# SOPHIA GIRLS' COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER



# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2019-20

# **International Workshop on Human Rights**

#### Ajmer

Ajmer, the "Heart City of Rajasthan" is situated in a shallow plain area with a picturesque landscape surrounded by the ancient Aravalli Range. It attracts thousands of tourists every year to visit the famous Brahma Temple, Pushkar and Dargah Sharif.

#### Registration Details:

- 1. All participants will have to register themselves.
- 2. Registration Fee 750/-
- No Travel Allowance will be paid but meals will be provided to the participants.

#### Mode of Payment:

The registration fee may be remitted through:

1) Demand Draft:

Drawn in favour of Sophia Girls College payable at Ajmer. The Demand Draft should be sent by speed/registered post to the following address: Principal, Sophia Girls' College, Mirshali, Jaipur Road, Ajmer 305001 (Rajasthan)

2) Cash/Online (on website)

Registration fee may be remitted by cash at College office or Online Payment may be made through the College website –

www.sophiacollegeajmer.in

(Kindly bring the receipt of your online payment)

The registration fee is non-refundable.

#### PATRON

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS ON

HUMAN RIGHTS
30th January - 2nd February 2020

"BEING THE OTHER:
RECOGNIZING, ACCEPTING AND
COMPREHENDING EXPERIENCES OF
DIVERSE MINORITIES"



Organized By
Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer
(Autonomous)
(Department of Political Science
and History)

In collaboration with People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL)

#### **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 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 rourses.

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 excellence and make 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 'Sustainable 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 ongender sensitization, women entrepren

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

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**- 30<sup>th</sup> January-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 than visits, etc. It also helped the students in developing values such as empathy and tolerance. The Workshop was appreciated by attendees.





#### **Internaitonal Conference on Water**



#### About Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer

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#### Location

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College is located on Jaigur Road, Almer, Rajasthan at a cce of 1.5 Km from Almer bus stand and around 2.5 Km from

#### About the Departments

Economics:
The Department of Economics was established in the year 1959 to offer in-depth knowledge of Economics as a subject to young girls. Honors in Economics was started in the year 1998. With the changing scenario, both at National and International level, the curriculum was revised after getting an Autonomous status.

Political Science: Established in 1959, the Department of Political Science air

#### About the Conference

Over the centuries, civilisations have relied on the availability of clean and inexpensive water. This can no longer be taken for granted as the need for water continues to increase due to the pressure from growing global population as well as demands from agriculture and industry. Water distribution networks as well as soiled water collection system also present serious problems. The socio-political implications of a world short of

Water problems happen to be a problem of multi-dimensional nature from Water Pollution to Water Pollitics. It will lead to realignment in international politics and the emergence of new centres of power in the world. The problem has serious implications for India as well. According to the Composite implications for India as well. According to the Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) report released by the NITI Aayog in 2018, 21 major cities (Delhi, Bengaliru, Chennai, Hyderabad and others) are racing to reach zero groundwater levels by 2020, affecting access for 100 million people. 12 per cent of India's population is already living the 'Day Zero's scenario, thanks to excessive groundwater pumping, an inefficient and wasteful water management system and years of deficient rains. This glaring problem demands immediate corrective measures to be taken.

Therefore there is a need- to question, discover, ponder and Therefore there is a need- to question, discover, poinder and answer. The need of the hour is for us, as stakeholders, to debate and discuss the latest developments, strategies, techniques and applications of best practices to innovative manage this very important resource. Water. Past experiences, global methods and local knowledge can combine to help original ausible solutions, let's not wait for a miracle to save this

#### Themes and Sub Themes

- . Trans-Boundary Water Issues
- . Water for the Cities of the Future
- WATER ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE
- Water and Sanitation
- Water and Environmental Sustainability
   Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem nexus · Natural and Manmade Water Threats
- Water Related Disaster Future Challenges & Solutions

