

Report of Department of History (2022-23)



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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

On November 18, 2022, Tarikh, the History Association of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised a special online lecture with Dr Ursula Weekes, the acclaimed Art Historian on Mughal and Rajput paintings, based in London.

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तारीख - The History Association
is organizing a Special Lecture on
In and Out of Time: Mughal Portraiture
Date: 18 November 2022 | Time: 5:00 pm (IST)

Resource Person:
Dr Ursula Weekes
Independent Art Historian
London

Moderator: Ms. Chandini Jaswal (Alumna)

[CLICK HERE](#) To Join us on scheduled Date & Time

Ms Baljeet Tiwana & Dr Mini Grewal
Coordinators

Mrs Poonam Devasher
Co-convener & Head
Deptt. of History

Dr Nisha Bhargava
Convener & Principal

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MCM holds online lecture on Mughal Portraiture

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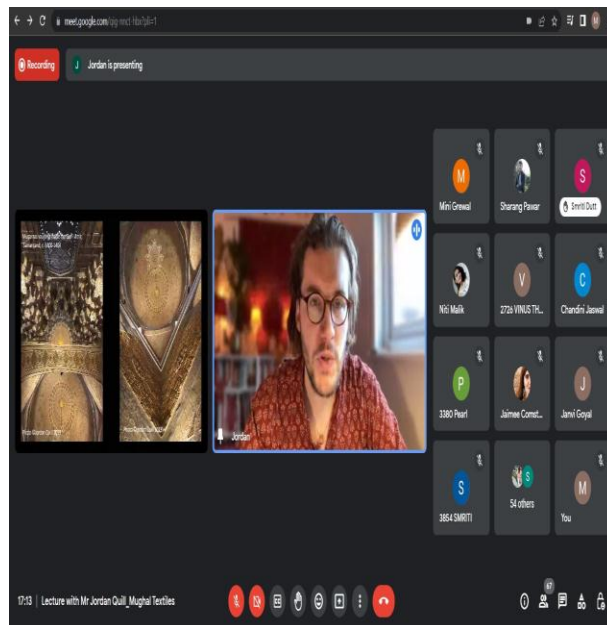
Tarikh. 12.12.22-- the History Association of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an online lecture titled 'In and Out of Time: Mughal Portraiture'.

London based acclaimed Art Historian on Mughal Art- Dr. Ursula Weekes was the speaker for this enlightening lecture. Dr. Weekes traced the development of Portraiture over the centuries, sharing insights into several masterpieces from the Mughal era. She also discussed the origin and characteristics of several regional schools of art like the Rajasthani, Pahari and Bundi schools in detail. The lecture was followed by an interactive session wherein the queries of the participants were addressed by the expert. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava lauded this initiative of the History Association to keep the budding historians engaged in intellectual pursuits. She added that history is important to understand how events in the past made things the way they are today and to create better paths for our societies.

The title of the lecture was, 'In and Out of Time: Mughal Portraiture'. In the lecture, Dr Weekes highlighted the development of Portraiture during the Mughal period as well as provided her insights into several masterpieces from the Mughal atelier. The lecture saw over 100 graduate, post graduate and research students as well as professors from both within the college and neighbouring colleges in attendance.

On January 25, 2023, another online lecture was organised with Mr Jordan Quill, a scholar on Mughal Textiles based in Courtauld Institute of Art, London. The title of the lecture was, 'How can we Capture the Feelings of the Past? Encounters with Textile and Spaces in Mughal India'.

