Book "The Alchemist"

Date: 27-07-2024

Reviewed By: Dr. Baljit Kaur

A book review session was organized in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla on 27th July 2024. The session featured a detailed review of "The Alchemist" by renowned author Paulo Coelho, conducted by Dr. Baljit Kaur, Assistant Professor of Public Administration under the supervision of College Principal Mrs. Simmi Johal.

Dr. Baljit Kaur eloquently summarized the book's central theme, emphasizing the importance of pursuing one's dreams and staying resilient in the face of challenges. She discussed how "The Alchemist" intertwines spiritual enlightenment with personal growth, capturing the journey of Santiago, a young shepherd, as he embarks on a quest to fulfill his personal legend. Through insightful analysis, Dr. Baljit Kaur highlighted the book's timeless message of self-discovery and the pursuit of inner happiness.

The session was attended by faculty members and students from various disciplines, who actively engaged in the discussion. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants shared their interpretations of the book's message and its relevance in today's fast-paced world. The session was both informative and inspiring, leaving attendees with a renewed sense of purpose and motivation.



Book Review Session

Date: 03-08-2024

Book "The Magic of Thinking Big"

Reviewed By: Mrs. Priya Bawa

A book review session was conducted on 3rd August 2024 in the Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh Library, SDS Government College Jadla. The book "The Magic of Thinking Big" by David J. Schwartz was reviewed by Mrs. Priya Bawa, Assistant Professor of Physical Education. The session aimed to inspire students and faculty members to embrace a positive mindset for success and personal growth.

Mrs. Bawa emphasized the core message of the book: that thinking big and believing in oneself are crucial to achieving success. She discussed several practical strategies presented by the author, including overcoming self-doubt, setting high goals, and maintaining a positive attitude in challenging situations. Mrs. Bawa highlighted how these principles could be applied not only in professional life but also in personal endeavors.

The review session saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, who appreciated the practical advice and motivational tone of the book. An interactive Q&A session followed, where attendees shared their experiences with goal-setting and self-improvement. The event concluded on an uplifting note, encouraging everyone to cultivate a mindset of ambition and confidence in their daily lives.



Book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People"

Reviewed By: Mrs. Sonia

A book review session was held on 10th August 2024 in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla, where Mrs. Sonia, Assistant Professor of Political Science, reviewed Stephen R. Covey's influential book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." The session aimed to impart key lessons from the book on personal and professional development.

Mrs. Sonia delved into the seven habits outlined by Covey, which emphasize the importance of character ethics, proactive behavior, and effective leadership. She discussed how the habits, such as "Be Proactive," "Begin with the End in Mind," and "Put First Things First," provide a framework for individuals to lead more purposeful and fulfilling lives. Mrs. Sonia also connected the principles to practical applications in both personal and academic contexts, encouraging students and faculty to adopt these habits for success.

The session was well-attended by students and faculty members, who engaged actively in the discussion. Participants shared their own experiences and reflected on how these habits could be incorporated into their daily routines. The event concluded with a Q&A session, leaving the audience inspired to practice the strategies for personal effectiveness and growth.



Book: "Atomic Habits"

Reviewed By: Mrs. Neha Rani

On 17th August 2024, a book review session was held in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla. Mrs. Neha, Assistant Professor of Economics, presented a review of the bestselling book "Atomic Habits" by James Clear. The session focused on how small, consistent changes in daily habits can lead to remarkable personal and professional growth.

Mrs. Neha explained the book's key concepts, emphasizing the importance of building good habits through small, incremental improvements. She discussed the four-step process for habit formation: cue, craving, response, and reward, illustrating how understanding these can help in breaking bad habits and creating new, positive ones. She also highlighted the principle of "1% improvement," where small actions compounded over time yield significant results.

Students and faculty members actively participated in the discussion, sharing their thoughts on how they could apply these strategies in their academic and personal lives. The interactive session included practical examples and advice on habit-building techniques. The event concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where Mrs. Neha provided insights on making lasting changes in behavior, leaving the audience motivated to incorporate atomic habits into their routines for long-term success.



Book: "Death on the Nile"

Reviewed By: Mrs. Paramjit Kaur

A book review session was held on 24th August 2024 in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla, where Mrs. Paramjit Kaur, Assistant Professor of Commerce, reviewed the classic detective novel "Death on the Nile" by Agatha Christie. The session focused on the intriguing plot, sharp character development, and the timeless appeal of Christie's famous detective, Hercule Poirot.

Mrs. Paramjit Kaur provided an engaging summary of the novel, which is set against the exotic backdrop of Egypt. She explored the complex web of relationships and motives surrounding the murder of a wealthy heiress, highlighting Christie's skill in building suspense and delivering unexpected twists. The review also emphasized the themes of greed, jealousy, and betrayal, which are masterfully woven into the story.