#### WATER AND SOCIETY

- · Water Ethics
- · Water as Human Right
- · Water as Heritage Water and Media/ Literature
- · Water and Spirituality
- WATER ECONOMICS
- · Water Resources and Food Security
- Water Scarcity Challenges Ahead
- · Water Poverty
- Water Quality and Public Health Issues
- · Water Resources Sustainability for Industrial Growth · Water Resources Development for Rural Growth
- WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
- . Efficient Management of Water Loss and Smart Water Distribution System
- · Innovative Water Network Managemen
- Urban and Rural Water Management for Economic Growth
- · Water and Disaster Management Learning from Global Best Practices in Water Management
- · Ecological Management of Water
- INNOVATIVE WATER TECHNOLOGIES
- Technological Innovation and Big Data for Water Security
- Innovative Water Engineering Technology
- Innovative Waste Water Management Technology

#### Important Dates

1. Submission of Abstract 28th January 2020 2. Acceptance of Abstract 30° January 2020 3. Submission of Full Paper 15" February 2020 4. Acceptance of Full Paper 20th February 2020 5. Registration open till 19th February 2020 Name of the Activity-

International Conference on "Water- A Focus on the

Future and Innovation"

Date of the Activity-

24th and 25th February 2020

Total number of Students- 414

Resource Persons -

S.No	Name	Designation	Affiliating Institute/Unive rsity	Contact Details	Contributed to the event as a-
1	Shri Gajendra Singh	Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti	Government of India	gshekhawat @sansad.nic.i n	Chief Guest
2	Shri Rajendra Singh	'Waterman of India'	Tarun Bharat Sangh	jalpurushtbs @gmail.com	The Guest of Honour
3	Dr. M Kavvas	Professor	University of California, Davis, USA	mkavvas@uc davis.edu	Keynote Speaker
4	Shri Bhupendra Yadav	Hon'ble Member of Parliament	Government of India	bhupendra.ya dav@sansad. nic.in	Chief Guest for Valedictory Session
5	Dr. Raghu Murtugudde	Earth System Scientist	University of Maryland, USA	mahatma@u md.edu	Resource Person
6	Dr. Harmeet Bhatia	Environmentalist and Director	IPG Phonetics, Boston, USA	bhatiaharme et@ipg.gov	Resource Person

7	Dr. Subhash Yadav	Director	Public Health, WHO, Fiji Islands	subashyadav 28@gmail.co m	Resource Person
8	Ms. Vandana Pandya	SocialActivist Ahmedabad	WASMO	9925069216	Resource Person
9	Dr. Preeti Sharma	Professor	Kurukshetra University	7342301120	Resource Person
10	Prof. M S Rathore	Director	CEDS, Jaipur	8976547120	Chair – Technical Session
11	Prof. Shiv Dayal	Professor, Head of Department - Economics	MDS University	9413260045	Co- chair Technical Session
12	Shri Prahlad Pareekh	Executive Engineer	PHED, Ajmer	9414559876	Resource Person
13	Prof.Anurad ha Tripathi	Professor- International Affairs Expert	Head- Dept of Political Science, SPC Government College, Ajmer	9460791146	Panelist
14	Mr. Hemant Mathur	RAS	Governmentof Rajasthan	9782118957	Panelist
15	Dr PinkyTak	Medical Officer	JLN Medical Hospital	7976960370	Panelist
16	Shri RameshYada var	Activist and Senior Programme Officer	Participatory Research in Asia	9829547063	Panelist
17	Dr. Naseer Ahmed	Director	BARC	8769334215	Panelist

# Learning Outcome & Objective of the Activity-

To explore the various possibilities of Water Management and Water Conservation in India and the world and to encourage and provide a platform to students and research scholars wherein they can explore this field to study.

