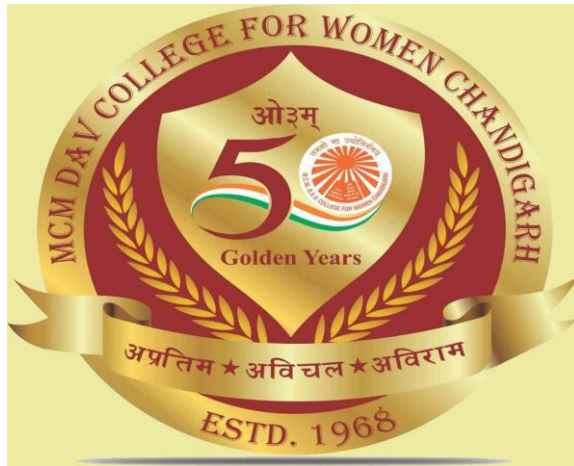


**Report  
of  
Department of Philosophy  
(2024-25)**



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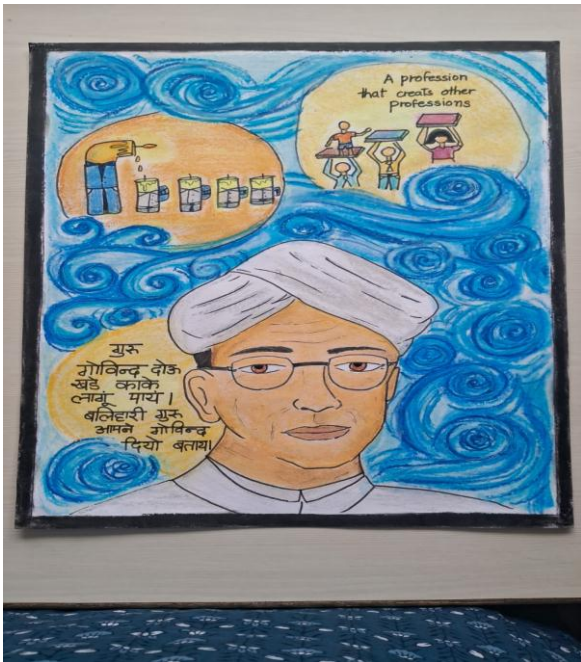
## Event 1: On the spot Poster Making competition

On the spot Poster Making competition was held by MCM SOPHIES CLUB, department of philosophy on the theme: The Tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan: The Philosopher and Teacher. In total 32 participants participated in the competition and they were judged based on the creativity, relevance to the topic and overall presentation. The positions are mentioned below:

First: Shubhreet Kaur B.Com III-C ROLL NO- 10166

Second: Yamini Chaudhary B.Sc. I ROLL NO. 620

Third: Nabha Bhagirath BA III ROLL NO. 4189









## Event 2: Celebrating World Philosophy Day 2024: Inter-College Online Quiz on “Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future”

The Department of Philosophy and the MCM Sophies Club of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh, celebrated UNESCO World Philosophy Day, 2024, with an Inter-College Online Quiz on November 11, 2024, at 4 pm. Organized under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the event centered on the theme “Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future,” encouraging participants to reflect on philosophy's potential to shape a more equitable and resilient world. Inspired by Alfred Tennyson’s words, “to follow knowledge like a sinking star, beyond the utmost bound of human thought,” the quiz challenged students to engage deeply with diverse philosophical concepts.

A total of 29 students from various institutions participated in the online quiz, facilitating dynamic engagement across multiple branches of philosophy. After a competitive round of questions, the winners were announced: Khewa Malhotra from Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women secured the first prize, Oinam Jelina Devi, and Circa Waikhom from Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh, won the second prize and third place respectively. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to the top performers.

The event was organized by Mrs. Suman Mahajan (Principal and Head, Department of Philosophy), Ms. Neena Sharma (IQAC Coordinator and Head, Department of English), Dr. Harsimran Kaur (Programme Coordinator), and Mr. Ashish Mudgal (Activity In-charge, Creative). Mrs. Suman Mahajan noted the importance of celebrating World Philosophy Day, underscoring that such events offer a valuable platform for fostering philosophical discourse and critical thinking, both crucial for navigating today’s complex challenges.



### **Event 3: World Meditation Day Celebration**

Organized by: NSS Units and Department of Philosophy under the aegis of IQAC

Date: 21/12/24

Venue: Multimedia Hall

Speaker: Ms. Paulomim Mukherjee, Regional Director, Government Program, Art of Living

Accompanied by: Mr. Rahul

On the occasion of World Meditation Day, the NSS Units and Department of Philosophy, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized an enlightening session on meditation. The event aimed to highlight the significance of meditation as a pathway to a joyful and fulfilling life.

