SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

International/National Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops

2020-21

Sophia Girls' College
(Autonomous), Ajmer
Department of History
National Webinar on "Lessons from the Past: Studying trends and responses of Epidemics"
Date:-10th and 11th July, 2020

Date: 10th-11th July, 2020

Level: National

Venue: Online Mode

Name of Activity: Two Day National Webinar organized by Department of History on **Lessons from the Past: Studying Trends and Responses to Epidemics.**

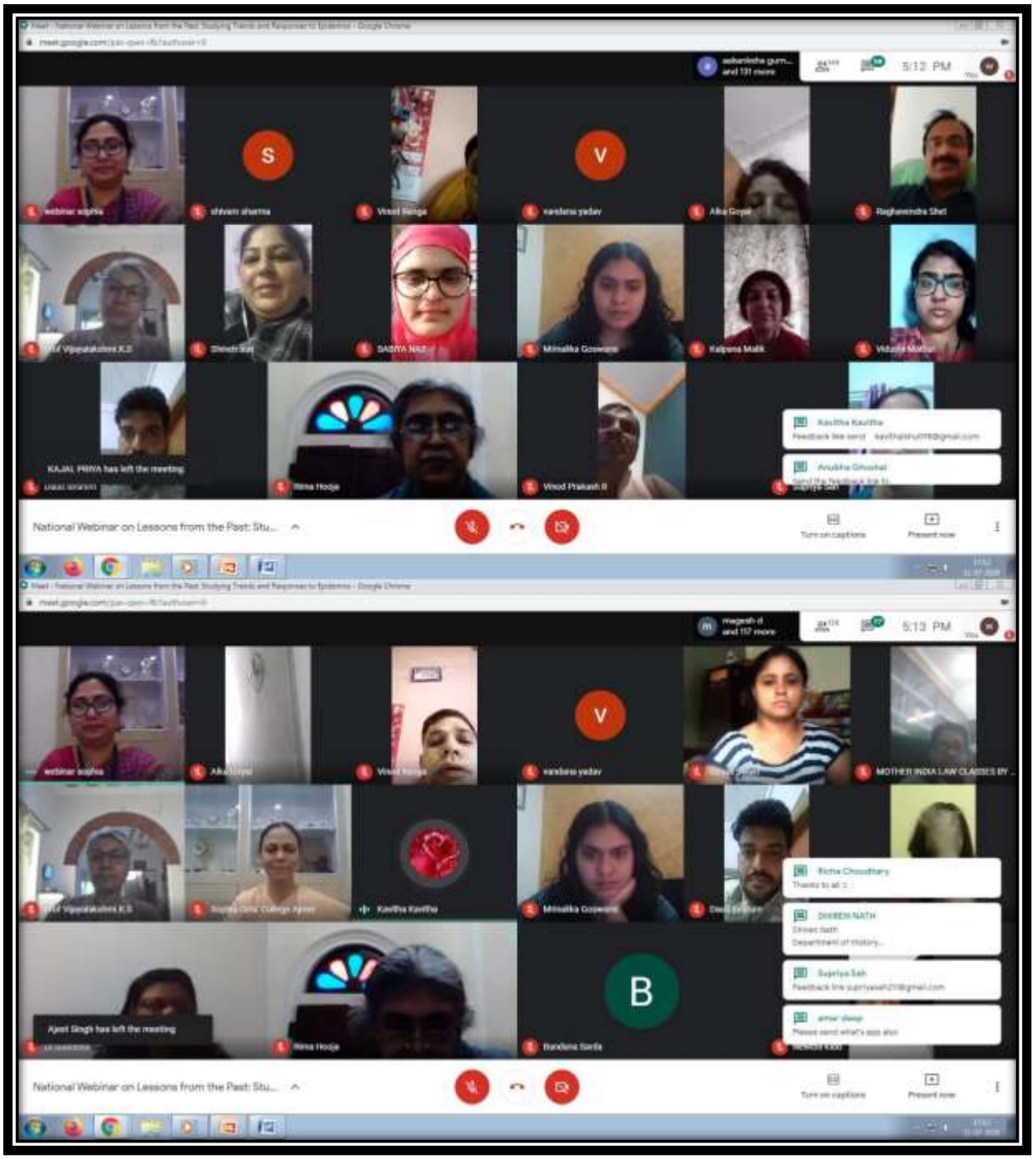
No. of Participants: 1567

Resource Person:-

1. **Dr. Rima Hooja** (Archaeologist and Historian)
2. **Prof. Dr. T.K.Mathur (**Former Head Department of History, MDS University, Ajmer)
3. **Dr. Saurav Kumar Rai** (Research and Publication Division Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi)
4. **Dr. Vipul Singh (**Environmental Historian and Associate Professor ,Department of History, University of Delhi)
5. **Dr. Apoorvanand** (Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi)
6. **Dr.Richa Raj** (Assistant Professor, Department of History , Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi)

Description: In the wake of Covid-19, the Department of History had scheduled the webinar with the objective of developing a larger historical understanding of epidemics and famines in Indian and Global context. Several esteemed scholars presented their research and understanding on the famines and epidemics in British era, the impact of famines and epidemics, and government policies. Each session was followed by a question answer session.