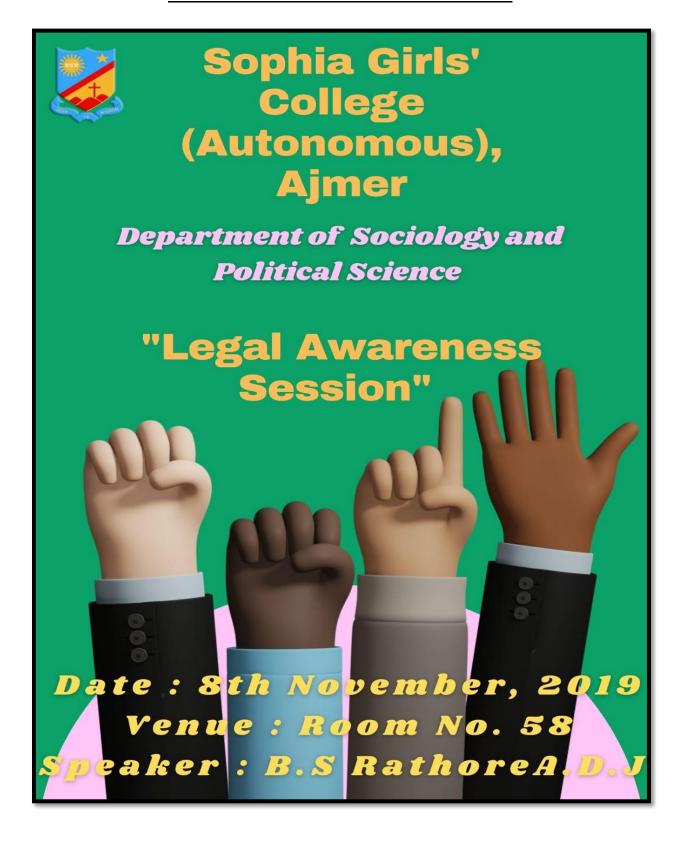
Water problem happens to be a problem of multi-dimensional nature from Water Pollution to Water Politics. It will lead to realignment in International Politics and the emergence of new centres of power in the world.

The eventual outcome of the activity was the recognition of the need for the stakeholder to be well versed with latest development, strategies, techniques and application of best practices to innovatively manage this very important





#### **ACTIVITY NAME: LEGAL AWARENESS SESSION**



**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Level: Departmental

Venue: Room No. 58

**Title:** Legal awareness session

No. of Participants: 56

**Resource person:** Mr. B.S. Rathore

#### **Description**

On the occasion of National Law Day, the Departments of Sociology & Political Science of the Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer, in association with National Legal Services Authority, Ajmer conducted an awareness programme on 'Legal aid provided to acid attack survivors' Yojana 2016. The session was conducted by Mr. B.S. Rathore who is in legal department. He gave the students a brief idea to what law is and how it is a fundamental right of any citizen of the country. He discussed the social problems and the channels that one can seek help from legally. He specially focused on the acid attack victims and that how they can avail free of cost legal aid at local level through a public prosecutor. The students from PG and UG participated and learnt about it.

**Learning Outcome**: The session holds importance because it will set off students to knowing about their legal rights and duties and how can they be instrumental in propagate them further.

### **IMI MUN, 2020**



**Date** - 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Level** - National

Venue - International Management Institute, New Delhi

**Title of the event** - IMI MUN

**No. of Participants -** 10

## **Description** –

Students from the Department of Political Science participated in a Model United Nations organized by the International Management Institute, New Delhi on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 where the main theme revolved around contemporary issues.

Priyanshi Jain received a special mention.

# **Learning Outcome-**

The MUN provided an opportunity to develop universally acceptable drafts of the proposals for the existing global issues and to solve the issues of the world using such globally accepted proposals. Participants developed confidence and leadership skill. It created opportunities to practice research, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, and writing skills in a safe and structured environment.