Students and faculty members participated actively in the discussion, expressing their admiration for Christie's narrative style and her ability to keep readers guessing until the very end. The session concluded with a lively Q&A, where participants discussed the relevance of classic mystery novels in contemporary literature. Mrs. Paramjit Kaur's insightful review left the audience fascinated by the brilliance of Agatha Christie's storytelling.



Book: The Politics

Reviewed By: Mr. Jaswinder Ralh

On 31 August 2024, a book review session was organized in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla, where Mr. Jaswinder Ralh, Assistant Professor of English, reviewed Aristotle's seminal work "The Politics." The session delved into the foundational principles of political theory, governance, and ethics that have influenced Western political thought for centuries.

Mr. Ralh provided an insightful analysis of Aristotle's views on the role of the state, citizenship, and the various forms of government, including monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy. He highlighted the relevance of these ideas in contemporary political discourse, focusing on how Aristotle's reflections on justice, equality, and the common good still resonate in today's political systems.

The session drew an engaged audience of students and faculty, who participated in a thought-provoking discussion on the relationship between politics and ethics, as well as the responsibilities of citizens in modern democracies. The event concluded with a Q&A session, where participants reflected on the applicability of Aristotle's ideas to current political scenarios. Mr. Ralh's thorough review of "The Politics" offered valuable insights, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of classical political philosophy.



Book Review Session

Book: Niccolo Machiavelli

Date: 07-09-2024

Reviewed By: Mr. Harinderjit Singh

07 ਸਤੰਬਰ 2024 ਨੂੰ, ਐਸ.ਡੀ.ਐਸ. ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਾਲਜ ਜਾਡਲਾ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ-ਏ-ਆਜ਼ਮ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਲਾਇਬ੍ਰੇਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਆਯੋਜਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰ ਹਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸ ਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਦੀ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਕੀਤੀ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਲਜ ਸਟਾਫ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਹਿਤਕ ਰੁਚੀਆਂ ਰੱਖਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਗ ਲਿਆ। ਨੀਕੋਲੇ ਮੈਕੀਆਵੇਲੀ ਦਾ ਜਨਮ ਸੰਨ 1469 ਵਿਚ ਇਟਲੀ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਰਾਜ ਫ਼ਲੋਰੈਂਸ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ। ਮੈਕੀਆਵੈਲੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਸ਼ਾਸਤਰ ਦੀ ਗੂੜ੍ਹੀ ਸਮਝ ਰੱਖਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਵੇਕਪੂਰਣ ਵਿਦਵਾਨ ਸੀ। ਉਸ ਨੇ "ਦ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸ' ਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਸੰਨ 1513 ਵਿੱਚ ਰਚੀ ਜੋ ਅਜ ਵੀ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਦੇ ਵਿਹਾਰੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਮਹਾਨ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਵਾਂਗ ਸਵੀਕਾਰੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੈਕੀਆਵੈਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਧੁਨਿਕ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਵਿਗਿਆਨ ਸ਼ਾਸਤਰ (ਪੋਲੀਟੀਕਲ ਸਾਇੰਸ) ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਵਿਚਾਰਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਇਕ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਈ ਵਿਦਵਾਨ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਵਿਗਿਆਨ ਦੇ ਆਧੁਨਿਕ ਸਰੂਪ ਦਾ ਜਨਕ ਮੰਨਦੇ ਹਨ। ਦ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਲਗਭਗ ਹਰ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਰਾਜਿਆਂ, ਸ਼ਹਿਨਸ਼ਾਹਾਂ, ਸਮਰਾਟਾਂ, ਹੁਕਮਰਾਨਾਂ, ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਰਗੇ ਹੋਰ ਨਾਵਾਂ ਥੱਲੇ ਹਕੂਮਤਾਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਸ਼ਾਸਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਿੱਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਾਰੇ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ, ਇਲਾਕਿਆਂ ਜਾਂ ਰਾਜਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਜਿੱਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਖੁਲਾਸਾ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕੀ ਕਿਓ, ਕਿਦਾਂ ਵਰਗੇ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਦੇਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਦੱਸੇ ਸਿਧਾਂਤ ਸਭ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਅਮਲ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਆਏ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਜ਼ਾਹਰਾ ਹਰ ਦੇਸ਼ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਨੇਤਾ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੀਕਾਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਕੰਨੀਂ ਕਤਰਾਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸੰਸਾਰਕ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਸਤੀਵਾਦੀ ਰਾਜ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਮੈਕੀਆਵੈਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਝਲਕ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਦਿਸਦੀ ਹੈ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਹਰ ਅਜੇਹੀ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਮੈਕੀਆਵੈਲੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਖੋਜ ਤੋਂ ਇਹ ਸਿੱਟਾ ਕਢਿਆ ਕਿ ਰਾਜਸੱਤਾ ਦੀ ਖੇਡ ਦੇ ਅਸੂਲ ਆਮ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੇ ਅਸੂਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਡਰੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਦ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸਾ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਮਿਲਦੀ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਕ ਦੂਰਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਟੀ ਨਾਲ ਅਸੀਂ ਵੇਖਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ, ਨੇੜੇ ਕੀ ਤੇ ਦੂਰ ਕੀ, ਪੱਛਮੀ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਣ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

