

## **THE ROUND TABLE**

### ***Society Report for the Academic Year 2020-2021***

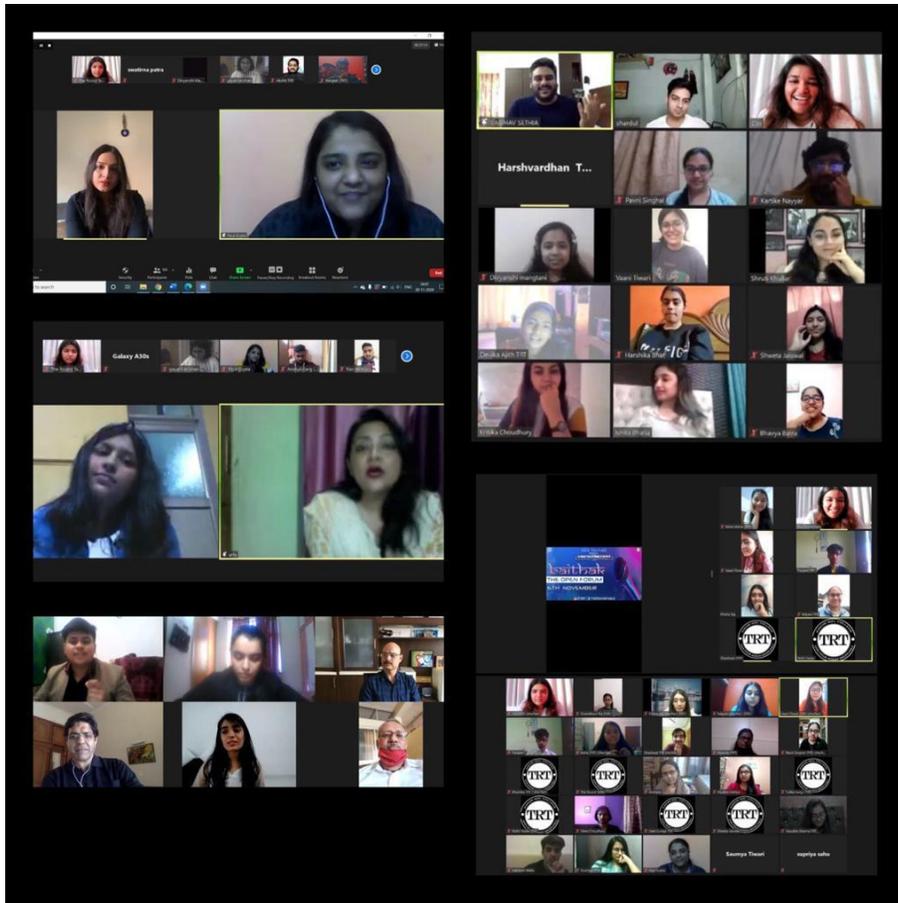
The Round Table is an interdisciplinary academic society of Kirori Mal College. It carries the motto of 'Dialogue Across Discipline', aiming to provide holistic development to its members.

We began the year with TRT Training, a Public Speaking and Model United Nations Training Outreach Workshop organized from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The workshop witnessed huge participation of students aging 13-18 years from different parts of the country. The initiative provided participants a platform to learn and develop new skills in these challenging times.

On 6th, 20th, and 21st November 2020, we organized the event called Unchain(ged): Revisiting Gender Boundaries. Under this, the first event 'Baithak' was organized in collaboration with Parivartan: The Gender Forum of the college. Students from all over the country discussed and deliberated the prevalent gender norms in the present day. Two live interviews were organized with India's First Ms. Transgender, Nitasha Biswas, and award-winning journalist, Arfa Khanum Sherwani on 20<sup>th</sup> November. A flagship competition called 'Kayapalat' was hosted on the last day of the event. The participants had eye-opening conversations about the widespread gender roles and were inspired to challenge them with a new perspective. The highly successful event generated an overwhelming response.

We organized Sobriety: Face the Brighter Side, a fundraiser event in collaboration with the 'Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses' on 26th-27th February 2021. The event was based on the theme of 'Substance Abuse' and it was graced by eminent personalities like Ms. Jahnvi Pandya, Mr. Pankaj Dubey, Mr. Roshan Jain, and stand-up comedian Mr. Vaibhav Sethia. The first day of the event witnessed a fruitful panel discussion on the psychological, mental, emotional, and financial traumas of substance abuse victims. A flagship competition called 'Drishyam: You Can't Escape Your Fate' was organized on the second day. The event ended with a house full of audience laughing and giggling at Vaibhav Sethia's humorous quips. The event was successful and the funds raised were donated to Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses and are being utilized for drug abuse prevention and treatment.

The Round Table also continued with its initiative called TRT Talks where we present burning issues from around the world and several intriguing themes like Ikigai, Colour Psychology, Dystopian Literature, highlighted on an online platform.



We also continued publishing our monthly newsletter, 'The Communique', covering various relevant topics like Indian Heritage, the power of the Youth, contributions of the Army, etc.; sparking conversation among our readers. Corresponding to the theme of the month, various interviews were conducted with luminaries like Ms. Rytasha Rathore and Mrs. Rachna Bisht Rawat.

The team is currently working on the annual Research Paper on the topic- "Impact of COVID-19 on Tourism in Delhi."

Under the guidance of Mr. Ajay Ranjan Singh, the staff advisor to The Round Table, we have always strived to bring the best out of our members, bolstered by our sense of responsibility towards the era we live in.