The session commenced with an engaging discussion led by Ms. Paulomim Mukherjee on the meaning and essence of meditation. She emphasized its role as a key to achieving happiness and inner peace. Mr. Rahul, who accompanied her, added an interactive element to the session by involving participants in light and interesting mind games and exercises. These activities created a relaxed and participatory atmosphere, setting the stage for the main meditation practice.

Ms. Mukherjee then conducted a 20-minute guided meditation session, during which all participants actively engaged in the practice. The session provided an opportunity for attendees to experience the calming and restorative effects of meditation firsthand. Both speakers underscored the importance of cultivating a regular meditation habit to enhance mental well-being and overall quality of life.

Additionally, participants were encouraged to join the live session conducted by Sri Sri Gurudev, the global spiritual leader of the Art of Living, through a shared link provided for the World Meditation Day celebration.

The event concluded with a resounding message of incorporating meditation into daily life as a means to foster inner harmony and resilience in the face of life's challenges. The session was well-received, leaving participants inspired and motivated to continue their meditation journey.

#### **Highlights of the Event:**

- Interactive discussion on the meaning of meditation.
- Mind games and exercises to engage participants.
- A 20-minute guided meditation session by Ms. Mukherjee.
- Emphasis on regular meditation practice for a happy and joyful life.
- Live session link shared for World Meditation Day celebration with Sri Sri Gurudev.

The event marked a meaningful celebration of World Meditation Day, spreading awareness about the profound benefits of meditation and inspiring attendees to embark on a journey toward mental and spiritual well-being.

#### Event 4: “ Letter to the Philosopher ” A Creative Writing Competition

The Department of Philosophy and MCM Sophies Club successfully organized the “Letter to the Philosopher” creative writing competition on 27th February 2025 in the Multimedia Hall. Students enthusiastically engaged with the ideas of great philosophers, expressing deep philosophical reflections through letter writing.

After careful evaluation by the judges the winners are:

First Position: Jannat BA III ROLL NO 4355

Second Position: Karamdeep Kaur BA I ROLL NO 1533

Third Position: Kamaldeep Kaur BA I ROLL NO 1672

The event encouraged critical thinking and creativity, making it a valuable learning experience for all participants.

