

THE ROUND TABLE

The Round Table is an academic-oriented society that intends to make learning interesting and enjoyable. The Society enjoys its fair share of camaraderie while focusing on the cognitive growth of its members. It organizes instructional workshops, enlightening seminars, spectacular festivals, and ingeniously conceived contests, as well as work for social change, charity drives, research initiatives, and Model UN. This year began with a sensational event 'GENESIS: ENGAGE, EXPLORE, EVOLVE.'" and ended on a high note with ' 'Intellosphere: Decoding Bharat's Enigma" and the 7th edition of KMC Model United Nations.

PERSPECTIVES

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Even in the face of constantly evolving styles of behavior, the Round Table team demonstrated ingenuity, commitment, and originality. Their capacity to revive the moribund Kirori Mal College MUN in a hybrid mode and bring attention to pressing social concerns through their activities demonstrates a level of maturity and resiliency beyond their years. The variety of interests and skills that publishing a research article on tax havens and tax evasion suggests is equally laudable. Amidst ever-changing behavioral trends, the Round Table team shines with ingenuity and commitment. Their resilience and forward-thinking make them inspiring leaders for a complex world.

CONVENOR'S DESK

A summary and self-evaluation of the year's activities are included in The Round Table Society's yearly newsletter. This newsletter stands as a testament to the society's achievements and aspirations. The first notable event of this year was the abrupt switch from online to offline mode for all activities, which presented numerous difficulties. A wide range of activities, including outreach, conversations, discussions, and research, were conducted. The past year has been fantastic for society. The year's accomplishments have been nothing short of remarkable, with a dynamic fusion of modes enhancing the society's reach and impact. I send the team TRT my best wishes.

PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Round Table has always aimed to be unstoppable in following its conviction of fostering meaningful conversations and bringing about change. That is what distinguishes it. My time at The Round Table has been incredibly beneficial, giving me countless chances to advance, improve, and sharpen my abilities.

The Round Table has been an exhilarating ride full of amazing learning opportunities that have improved my awareness, alertness, and composure. The abrupt transition from online to offline was a very difficult challenge, and I am thankful to our principal, Dr. Dinesh Khattar and our convener, Dr. Satyendra, for helping us all year. I want to send my best wishes and luck to the upcoming team.

TEACHERS IN CHARGE

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TRT CONFERENCE



We had a single committee conference as an internal mock MUN with only United Nations General Assembly . The UNGA committee convened on Monday, February 5, 2024 to address the urgent and complex agenda of "Disrupting Terrorism and Non-State Actor Funding: Spotlight on Illicit Drug Trade and Human Trafficking."he United Nations General Assembly is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations and the only one in which all member nations has equal representation. Its powers are to oversee the budget of the United Nations, appoint the non-permanent members to the Security Council, receive reports from other parts of the United Nations and make recommendations in the form of General Assembly Resolutions. The committee welcomed delegates from 38 nations, including the United States of America, India, Pakistan, China, Tanzania, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ukraine, Poland, Mexico, and others, creating a diverse and comprehensive representation of global perspectives. The executive board consisted of Gaurav Saraf, presiding as the chairperson along with Mehek Singh, the vice chairperson, Audit Gour, the co- vice chairperson, Priyamvada Sampriya,Chief of Design, Vyom Sharma and Harshet Pushuola who were both Chief of staff and lastly Riddhi Rastofi, the rapporteur. The committee deliberated in length about global issues like illicit drug trade and human trafficking along with the uprise of terrorism and non-state actor funding. The conference proved to be very lucrative with countries putting forward their issues and collectively coming to feasible solutions to these global problems. For the closing ceremony the awardees were flicitated with certificates. Overall it was a learning experience for those who are nascent to this field and a refreshing one for those with experience.



GENESIS

"GENESIS" was an enthralling exploration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), combining innovation and intellect under the tagline "ENGAGE, EXPLORE, EVOLVE." The panel discussion, "Confluence: Converging Perspectives," convened distinguished experts from diverse fields, addressing healthcare challenges, ethical considerations, cybersecurity, renewable resources, and finance. Mr. Tushar Bhatnagar navigated healthcare data, Dr. Junaid discussed AI ethics in warfare, and Dr. Rinku Sharma highlighted biases in cybersecurity. Mr. Ayon Roy provided insights on algorithmic fairness, while Prof Rakesh Pandey emphasized evolving AI skill requirements. Audience engagement enriched the discussion, offering a panoramic view of AI's landscape.





