

Department of Philosophy

2016

The Department of Philosophy held its first academic lecture of the year on 27 th January 2016 with Prof. Kesava Kumar (Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi) who addressed the students on “Critical Philosophical Traditions in India”. On 13 th February 2016, the department hosted Prof. H.S. Prasad (Head, Department of Philosophy – University of Delhi) for a lecture on Phenomenology.

EIDOS – annual departmental event – was held on 15 th March 2016 with Prof. Bijoy Boruah (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi) and Prof. Bhagat Oinam (Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University) as speakers. Prof. Boruah spoke on “Philosophy and the Reach of Reason”, and Prof. Oinam addressed the students on “Moral Dilemmas in Mahabharata”. Following the lecture, students had an interactive session with the speakers of the day. In addition to the two lectures, department also organized a paper reading competition for the students on the topic, “Existence precedes essence”.

On 30 th July 2016, the department was pleased to put together an international symposium on ‘Pilgrimage and Ritual: Philosophical Reflections on Religion and Culture’. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Paul Donnelly and Ms. Jennifer Hunter from Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, North Arizona University, Flagstaff (Arizona, USA) as the speakers, Mr. Come Carpentier De Gourdon (Editorial Board, World Affairs Journal) as the discussant, and Prof. Balaganapati Devarakonda (Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi) as the chairperson for the symposium.

Students enthusiastically participated in the discussion that followed the presentations and there was a delightful informal interaction between the guests and faculty over lunch.

In view of the Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecture Series, the department hosted Prof. Rakesh Chandra (Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow) who spoke on ‘History and Character of Analytic Philosophy’ on 7 th November 2016.