#### Event 5: Online Western Philosophy Discussion Series

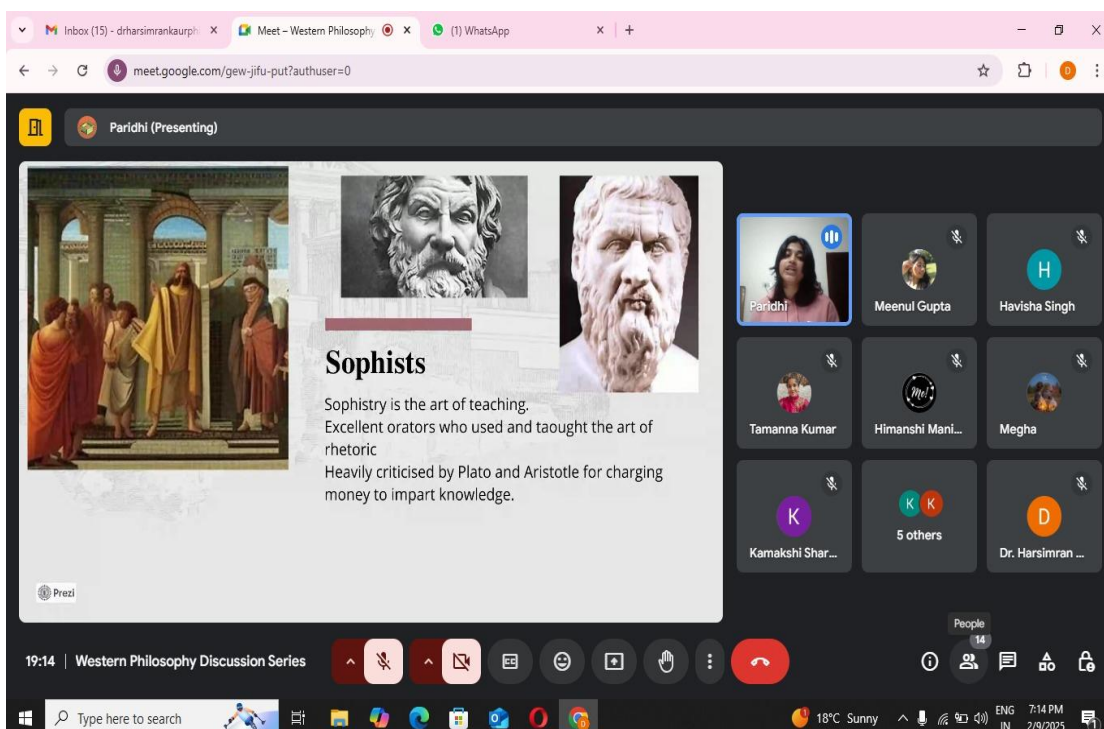
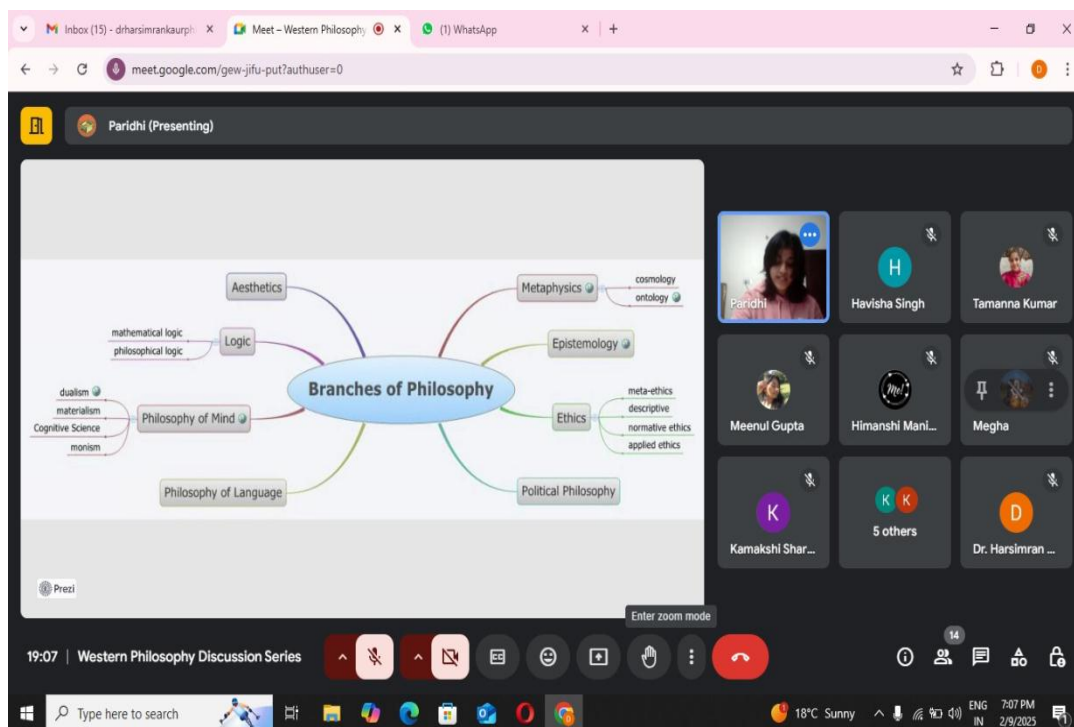
The Department of Philosophy, and the students the MCM Sophies Club, successfully organized an extensive **Western Philosophy Discussion Series** designed to foster critical inquiry and intellectual rigor among students. Commencing on February 9, 2025, the series was conducted virtually every Sunday at 7:00 PM via Zoom, providing a dedicated space for students to engage with foundational and contemporary philosophical discourse.

The primary aim of the initiative was to deepen students' understanding of the Western tradition by moving beyond traditional classroom lectures into an interactive, collaborative environment. The student body responded with remarkable enthusiasm, demonstrating a high level of commitment by preparing meticulously for their individual presentations. This student-led engagement served as a catalyst for a more profound exploration of the subject matter, allowing participants to take ownership of complex philosophical arguments.

The series was structured into ten comprehensive sessions, curated to cover a chronological and thematic spectrum of Western thought. This exercise was instrumental in expanding the students' horizons well beyond the constraints of the standard academic syllabus. By engaging with these diverse themes, students were able to cultivate a vaster view of Western philosophy and its intersection with broader world philosophical debates.

