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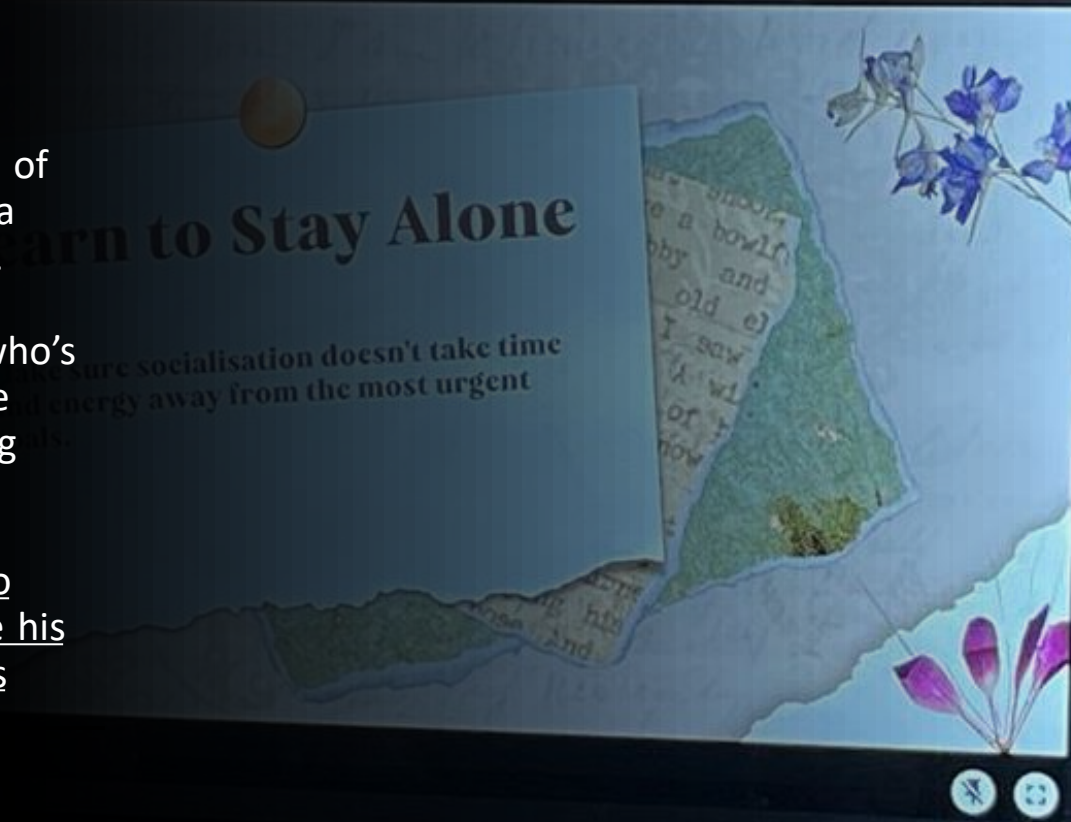
INTERACTIVE ALUMNI SESSION

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- Organised by Free Thinkers Club of the Department of Political Science
- **Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli**

The Free Thinkers Club of the Department of Political Science were thrilled to organize a first of its kind Interactive Alumni Session.

The guest for this session was Mr. Harsh who's a PHD Research Scholar in Political Science who has qualified NET-JRF at quite a young age.

The primary purpose of the session was to provide a platform for our alumni to share his experiences at the alma mater and discuss various aspects of his academic and professional journey.



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Key Points Discussed:



- **1. Sharing Experiences:** Alumni member Harsh, shared his experiences during his time at the alma mater. He highlighted the significance of his academic journey and the valuable lessons he learned during his studies.
- **2. Recommending Learning Resources:** Our esteemed alumni recommended various learning resources to the attendees, including audiobook apps, e-books, YouTube channels and movie suggestions. These resources were geared towards enhancing reading habits and expanding knowledge beyond traditional academic materials.
- **3. Future Ventures after Graduation:** The discussion shifted towards the topic of future ventures after graduation. Mr. Harsh focused on two main avenues: Academia and The procedure and methodology for qualifying entrance exams like UGC-NET. He shared insights into the requirements and benefits of pursuing these paths.

4. Embarking on Research Odyssey: Mr. Harsh elaborated on the prospects of pursuing research as a full-time profession. He discussed the options available for pursuing a Ph.D and Post Doctorate from abroad, emphasizing the benefit of international exposure in the field of research.

5. Charting Uncharted Territories: The discourse expanded beyond political science to embrace uncharted domains. Mr. Harsh's passionate discussion of prospects in journalism and consultancy fervently urged attendees to contemplate lateral transitions and embrace novel avenues for personal and professional growth.

- The Q&A session added another layer of depth to the alumni meeting, allowing us to gain insights directly from Mr. Harsh's experiences. His candid responses provided valuable perspectives on job security, ethical considerations, and effective study techniques.

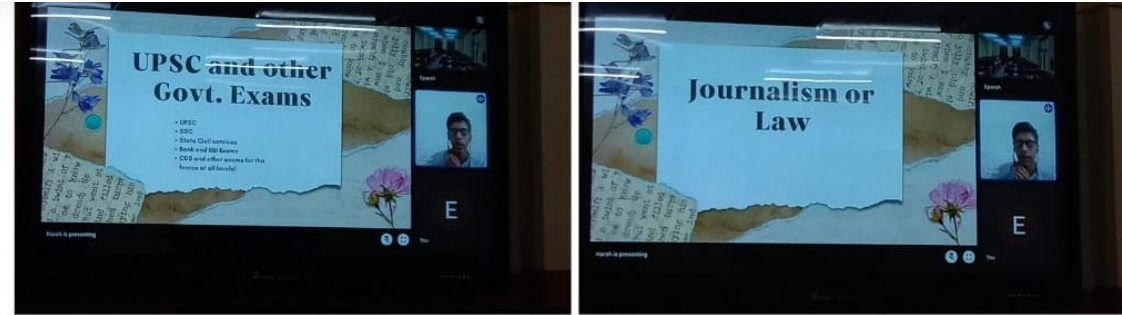
Insights and Q and A Session

Q. Venturing into Consultancy and Think Tank Committees:

During the Q&A session, participants raised questions about the job security in areas like consultancy and being part of a think tank committee. Harsh's response highlighted that these paths might not always guarantee job security, but success depends on having the right skills and staying up-to-date. Excellence in these fields can lead to rewarding opportunities.

Q. Red and Green Flags for Joining Committees: Mr. Harsh fielded a question about what to look out for when considering joining a committee. He emphasized the importance of ethical behavior and honesty. These values serve as green flags, indicating that a committee is likely to be a good fit. On the other hand, if a committee lacks these qualities, it might be a red flag.

Q. Advice for Club Involvement: Mr. Harsh provided guidance on how to approach club involvement. He recommended focusing on original texts while studying and highlighted the significance of the "APW Generals." This advice can help us gain a deeper understanding of our subjects and excel in our studies.



Conclusion

The inaugural alumni interaction was a landmark event that provided a platform for meaningful dialogue between students and an esteemed alumnus. Mr. Harsh's insightful responses added depth to the discussions, leaving attendees with a wealth of practical knowledge and inspiration.

As we look ahead, the Department is excited about hosting more alumni interactions to foster greater collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mentorship opportunities for our students.

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