Outcome of Activity:-Webinar enriched historical understanding of epidemics and famines in India and the world.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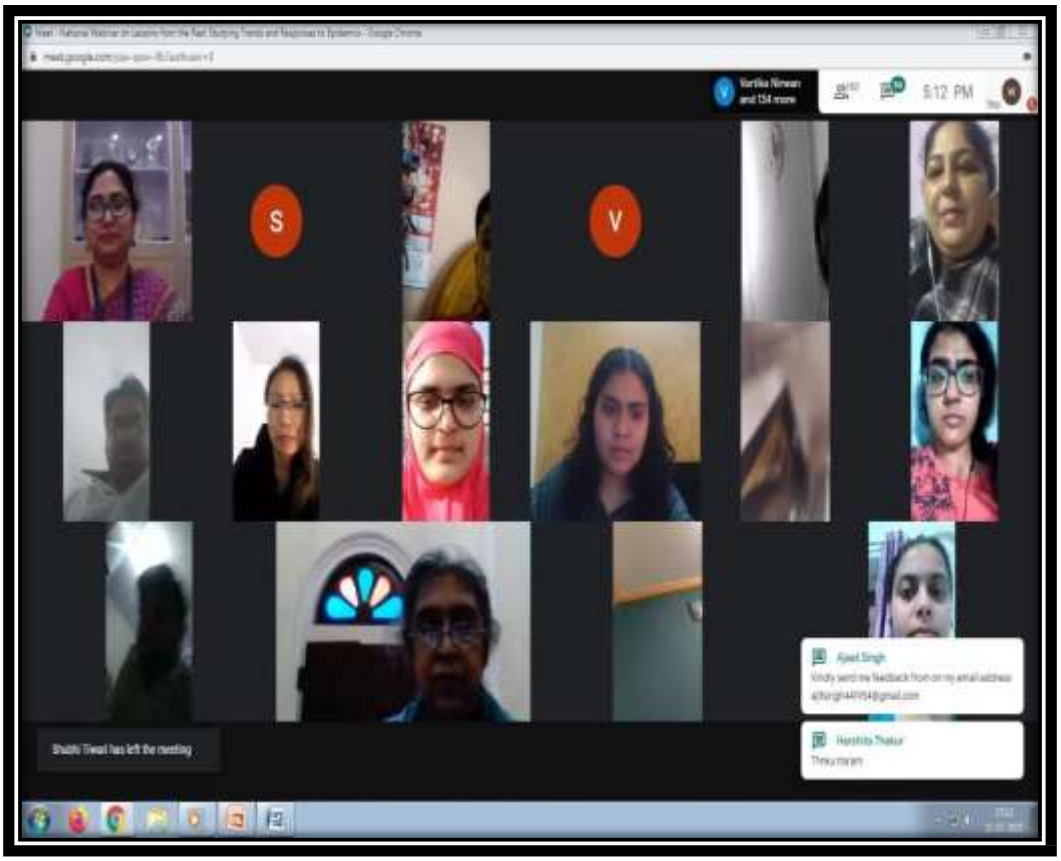
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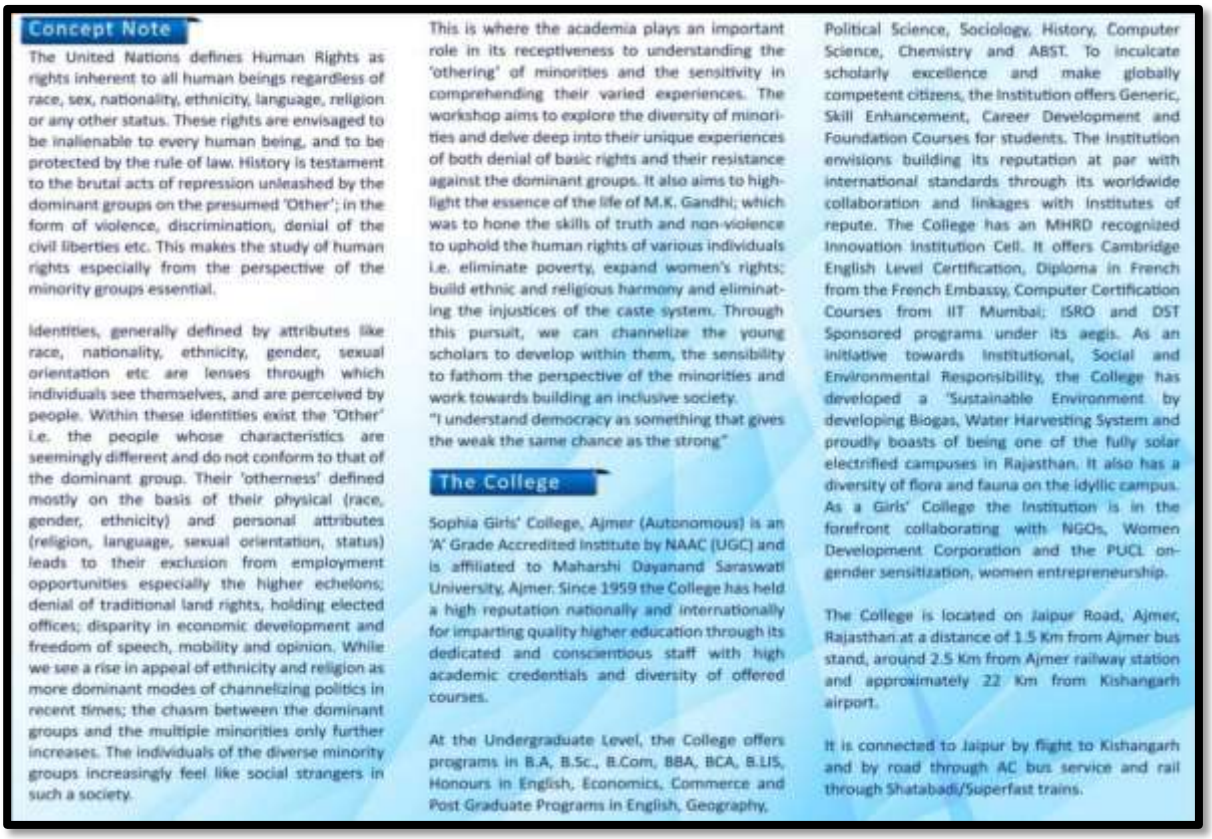
2019-20

International Workshop on Human Rights



Concept Note

The United Nations defines Human Rights as rights inherent to all human beings regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion or any other status. These rights are envisaged to be inalienable to every human being, and to be protected by the rule of law. History is testament to the brutal acts of repression unleashed by the dominant groups on the presumed 'Other'; in the form of violence, discrimination, denial of the civil liberties etc. This makes the study of human rights especially from the perspective of the minority groups essential.