- **Classical Foundations:** The series explored the **Socratic Method**, **Plato’s Theory of Forms**, and **Aristotelian Ethics**.
- **Modernity and Rationalism:** Students examined the transition to modern philosophy through **René Descartes’** systematic doubt and **George Berkeley’s** subjective idealism.
- **Idealism and Critique:** Significant emphasis was placed on the German tradition, specifically **Immanuel Kant’s** *Critique of Pure Reason* and **G.W.F. Hegel’s** concepts of Absolute Mind and Spirit.
- **Existentialism and Beyond:** The final sessions focused on **Friedrich Nietzsche’s** Will to Power and **Jean-Paul Sartre’s** existentialist framework.

By facilitating dialogue on such diverse themes—ranging from ancient ethics to contemporary existentialism—the Department of Philosophy provided a platform for students to sharpen their critical thinking. The exceptional quality of the student presentations and the sustained participation levels underscored the academic curiosity within the department. The series concluded as a significant milestone in promoting a vibrant, research-oriented culture that looks beyond the textbook to the global history of ideas.



## Event 6: VALEDICTORY FUNCTION / FAREWELL CEREMONY

Date: 27th March 2025

A valedictory function was organized by the students of the Department of Philosophy, MCM DAV College (Sophie's Club), to bid a warm and respectful farewell to Mrs. Suman Mahajan, who served as the Officiating Principal at that time and is also the Head of the Department of Philosophy.

The event was planned and conducted under faculty guidance, with active participation from students. Preparations for the programme commenced approximately 2–3 weeks in advance. Students worked collaboratively to organize various segments, ensuring that the occasion was meaningful and memorable.

The programme featured a range of cultural and expressive items, including singing performances, creative presentations, and an online video dedication specially curated for Mrs. Mahajan. A significant highlight of the event was the involvement of alumni, who contributed by sharing their messages, memories, and words of appreciation. Efforts were also made to reconnect and engage former students, fostering a sense of unity and nostalgia.

As a token of respect and gratitude, the students presented a ring to Mrs. Suman Mahajan. The programme also included reflections and comments from alumni, acknowledging her invaluable contribution as an educator, mentor, and administrator.

The event concluded with a farewell gathering organized by the students themselves, expressing their appreciation and best wishes. The programme successfully reflected the deep respect and admiration held for Mrs. Mahajan by both current students and alumni.

One of the main highlights of the programme was a special presentation prepared by the students, wherein each student contributed a personalized message expressing their gratitude and memories. These messages were thoughtfully compiled into a creative artwork, which was presented to Mrs. Suman Mahajan as a token of love and appreciation. She was deeply touched by the gesture and expressed her heartfelt happiness, remarking that the gift would remain a treasured possession for a lifetime.

Overall, the valedictory function was conducted successfully and left a lasting impression on all those present.





## Event 7: National Youth Day Celebration

The Department of Philosophy and the Department of Fine Arts, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a Slogan Writing Competition on the occasion of National Youth Day, celebrated annually on January 14th to honor the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The event was aimed at fostering awareness and appreciation for the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, encouraging creativity among students, and inspiring them to reflect upon his philosophy of life and action.

The competition revolved around the theme “Teachings of Swami Vivekananda” and encouraged students to creatively express their understanding of his philosophy in the form of concise slogans. The entries were evaluated based on their originality, creativity, and relevance to the theme.

The celebration also provided an opportunity to delve into Swami Vivekananda’s core teachings. Emphasis was laid on his ideals of self-realization, universal brotherhood, selfless service, and faith in oneself as a path toward a harmonious and empowered life. His inspirational message, “Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached,” was highlighted as a guiding principle for youth.

### Highlights of the Event:

- Interactive discussions on the philosophical teachings of Swami Vivekananda.
- Slogan Writing Competition centered on his core teachings.
- Participation by undergraduate and postgraduate students from various departments.
- Announcement of winners and presentation of certificates.

### Results of the Slogan Writing Competition:

1st Prize: Arshdeep Kaur (BA3, Roll No. 3919)

2nd Prize: Prabhjot Kaur (BA2, Roll No. 2822) and Amanjot Kaur (BA3, Roll No. 3988)

3rd Prize: Anusha Nanda (BA3, Roll No. 4235) and Manatt Puri (BA2, Roll No. 3076)

Consolation Prizes: Ritika (BA2, Roll No. 2988) and Sejal (BA3, Roll No. 4426)

The winners were awarded certificates in recognition of their creative contributions. The event concluded with a call to action for students to incorporate the values and ideals of Swami Vivekananda into their lives, thereby promoting self-confidence, resilience, and service to humanity.

The National Youth Day celebration proved to be an enriching and inspiring experience for all participants, leaving them motivated to pursue a life of purpose and self-improvement.