ਨਿਕੋਲੇ ਮੈਕਿਆਵੇਲੀ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਦ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸਾ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚ ਕੁੱਝ ਪੱਖਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਰਾਜਨਿਤਿਕ ਸੱਚਾਈਆਂ ਦੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ- ਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਦਾ ਮੁੱਖ ਟੀਚਾ ਸੱਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਇਮ ਰੱਖਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜ ਦੀ ਸਥਿਰਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਯੁੱਧ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਾਸਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਈ ਵਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਰਾਜ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਰਵਾਇਤੀ ਨੈਤਿਕਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਝੂਕਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਇੱਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਕਿ ਬੇਰਹਿਮ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਪਿਆਰ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਡਰਨਾ ਬਿਹਤਰ ਹੈ। ਸ਼ਾਸਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੇਕ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਅੰਤਮ ਟੀਚੇ ਲਈ ਲੋੜ ਪੈਣ 'ਤੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਵਿਵਹਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਛੱਡ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਰਾਜ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਦਭਾਵਨਾ ਕਮਾਉਣਾ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ। ਆਦਮੀ ਕੁਦਰਤੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਧੋਖੇਬਾਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਭਰੋਸੇਮੰਦ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਦਿੱਖ ਅਤੇ ਨਤੀਜਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਆਸਾਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਅਤੇ ਸੁਆਰਥੀ ਪਰ ਕੁਝ ਭੋਲੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮੈਕਿਆਵੇਲੀ ਨੇਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਸਫਲਤਾ ਲਈ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਗੁਣਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੇਰਹਿਮੀ, ਛਲ, ਧੋਖੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਦੇ ਕਦਾਈਂ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਇੱਛਾ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਰਵਾਇਤੀ ਮਾਪਦੰਡਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਬੁਰਾਈ ਸਮਝੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਰਾਜਕੁਮਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ "ਕਿਸਮਤ ਦੀ ਬਦਨਾਮੀ" ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ "ਸਾਵਧਾਨੀ" ਵਰਤਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਅਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤਤਾ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਤਾਕਤ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇੱਕ ਸ਼ਾਸਕ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਢੰਗਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਹਾਰਕ ਅਤੇ ਲਚਕਦਾਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।



Book Review Session

Book "Train to Pakistan"

Date: 13-09-2024

Reviewed By: Dr. Baljit Kaur

On 13th September 2024, a book review session was held in the Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh Library of SDS Government College Jadla. Dr. Baljit Kaur, Assistant Professor of Public Administration, led the review of the novel "Train to Pakistan" by Khushwant Singh. The session focused on the historical backdrop of the Partition of India in 1947 and its devastating impact on the people of Mano Majra, a small village on the India-Pakistan border.

Dr. Baljit Kaur explored the book's portrayal of communal violence and human suffering during Partition, emphasizing its relevance in understanding the complexities of religious and political divides. She highlighted the emotional and psychological toll on the characters, particularly the relationship between Jugga, a Sikh, and Nooran, a Muslim girl, which reflects the broader themes of love, loyalty, and betrayal amidst chaos.

The session saw active participation from students and faculty members, who engaged in a thoughtful discussion on the historical and cultural significance of the novel. The interactive Q&A session deepened the understanding of the Partition's human cost, making the event both educational and emotionally stirring. The session concluded with a reflection on the importance of unity and empathy in today's world.



Date: 21-09-2024

Book "Indra Gandhi"

Reviewed By: Mrs. Priya Bawa

A book review session was held on 21st September 2024 in the Seminar Hall of SDS Government College Jadla. Mrs. Priya Bawa, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, presented a comprehensive review of the biography "Indira Gandhi" by Pupul Jayakar. The session focused on the life and leadership of India's first female Prime Minister, shedding light on her personal and political journey.

Mrs. Bawa highlighted the book's exploration of Indira Gandhi's early influences, her rise to power, and the significant events that shaped her tenure, including the Green Revolution, the Emergency, and her commitment to national unity. She emphasized Jayakar's portrayal of Indira Gandhi's complex personality, balancing her political acumen with personal vulnerabilities.

The session was attended by students and faculty, who were deeply engaged in the discussion about Gandhi's legacy and her impact on Indian politics. Mrs. Bawa's review provided nuanced insights into the strengths and challenges faced by one of the most influential figures in India's history. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where participants reflected on the book's relevance to understanding modern Indian politics and leadership.