The competitions, "ByteBattle: Outwit The Ordinary" and "IntelliQuest: The Final Gambit," showcased creativity, problem-solving, and strategic thinking. ByteBattle tested intellect with mind-bending scenarios and research reports, fostering academic and career growth. IntelliQuest simulated espionage and human-AI collaboration, challenging participants' ingenuity and collaboration. Sponsors, including Rchocos, Mitron Da Nukkad, Yashvi Education Foundation, and Ballzy, enhanced the event with diverse cuisines and indoor football, creating an unforgettable experience.





In conclusion, GENESIS successfully enlightened participants through a dynamic panel discussion and competitive events, offering insights into AI's multifaceted implications. It underscored the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of AI's transformative potential and ethical considerations.

INTELLOSPHERE

On 18th and 19th March 2024, Intellosphere, the flagship event of The Round Table Society at Kirori Mal College, embarked on a journey to decipher the enigma of Bharat. Under the theme "Decoding Bharat's Enigma," the event aimed to unravel the complexities of India's identity.



In the speaker session "IndoPulse: Anchoring truths, Unveiling Perspectives," attended by approximately 120 individuals, Mr. Pradeep Bhandari, a prominent Indian journalist, emphasized the positivity amidst challenging times. He underscored India's civilizational identity, its resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, and its contributions to global vaccine distribution without profit motives. Following this, Major Gen Pradeep Singh Behl, an Indian Army Veteran, delivered an enlightening session on "Yugaantar: Deciphering India's Geopolitical Nexus." He provided a comprehensive analysis of India's foreign policy, regional engagements, and strategic positioning, emphasizing India's role as a global leader in various fields.



The panel discussion, "Samvad - Demystifying Bharat's Enigmatic Soul," featured Lt. Gen. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Chandrachud Singh, and Mr. Naveen Kumar. They explored India's security dynamics, cultural heritage, and the intersection of politics and technology. The discussion highlighted India's potential to navigate global challenges and emerge as a beacon of democracy and progress. In addition to speaker sessions and panel discussions, the event featured two competitions: "Shaasan-नीति," a policy paper presentation competition, and "Takht: Turmoil, Tactics, Triumph," a strategic challenge. These competitions showcased the intellectual prowess and strategic thinking of participants. The event also hosted stalls featuring various partners, offering products and services ranging from fashion jewelry and beauty products to grooming solutions and culinary delights. Attendees had the opportunity to explore diverse aspects of Indian culture and innovation.



In conclusion, Intellosphere provided a platform for profound discussions, intellectual engagement, and cultural exploration, shedding light on the multifaceted dimensions of Bharat's identity. Through insightful sessions, competitions, and interactive experiences, attendees gained a deeper understanding of India's heritage, geopolitics, and potential for global leadership.



TRT INTERVIEW SERIES

At TRT, our mission is to cultivate a holistic understanding of ourselves and the intricate tapestry of the world we inhabit through engaging in interdisciplinary pursuits. Our Nov-Dec issue saw the launch of a limited edition interview series, themed "War Echoes," a topic that emerged after rigorous brainstorming sessions involving active participation from all members. Against the backdrop of the global landscape, the resonance of this theme became undeniable. We embarked on a journey of exploration, delving into the echoes of war through interactive conversations with individuals renowned for their expertise in this domain.

In the inaugural episodes, we were honored to host Lt. Col. Jasinder Singh Sodhi, whose distinguished 21-year military career now guides him as the Editor of Global Strategic and Defence News. His invaluable insights into the theme and its future implications provided a profound foundation for our discourse. Additionally, Mr. Ajay Kaul, the esteemed Editor-in-Chief of United News of India, graced our platform, bringing forth his ground-level experiences from the realities of the Kargil war.

Transitioning into our February edition, themed "Rhetoric Realms: Journeys into the Potency of Speech," we continued our exploration of multifaceted themes. Vikas Jain, representing the esteemed 1% Club, shared invaluable strategies for success and personal branding, enriching our understanding of professional development. Furthermore, Shraddha Ghadi, a revered Counseling Psychologist, illuminated our discussions with her profound insights into mental well-being, completing the intricate tapestry of our exploration.