The poster is framed with a decorative golden archway and floral patterns. At the top center is a circular logo with the number '50'. Below it, the text reads: 'Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women Sector 36-A, Chandigarh (U.T.)'. The main title is in Hindi: 'तारीख - The History Association is organizing a Special Lecture on How can we Capture the Feelings of the Past? Encounters with Textiles and Spaces in Mughal India'. The date and time are listed as 'Date: 25 January 2023 | Time: 5:00 pm (IST) / 11:30 am (GMT)'. A 'Resource Person' section features a photo of Mr Jordan Quill and his affiliation: 'The Courtauld Institute of Art University of London'. A 'Moderator' section lists 'Ms Chandini Jaswal (Alumna)'. A 'CLICK HERE' button is provided for registration. At the bottom, coordinators and convener information are listed: 'Ms Baljeet Tiwana & Dr Mini Grewal (Coordinators)', 'Mrs Poonam Devasher (Co-convener & Head Deptt. of History)', and 'Dr Nisha Bhargava (Convener & Principal)'.



In the lecture, Mr Quill highlighted the development of textile art during the Mughal period, starting from their ancestors, the Mongols. The characteristics of other regional textiles like the Rajasthani school were also discussed. The lecture was supplemented with a beautiful PowerPoint presentation and short clips. The lecture saw over 70 graduate, postgraduate and research students, professors and curators from India and abroad. An interactive discussion followed which was moderated by the college alumna, Ms Chandini Jaswal.

A poster making competition was organised by the department to commemorate the culmination of 75 years of India's independence. The students participated enthusiastically and 10 students were awarded prizes and certificates.

Celebrating Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji

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*To mark the culmination of the glorious
75 years of our Independence*

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Department of History
under the aegis of
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
organizes

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Theme - जरा याद करो कुर्बानी: Revisiting Freedom Struggle

Express your love for the country

Sub Themes - •Participation of Women in the freedom movement •Any significant/impactful event of the movement •The leader of the movement you admire the most •Unsung freedom fighters and leaders.

Guidelines - •The competition is open for the students of all streams & classes. •Each participant can submit only one poster and the posters should be original & handmade. •Posters are to be made on an A3 size sheet. •The topic chosen from the sub-theme should be mentioned on the poster. •Each participant should write her Name, Roll No, Class and Contact Number at the back of the poster. •Submission of the Poster: 10 and 11 August 2023, from 10:00-4:00 pm, in the History Department (in staff room). •Acceptable tools for Drawing/ Painting - Pencils, Brushes, crayon, oil paint, Poster Colours and likewise. •Photographs, Wires, Stencils, 3D Objects, Printouts etc. are not acceptable. •Cash Prizes and Certificates will be awarded to the winners. •Submitted posters shall remain the property of the College.

Dr Nisha Bhargava
Convener & Principal

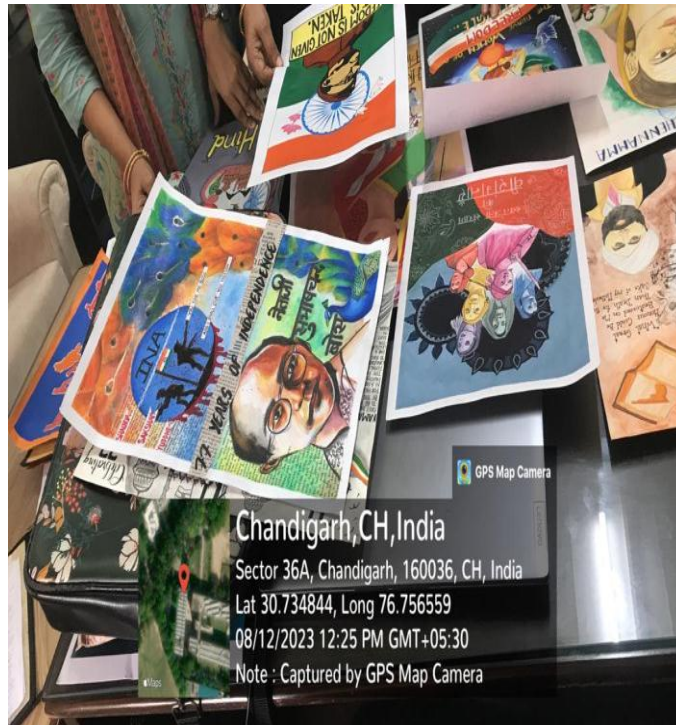
Dr Vibha Sharma
Chief Coordinator (IQAC)

Dr Mini Grewal
Head, History Dept.

