

Reading Session: Analysis of the Doctor and the Saint – The B. A. Programme Society

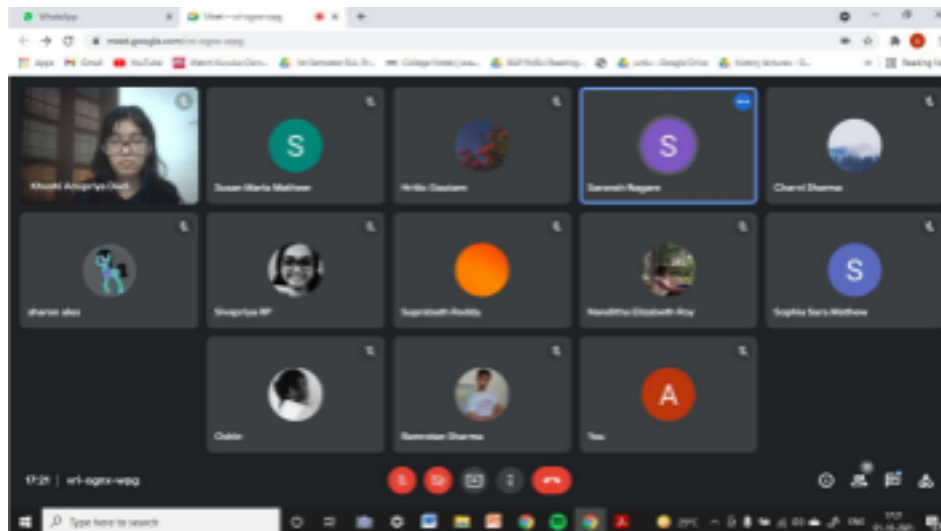


Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the B.A. Programme Society, St. Stephen's College, conducted a reading session, an analysis of "The Doctor and The Saint" on 1st October. "The Doctor and The Saint" is authored by Arundhati Roy and revolves around the differences between Gandhi's and Ambedkar's approaches towards the caste system. Two more readings, namely, "All the World's a Half-built Dam" by Arundhati Roy and "Reply to Arundhati Roy" by Rajmohan Gandhi, were part of the session and constituted the debate and analysis. The session was attended by 25 students.

Caste and untouchability, the ideal Bhangi, separate electorate, Poona pact, Mahad satyagraha were among the many sub-topics that constituted the debate. Ideologies of both Gandhi and Ambedkar were discussed thoroughly. Gandhi wanted to end the inequalities of the caste system whereas Ambedkar wanted to do away with the caste system in its entirety. Roy's and Rajmohan's portrayal of both Gandhi and Ambedkar was talked about and the ideas of Harijans and reservation were also analyzed.

The conclusion of the session was that 'change is the only constant.' One needs to analyze all ideas, including relevant and redundant ones. The event provided a platform for students to put out their ideas and engage themselves in a constructive discussion.



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