These interviews seamlessly interwoven diverse perspectives, offering a comprehensive exploration of personal and professional development. They underscored the interconnectedness of various disciplines and the importance of embracing a holistic understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

TRT Newsletter - The Communique

The Round Table Society presents a new edition of its newsletter, 'The Communique,' a platform where thematic exploration takes precedence. Each issue delves into a specific theme, offering readers a profound journey into the intricacies of societal discourse.

'The Communique' transcends the ordinary, embodying the Round Table Society's dedication to fostering enlightenment and understanding. With each edition, diverse voices converge to amplify perspectives on pressing issues, offering readers a rich tapestry of insights and reflections. Themes such as 'Echoes of War' and 'Rhetoric Realms' have served as catalysts for profound discussion and introspection. From exploring the haunting legacies of conflict to unraveling the power of language in shaping our understanding of the world, each theme invites readers to engage deeply with complex topics.

By intertwining artistic expression with socio political awareness, 'The Communique' creates a space where creativity flourishes and perspectives intersect, reflecting the Round Table Society's commitment to fostering dialogue and understanding. TRT has always attempted to discuss themes that are important to the public, and it will continue to do so in the future.

TRT Podcast - Listen, Think & Analyse

In this tenure, The Round Table had two podcasts. One is on the Importance of spirituality in the Modern world & other on the Potency of Speech in our day-to-day life.

Spirituality in the Modern World: A Journey Within - This 6th round of podcast talked about social anxiety, and mental stress prevalent in modern society and how to overcome them through spirituality with our renowned guest Mr Anil K. Rajvanshi, a scientist, researcher, academician and many more. The discussion delved deep into the profound need for holistic development. The belief that spirituality extends beyond religious confines, encompassing a personal journey to understand one's beliefs, values & experiences. It was a lively session with our experienced guest

Rhetoric Realms- Journeys into the Potency of Speech. The 7th round of the podcast features Miss Archana Pania, a radio jockey and a person full of energy. In this podcast, discussions were made on the potency of speech. It talked about the power of words to inspire positive change and be a beneficial force, but at the same time harmful, leading to misunderstandings & conflicts. So, overall it was an engaging podcast with a lively guest.

KIRORI MAL COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2024



The Round Table Society of Kirori Mal College organised the 7th edition of the Model United Nations conference on 12th and 13th April, 2024. Organised in the college premises itself, the secretariat was led by Secretary General Gaurav Saraf, Deputy Secretary General Mehak Singh, Director General Avdit Gour and Deputy Director General Annu Laur.





The opening ceremony was graced by Mr. Darren Grant, the Director of the UN Information Centre and Amb.(retd.) Riva Ganguly Das, a distinguished retired Indian Foreign Service officer with 35 years of diplomatic experience.

The conference consisted of 6 committees which were, UNSC, AIPPM, UNGA, UNHRC, JCC AND IP. The agendas for the committees were as follows:

UNSC: Addressing maritime security challenges with special emphasis on the South China Sea and Red Sea

AIPPM: Discussion on Electoral Reforms in the light of the 2024 elections

UNGA: Deliberation on opportunities and challenges posed by AI and Biotechnology

UNHRC: Investigating human rights violations in conflict and post-conflict regions

JCC: Warsaw Pact vs. NATO

The title sponsor of the event was Zigly, a renowned online pet store who helped in conducting the event. Maps, MapMyIndia served as the knowledge partner for the MUN. The discussions in the Model United Nations were enriching, as diverse perspectives converged to foster nuanced understanding, yielding fruitful resolutions that echoed the spirit of diplomacy and cooperation.



The closing ceremony was elevated by the presence of Prof. Sukh Deo Muni, a professor at the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University and a member of the Executive Council of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, Amb.(retd.)Yogendra Kumar, former Indian ambassador to Namibia, the Philippines and Tajikistan and Dr. Suresh K Goel, a veteran officer with 35 years of experience in diplomatic service of India.



The event was immensely successful and an added feather in The Round Table's cap. The Round Table anticipates the opportunity to host this event again next year, fostering even greater collaboration and impact.