Dr Manisha Pandey Tiwari
Coordinator

Ashish Mudgal
Activity Incharge (Creative)

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Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava with the prize winners of the poster making competition

The History department also organised a workshop on numismatics in which discussions were held analysing the importance of coins as a source of history. The students were taken to the Government Museum and Art Gallery and saw an exhibition of important coins of the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal period. The curator of the exhibition highlighted the different methodology used in minting the coins and the meaning of the inscriptions on important coins.

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Department of History
is organizing a Workshop on
*Coins as an Important Source of
Reconstructing History*

Coins are an important source of reconstructing history as what we are taught in books is concise but when you look at these coins, you take a direct look at history. Also, as compared to the literary sources, there are very little chances of manipulating the archaeological sources like coins and inscriptions. This workshop aims to add valuable insights to our understanding of medieval Indian history through the study of exquisite coins issued from 11th to 19th centuries.

- The workshop will involve discussions and field trip to Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sector-10, Chandigarh. This workshop is open to all students of History Elective.
- Interested students may contact Dr Neha Sharma, Assistant Professor, Dept of History at 9888858318.

Join us on this numismatic journey of discovery! Date: 12 August 2023 | Timings: 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon



Mr Ashish Mudgal
Activity In-charge (Creative)

Dr Neha Sharma
Coordinator

Dr Mini Grewal
Head, Dept of History

Dr Nisha Bhargava
Convener and Principal



History students at the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Sector 10, Chandigarh

The department organised a trip to Jaipur in Rajasthan from 16th to 18th April 2023. Students were able to visit important historical sites and monuments related to the Rajput period and observe the various aspects of their architecture.



Students of the History Department at Jaipur

RESEARCH ENDEAVORS OF THE FACULTY

- ❖ Dr Manisha Pandey Tiwari completed her Post Doctoral Fellowship in November 2022. She was awarded Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) by UGC to pursue her post-doctoral work on 'Contribution Of Women To The Indian Constitution: An Analysis Of The Views, Perspectives And Opinions Of The Women Members In The Indian Constituent Assembly'.
- ❖ Ms Baljeet Kaur Tiwana attended a two-week interdisciplinary online Refresher Course in Advanced Research Methodology from 21st June 2023 to 5th July 2023 from the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.
- ❖ Ms Baljeet Kaur Tiwana presented a paper, 'Domestic Violence against Women' on 8th May 2023 in an online National Seminar sponsored by ICSSR, organised by Khalsa College, Garhdiwala, Hoshiarpur.
- ❖ Dr Neha Sharma presented a paper in the Indian History Congress 2022, in Chennai, entitled 'Dead Yet Speaketh the Colonial Cemeteries located in the Shimla Hills' held from 28-30 December 2022.
- ❖ Dr Neha Sharma was invited as a resource person by the Department of History, USOL, Panjab University to deliver lectures under the Special Lecture Series on 14th March 2023. She delivered two lectures on 'Provincial Autonomy under the Unionists' and 'Partition of Punjab' to the History students of M.A Semester IV.
- ❖ Dr Manisha Pandey Tiwari delivered a lecture on 'Shaping the Contours of Independent India: Progressive Women Members of Indian Constituent Assembly' at a special function 'Veerangana' held to commemorate Women's Day on 11 March 2023.
- ❖ Dr Manisha Pandey Tiwari presented a research paper titled, 'Breaking Stereotypes: Leela Roy, An Unheralded Trailblazer' at a National Seminar organised by the history department of GGDS College, Chandigarh on 27th May 2023.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS

- ❖ Riya Chaturvedi of BA I year won the first prize in a lecture contest organized on 17th April 2023 by the Arya Samaj Committee on the topic, 'One Earth, One Family, One future.'
- ❖ Vinus Thakur got the fifth position and Harpreet Kaur and Shehanpreet Kaur got the ninth position in the 2022-23 History Honours Result declared by Punjab University.



