

**P.G. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication organised Panel Discussion on
“Is India Becoming Less Liberal...”**

The P.G. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication organised panel discussion on “Is India Becoming Less Liberal...”. Sh. Chander Mohan, President, Arya Shiksha Mandal and College Managing Committee along with Sh. Suresh Seth, member, College Managing Committee and Mr. Arundeeep, Chief Sub Editor, Punjabi Jagran were invited as panellists.

The College Principal, Dr. Pardeep Bhandari and Dr. Simran Sidhu, Head, P.G. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, welcomed the panellists with saplings. Dr. Pardeep Bhandari was also formally welcomed with a sapling by Dr. Simran Sidhu and Ms. Priya Chopra. In the formal welcome of panelists, Dr. Pardeep Bhandari, stressed upon the need of having discussions on contemporary matters of national concern in the presence of veteran journalists.

Sharing his views on the topic, Sh.Chander Mohan said that our constitution talks about composite culture, therefore, inclusiveness and criticism are integral to democracy. He stressed upon the fact that truth is one and way to reach the same varies. He further added that our nation has always given refuge to the nationals of other countries, including Bangladeshis, Tibetans and Sri Lankans etc. Thus with huge acceptance of people from all castes, religions and regions, dictatorial norms must be resisted.

Mr. Suresh Seth, said that our country has traversed a journey from ‘Maryaada’ to ‘Majhdhaar’. The responsibility lies with the youth when it comes to taking the nation to new heights. Even when it comes to media, the youth plays a vital role in sustenance of free and fair media. This helps in keeping the liberal environment in our country alive and intact.

Mr. Arundeeep stressed upon the maintenance of social democracy structure of our country, that, according to him, can be achieved with the contribution of media as well as opposition. He said that polarisation of vote bank on the basis of religion is dangerous and the social democracy needs to be restored at all cost.

The Principal brought forward the role of social media. He said in this age where there is plethora of information, need of the hour is to remain aware and make wise decisions in national interest. He also stressed upon giving importance to both sides of any situation. Instead of getting swayed away one must remain aware and decide the right path.

The students of BAJMC, MAJMC and BA (Journalism & Mass Communication), had a scintillating discussion with the panellists. They not only presented their views on various aspects related to nationalism, democracy, patriotisms and media ethics in context of liberalism but also asked the questions regarding the same. The Panel Discussion was moderated by Rashmi Rawal, student of MAJMC Sem I. The stage was conducted by Anjali (MAJMC I) and Kalpana (BAJMC Sem V). The vote of thanks was presented by Nishtha Mohan (BAJMC I). The whole event was managed by the students of Journalism & Mass Communication Department under the guidance of Principal Dr. Pardeep Bhandari and supervision of Dr. Simran Sidhu, Head of the Department. The Faculty members, Ms. Priya Chopra, Mr. Deepak Sharma and Mr. Arshdeep were also present during this Panel Discussion.

Report submitted by: Priya Chopra

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Date of Event: 24-11-2021 (Thursday)

Location: Seminar Hall

Resource Persons: 1. Sh. Chander Mohan, President, Arya Shiksha Mandal and College Managing Committee.

2. Sh. Suresh Seth, member, College Managing Committee.

3. Mr. Arundeeep, Senior News Editor, Punjabi Jagran

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