Identities, generally defined by attributes like race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation etc are lenses through which individuals see themselves, and are perceived by people. Within these identities exist the 'Other' i.e. the people whose characteristics are seemingly different and do not conform to that of the dominant group. Their 'otherness' defined mostly on the basis of their physical (race, gender, ethnicity) and personal attributes (religion, language, sexual orientation, status) leads to their exclusion from employment opportunities especially the higher echelons; denial of traditional land rights, holding elected offices; disparity in economic development and freedom of speech, mobility and opinion. While we see a rise in appeal of ethnicity and religion as more dominant modes of channelizing politics in recent times; the chasm between the dominant groups and the multiple minorities only further increases. The individuals of the diverse minority groups increasingly feel like social strangers in such a society.

This is where the academia plays an important role in its receptiveness to understanding the 'othering' of minorities and the sensitivity in comprehending their varied experiences. The workshop aims to explore the diversity of minorities and delve deep into their unique experiences of both denial of basic rights and their resistance against the dominant groups. It also aims to highlight the essence of the life of M.K. Gandhi; which was to hone the skills of truth and non-violence to uphold the human rights of various individuals i.e. eliminate poverty, expand women's rights; build ethnic and religious harmony and eliminating the injustices of the caste system. Through this pursuit, we can channelize the young scholars to develop within them, the sensibility to fathom the perspective of the minorities and work towards building an inclusive society.

"I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong"

The College

Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer (Autonomous) is an 'A' Grade Accredited Institute by NAAC (UGC) and is affiliated to Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer. Since 1959 the College has held a high reputation nationally and internationally for imparting quality higher education through its dedicated and conscientious staff with high academic credentials and diversity of offered courses.

At the Undergraduate Level, the College offers programs in B.A, B.Sc., B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.LIS, Honours in English, Economics, Commerce and Post Graduate Programs in English, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, History, Computer Science, Chemistry and ABST. To inculcate scholarly excellence and make globally competent citizens, the Institution offers Generic, Skill Enhancement, Career Development and Foundation Courses for students. The Institution envisions building its reputation at par with international standards through its worldwide collaboration and linkages with Institutes of repute. The College has an MHRD recognized Innovation Institution Cell. It offers Cambridge English Level Certification, Diploma in French from the French Embassy, Computer Certification Courses from IIT Mumbai; ISRO and DST Sponsored programs under its aegis. As an initiative towards Institutional, Social and Environmental Responsibility, the College has developed a 'Sustainable Environment by developing Biogas, Water Harvesting System and proudly boasts of being one of the fully solar electrified campuses in Rajasthan. It also has a diversity of flora and fauna on the idyllic campus. As a Girls' College the Institution is in the forefront collaborating with NGOs, Women Development Corporation and the PUCL on-gender sensitization, women entrepreneurship.

The College is located on Jaipur Road, Ajmer, Rajasthan at a distance of 1.5 Km from Ajmer bus stand, around 2.5 Km from Ajmer railway station and approximately 22 Km from Kishangarh airport.

It is connected to Jaipur by flight to Kishangarh and by road through AC bus service and rail through Shatabadi/Superfast trains.

Date of the Activity- 30th January-2nd February, 2020

Level - International

Venue - Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

Title of the Event - International Human Rights Workshop in collaboration with PUCL and BARC, Rajasthan.

Number of Participants- 107

Description -

A Four Day International Human Rights Workshop was organized by Department of Political Science and Department of History in collaboration with PUCL and BARC, Rajasthan as a part of one week SYNERGY 2020. It was an International Staff and

Student Exchange Programme in which 60 students and 8 staff members from 10 different institutions participated.