Manipal University MUJ-MUN 7.0, 2019



**Date** - 30<sup>th</sup> August - 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

**Level** - National

**Venue** - Manipal University, Jaipur

**Title of the event** - MUJMUN 7.0

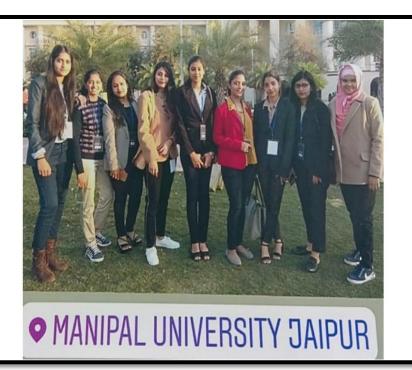
**No. of Participants -** 10 students

## **Description** –

Students from the Department of Political Science participated in a Model United Nations organized by the Manipal University, Jaipur on 30<sup>th</sup> August and 1st September 2019 where the main theme revolved around contemporary issues.

#### **Learning Outcome-**

The MUN provided an opportunity to develop universally acceptable drafts of the proposals for the existing global issues and to solve the issues of the world using such globally accepted proposals. Participants developed confidence and leadership skill. It created opportunities to practice research, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, and writing skills in a safe and structured environment.



Modi University MUN 5.0, 2019



**Date** - 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Level** - National

**Venue** - Mody University, Sikar

**Title of the event** - MUN - RHETORICA 5.0

**No. of Participants -** 2 students

## **Description** –

Students from the Department of Political Science participated in a Model United Nations organized by the Mody University, Sikar on  $11^{th} - 13^{th}$  October 2019 where the main theme revolved around contemporary issues.

Priyanshi Jain received a special mention.

# **Learning Outcome-**

The MUN provided an opportunity to develop universally acceptable drafts of the proposals for the existing global issues and to solve the issues of the world using such globally accepted proposals. Participants developed confidence and leadership skill. It created opportunities to practice research, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, and writing skills in a safe and structured environment.

Symbiosis MUN, 2020



**Date** -  $10^{\text{th}} - 11^{\text{th}}$  January 2020

**Level** - National

**Venue** - Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune

**Title of the event** - MUN - SYNCHRONOUS 2020

**No. of Participants -** 2 students

## **Description** –

Students from the Department of Political Science participated in a Model United Nations organized by the Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune on 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 where the main theme revolved around contemporary issues.

Vanshita Jain of BA received a 'Verbal Mention'.

# **Learning Outcome-**

The MUN provided an opportunity to develop universally acceptable drafts of the proposals for the existing global issues and to solve the issues of the world using such globally accepted proposals. Participants developed confidence and leadership skill. It created opportunities to practice research, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, and writing skills in a safe and structured environment.

# **Quiz Current Affairs, 2019**



**Date of the Activity**- 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**Level** - Institutional

**Venue** - Auditorium

**Title of the Event - Quiz** 

**Number of Participants-** 98

**Description** -

The Department of Political Science organized a Quiz to aid the students in acquiring knowledge. The Competition was to evaluate the knowledge of the participant within academics as well as beyond academics and to make them familiar with the prospects of Quizzes and the objectivity of the question.

# **Learning Outcome –**

It helped the students to check and assess their knowledge on General Awareness and various issues related to current affairs. The main objective of this Quiz was to popularize Quizzing activity among the students and to encourage them to take part in competitive examinations at State and National level. It also aimed at instilling our students the value of knowledge wisdom and compassion to make them smart citizens.

Arab-Israel Conflict & India's Foreign Polciy in the Middle East

# SOPHIA GIRLS' COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER



# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

SEMINAR ON

'Arab-Israel Conflict and India's Foreign Policy in the Middle East'
ON

DATE:21st January,2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

**VENUE: Auditorium** 

**RESOURCE PERSON** 

ER. SHIRAZ ELLIS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER

**Date** - 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**Level** - Institutional

Venue - Auditorium, Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

**Title of the event** - Seminar on 'Arab Israel Conflict and India's Foreign

Policy in the Middle East

**No. of Participants -** 236

#### **Resource Person**

S. No	Name	Designation	Affiliating Institute/ University	Contact Details	Contributed to the Event
1.	Mr. Shiraz Ellis	Teaching Faculty	Department of History, Mayo College, Ajmer	9571945073	Resource Person

### **Description -**

Department of Political Science and History, Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous) organized a one-day seminar on 'Arab Israel Conflict' in which the resource person Mr. Shiraz Ellis discussed the historical nuances of contemporary politics in the middle east and its effects on global politics.

