gender binaries and the implications of going beyond gender binaries. The major highlight of her speech was an academic focus on transgenders and their representation in Ancient Indian texts. She explained about trans sexuality and the important role of transgenders. She substantiated her arguments by bringing in examples from Mahabharata, Padma Purana and Vishnu Purana etc. Lastly, she gave special emphasis on Gender Equity and concluded by giving reasons on how gender binary can be contested. The floor was opened up for questions and answers after the talk. The students and faculty both interacted with the speaker. The event ended with a vote of thanks given by Vice President Palak and Association in-charge Dr. Natasha Nongbri.





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Report of Lecture by Prof. Riho Isaka, 11th September, 2023

The Heritage History Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a Distinguished Speaker Series lecture under the aegis of IQAC. The speaker invited was Prof. Riho Isaka, Department of Area Studies, University of Tokyo, Japan. The topic was “Writing History: Location, Language and Dialogue.” The Vice President of the association, Palak commenced the lecture by welcoming the guests, followed by an introductory speech by Dr Saumya Gupta, the Teacher In-charge, briefly introducing Prof Isaka and presenting a memento.

Professor Isaka, in the very intellectually stimulating talk, explained about her work on South Asian History: Colonial and Post Colonial Gujarat. She explained about different styles of writing and how Indian History is basically focused on economic, social and political factors. Later on in her speech she talked about translation and how popular it is among Japanese historians and academics. The quality of translation work in Japan is worth appreciating. She also talked about her works as she has translated many books and had written several essays. One of the most exciting elements of the lecture was when she explained the importance of research papers and how history should be understood. She also emphasised on location and context in History Writing. The house was then opened for questions and the students as well as faculty interacted with the speaker. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Palak.