Learning Outcome –

The purpose of this Workshop was to sensitize the young minds about various Human Rights issues through innovative methods by the experts which included discussions on various contemporary issues, peer learning, movies, court visits, and thana visits, etc. It also helped the students in developing values such as empathy and tolerance. The Workshop was appreciated by attendees.

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2017-18

Gandhi in Post-Liberalization India, 2018

National Conference on 13-14th January 2018

Gandhi in Post-Liberalization India

Organized by LYCEUM (Department of Political Science, History and Sociology)

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Gandhi in Post – Liberalization India:-

Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization was steered into the Indian economic system in 1990s to boost up and link the hunched back of the country's financial system with world economy. Unfortunately even for the educated Indian laity, the term 'liberation' has only economic connotation and therefore fall short of comprehending its linkage with polity and society. The Conference aims to explore the numerous puzzling transformations with the Gandhian Lens. Post-Liberalization, India burgeoned on the path of cordoning the country from any internal or external aggression by hardening its anti-insurgency policy as well embellishing its defence forces with the latest in the global arms market. As peace talks and diplomatic missions entail time and patience, the two 'excesses' became unaffordable for the Indian State because it had to keep pace and provide an amenable and peaceful environment for the global business giants investing with super velocity and alacrity in the country Socially, the nation experienced a hike in 'wants' pertaining to everyday needs. Indian middle class, for whom owning a television, fridge and washing machine was considered luxury, not only started replacing them every three years but started planning international holidays. Changing clothes, cars and mobile sets became a veritable craze with the youngsters. Incidentally such bold and brazen India is also audaciously religious and caste conscious. Ironically, the two evils-caste system and communalism, that should have been wiped-off due to the neo-globalized Indian mindset, continue to exist, in fact, the schism is worse than before behind the facade of modernity. The sprouting of innumerable legal and illegal religious shrines, the mushrooming of god-men, the hype for going on pilgrimages, the popularity of television dramas reminiscing all the long forgotten religious rituals are few trends proving the ontological search of Indians basking in the sunlight of global materialism.

Date of the Activity - 13th -14th January, 2018

Level - National

Venue - Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

Title of the Event - National Conference on "Gandhi in Post Liberalization in India"

Number of Participants- 422

S.No.	Name	Designation	Affiliating University/College	Contact Details	Contributed in the Event as
1.	Ms. Rajni Bakshi	Senior Gandhian Fellow	Gateway House, Mumbai	9820857034	Keynote Speaker
2.	Shri Prashant Kumar	President	Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi	9999486745	Chief Guest for Inaugural Session
3.	Dr. Siby Joseph	Dean of Studies and Research	Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha	9822238341	Chief Guest for Valedictory Session
4.	Dr. Jeevan	Retd. Professor	Department of Political Science	9972496362	Chief Guest for

	Kumar		and Gandhian Study Centre, Bangalore University		Valedictory Session
5.	Prof. Naresh Dadhich	Former Vice Chancellor	VMOU, Kota	9314506667	Resource Person
6.	Dr. Nishant Kolge	Assistant Professor	Tripura University, Agartala	9862132692	Resource Person
7.	Shri Hemant Kumar	Deputy Commissioner cum Secretary	Ajmer Development Authority	9799340000	Resource Person
8.	Dr. Manoj Awasthi	Lecturer	Department of Political Science, SPGCA, Ajmer	9414253024	Resource Person
9.	Prof. Sangeeta Sharma	Associate Professor	Department of History, Rajasthan University	9413002412	Resource Person
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Description

The National Conference on "Gandhi in Post Liberalization" by the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and History. The Conference aimed to explore the numerous puzzling transformations with Gandhian Lens.

Learning Outcome - The National Conference was organized to create awareness regarding the Relevance of Gandhian ideas in Post-Liberalization Era. It also

emphasised on the impact on Gandhian philosophy on neo-globalised Indian mindset. Students participated with great zest in huge numbers and learnt about Gandhian ideals from through the engaging sessions taken by Gandhian scholars.

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