



## NAAC ACCREDITED 'A++' GRADE COLLEGE

2022-23

**Name of the Department/Society: The English Society**

**Name of the Event: Student Seminar on the topic "Served Spaces and the Self: Contesting the Spatial, Political and Communal Identity"**

**Date of the Event: 23rd February, 2023**

### **Description of the event: (Include details of Speakers/Experts):**

On the 23rd of February, 2023, the English Society of Hansraj College organised a one day students' conference entitled "Severed Spaces and the Self: Contesting the Spatial, Political and Communal Identity."

The conference explored the role which 'space' plays in the formation of the 'self.' The making and unmaking of identity over a lifespan, the influence of memory, and the blurring of the boundaries all play a part in the construction of the idea of "home." This begets questions like, can home be contained within one definition? Do spaces get unmade and made by themselves or is it done consciously? Does one ever stop belonging to a "home"? Can change in borders alter these identities, whether they choose to stay back or leave?

The conference sought to explore the role that space plays in constructing a self and how the idea of home shapes an individual's identity across time and space. The conference featured more than fifteen papers from undergraduate and postgraduate students across various universities from all over India. The presenters delved deep into the questions of home, belonging, and fractured identity, through various critical and literary lenses. From Min Jin Lee's Pachinko to Taylor Swift's folklore, from Bong Joon Ho's Parasite to James Baldwin's Giovanni's Room, the presenters dissected the idea of 'home' across varied cultural and personal backdrops and how that definition shifts with a shift in spaces. The conference was divided into three sessions, chaired by professors from the English Department - Prof. Aanchal Dahiya, Prof. Divya Pandey and Prof. Rahul Sinha, who gave the presenters crucial feedback and conducted a discussion on the respective papers.

The conference was thus a wholly enlightening and enriching experience. The English Society wholeheartedly thanks the presenters and the audience alike for participating in the conference and making it a space so unsevered and educational for everyone involved.

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11. Ananya
12. Ragini
13. Sanjivanie
14. Vishnupriya
15. Vanshika
16. Prateek
17. Chaitanya
18. Maithali
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