

Political Independence and Intellectual Swaraj - The Philosophical Society



Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Philosophical Society of St. Stephen's Society held a talk on 'Political Independence and Intellectual Swaraj' by Sarover Zaidi on the 7th of February, 2022 at 4 PM on Google Meet.

Prof. Zaidi begins the talk, which was attended by 35 participants, by evoking the ideas of Prof. Ramachandra Gandhi's ideas in his 'The availability of Religious Ideas', 'I am Thou' and 'Sita's kitchen' where the questions of others in the world beyond you and their political formulation are addressed. The books also talk about this notion of how one evokes the other by speaking to them and addressing them.

She further talks about the uniqueness of protests at Shaheen Bagh and Singhu in the sense that they were not a categorical formation of the political. The former had its own language, form, and continuity. She calls it an 'Aangan' and how it was an inclusive space managed completely by the women. On Singhu, she mentions the idea of Langar as a form of protest and shares her experience as a witness who after certain temporal successions becomes a part. This unique articulation of protest reveals how the food that is grown and the ones who cultivate, the farmers, are connected to the earth.

Shaheen Bagh and Singhu are deeply related to the idea of Political Independence and Intellectual Swaraj. She talks about KC Bhattacharya's ideas of Swaraj and truth, and how the notion of truth has changed where there are now different forms of truth.

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