

## INDIAN PHILOSOPHERS' DAY

The Department organised a talk, sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) on “The Enigma of Creation: Prakriti or Maya”, on the occasion of Indian Philosophers’ Day on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Conducted over Zoom, the event commenced with a warm welcome by the host and Convener, Dr. Jolly Singh, followed by an introduction of the theme and speakers by Dr. Lakshmi Vatsa.

The first speaker, Prof. Harpreet Kaur, the Principal of Mata Sundri College for Women, Delhi University, elaborated on the theory of creation in Sikhism, with respect to the Gurbani. She dwelled on Guru Nanak Dev ji’s philosophy to enunciate that the absolute and divine God is the creator of all nature. It is this nature that we and everything around us is a part of, which becomes a means for self realisation and enlightenment. Dr. Manmohan, ADG, Intelligence Bureau, the second eminent speaker, discussed the same drawing a parallel with science, and Hawking’s Theory of Everything. He also elaborated on the concept of Maya and how it is the “Mental purification of desires or Maya” that leads us to divinity. This was followed by a talk by Dr. Ajay Verma, Associate Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).



He elaborated on the first cause, with respect to philosophy of science, religion and language. He emphasised on the role of language in theorising the bigger questions about life and existence in Faith, Philosophy and Science. A question answer session was then conducted by

Adhya Joshi and Kanchan Rathore, where the questions and queries of the participants were taken up by the speakers.

A feedback cum attendance form was circulated as a Google Form. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, delivered by the Co-Convener, Ms. Kirandeep Kaur.

Here's a **link** to recording of the entire event - <https://youtu.be/B7HgHeeSTbo>