# **Learning Outcome -**

The objective of the session was to foster creative thinking about pressing global problems and to equip students with analytical tools, language expertise, and cross-cultural understanding to guide them in that process. The students learned about the new dimensions and a historical perspective about the 'Arab-Israel Conflict and India's Foreign Policy in the Middle East' with the interlinkage of current events. The session was well appreciated by the students.



#### **US-Iran Conflict**



# SOPHIA GIRLS' COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER

# Department of Political Science and History

SEMINAR ON

"US - IRAN TENSIONS IN CONTEXT TO

INDIA'S STANCE"

Resource Person: Er. Shiraz Ellis Dept. of History, Mayo College, Ajmer

Date: 17th August, 2019

Time: 1:30 PM

Venue : Auditorium



**Date** - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**Level** - Institutional

Venue - Auditorium, Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

**Title of the event** - US Iran Conflict

**No. of Participants -** 217

**Resource Persons -**

S.No	Name	Designation	Affiliating Institute/ University	Contact Details	Contributed to the event
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1	Mr. Shiraz	Teaching Faculty	Department of History,	shiraz.	Resource
	Ellis		Mayo College, Ajmer	elis06	Person
				@gmail.com	

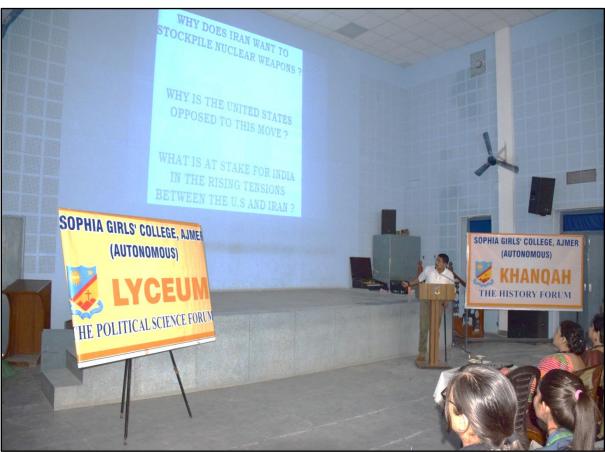
## **Description -**

Department of Political Science, Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous) organized a one-day seminar on 'US Iran Tensions' in which the resource person Mr. Shiraz Ellis discussed the historical nuances of contemporary US Iran Relations and its effects on global politics.

# **Learning Outcome -**

The objective of the session was to foster creative thinking about pressing global problems and to equip students with analytical tools, language expertise, and crosscultural understanding to guide them in that process. The students learned about the new dimensions and a historical perspective about the present-day US Iran crisis with the interlinkage of current events. The session was well appreciated by the students





# Mindfulness & Happiness Lessons from Bhutan



**Date of the Activity**- 4th November, 2019

**Level** - Institutional

**Venue** - Auditorium

**Title of the Event** - Talk titled as 'Mindfulness and Happiness Lessons from

Bhutan'

**Number of Participants - 314** 

#### **Resource Persons -**

S.No	Name	Designation	Affiliating	Contact Details	Contributed
			Institute/		in the event
			University		as
1.	Mr.	Former Education	TheRoyal	wangchuknorb	Chief
	Norbu	Minister	Government	u@yahoo.com	Speaker
	Wangchu		of Bhutan.		
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# Description

The Department of Political Science organized a Talk on "Mindfulness and Happiness Lessons from Bhutan" by Former Education Minister Norbu Wangchuk to enlighten the young minds about the importance of Gross National Happiness Index.

# **Learning Outcome –**

This activity aimed at discovering the importance of Psychological wellbeing, Health, Education, Time Use, Cultural Diversity and Resilience, Good Governance, Community Vitality, and Ecological Diversity. The students were familiarised about levels of Good Governance in developing a conducive environment.