Husanpreet Kaur of BA III year and Riya Chaturvedi of BA I year won the first prize in a Declamation contest on 'Victory Against Drug Abuse' organized by the VADA club of our college on 23rd February 2023. The programme was organized under the aegis of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.



Husanpreet Kaur of BA III year and Anshika Bansal of BA I participated in an Inter College debate competition 'Historica 2023' organized by the History Association of DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 27th March 2023. Husanpreet Kaur won the second prize in the debate.



Manraz Kaur, Ritika and Sumedha Sharma won the First prize in the Inter College Quiz Competition organized by the History Association of DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 28th march 2023.

ALUMNI

Our Alumni are absorbed in various sectors and are contributing to different aspects of society. Shriya Gautam is founder and director of ‘Speaking Archeologically’, which is a platform engaging and promoting the youth towards the study of India’s heritage and history. Tarannum Caur Sodhi is working as a Junior Research Fellow in SERB DST Project titled ‘Human response to climate change during the Indus Valley Civilization: An integrated Archaeomalacology and stable isotopes study from select Harappan sites in India’ under Dr. Arati Deshpande Mukherjee at Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune. Kajal Sharma is currently working on ‘Role of Historic Prison Museums and their Potential as tourist sites in India’. Muskan Sangwan has joined Terrorism Research and Analysis Consortium (TRAC) as a Research Assistant, where she specializes in tracking Jihadist terrorists organizations using Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques. Many of our alumni are pursuing higher studies and undertaking research in History.



Chandini Jaswal got the Gold medal on 20th May 2023 in the 70th Annual Convocation at the Panjab University for securing the first position in BA History Honours.

Chandini Jaswal is pursuing her Post Graduation from Punjab University. She is passionately pursuing her interest in the discipline of History. Some of her academic achievements:

- Global Conversation Coordinator for a research project titled: Anti Blackness and Colonial Detention: Histories and Legacies, funded by SOAS, University of London and delivered by the Museum of British Colonialism. Facilitated a global conversation on colonial detention in Africa and a guest blog project on incarceration experience in various parts of the erstwhile British Empire. Awarded £500 for contribution to the project. (Jan-Sep 2023)
- Selected for participation in Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme. Gave a response presentation on the Devi Tradition in Indic Society (July- Aug 2023)
- Abstracts selected for presentation in Universities of St Andrews, Leeds, Glasgow in UK, Loyola Marymount University in USA and Nanyang Technology University in Singapore (March-Nov 2023)
- Organised and moderated webinars with Prof Richard Eaton, Dr Azfar Moin, Dr Jyoti G Balachandran, Prof Shahzad Bashir for the Department of History at Panjab University (April- Nov 2023)

A healthy contribution of the alumni is their commitment to their alma mater. They take the initiative to interact with the present students and share their experiences and the challenges they faced and how they dealt with them.



Gursimranjit Kaur, a PCS officer interacting with the students of BA III on 24th February 2023



Chandini Jaswal interacting with the BA I students on 4th March 2023



Athira Jamwal, an officer in the J&K Civil Services with the BA I students on 10 April 2023

FUTURE PLANS

- ❖ To conduct a workshop for students on 'How to write a Research paper'. A faculty member from the Department of Punjab Historical Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala has been contacted for the same.
- ❖ To organize a lecture by an eminent scholar /historian on a topic relevant to students at the undergraduate level.
- ❖ To get internships for students of History Honours in relevant aspects of Historical Research. The Punjab digital Library has been approached for the same.
- ❖ To plan an educational trip to a Historical place.
- ❖ To encourage faculty members to publish Research papers in reputed journals.
- ❖ To add more books to the library on new research and contemporary issues.