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## FREE THINKERS

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# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE





**Brainstorming Session Report**: Chandrayaan 3 and India's Emerging Space Program

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

**Theme**: Science and Emerging Technologies

### Topic: Chandrayaan 3 – A New Chapter in India's Space Program

### एडिटोरियल क्लब में चंद्रयान-3 पर मंथन



संजौली कालेज में शनिवार को राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग के छात्र-छात्राओं ने चंद्रयान-3 पर परिचर्चा का आयोजन किया। इस परिचर्चा में छात्रों ने चंद्रयान के बारे में विस्तार से चर्चा की। कालेज के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर अभिषेक ठाकुर कहा कि यह विभाग की एक अनूठी पहल है जिसके माध्यम से छात्र अपने आसपास की घटनाओं से जागरूक रह सकेंगे। राजनीतिक विज्ञान विभाग में हर शानिवार को एडिटोरियल क्लब का आयोजन किया जाएगा। इसमें हर छात्र हर बार नए विषयों पर परिचर्चा करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्रों को शिक्षा के साथ-साथ समाज में हो रहे में महत्वपूर्ण घटनाक्रमों से परिचित करवाकर उनका ज्ञान वर्धन करना है। शनिवार को चंद्रयान-3 पर हुई परिचर्चा में क्कुनाल भारद्वाज, हिर्षता, तरुण, सृष्टि और स्पर्श ने अपने विचार व्यक्त किए।

### Introduction:

The Free Thinkers Club of the Department of Political Science organized a thought-provoking brainstorming session under the theme of "Science and Emerging Technologies." The focus of the session was on India's space program and, in particular, the Chandrayaan 3 mission. The session aimed to explore the political and strategic implications of this mission on the international stage.

The session started with a introductory speech by the **Chief Advisor of the Free Thinkers Club Mr Abhishek Thakur** ( *Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science*). He shared the vision of the club with the audience and explained about the motive and objectives of the creation of this Club.

Objective of the Club: In our Free Thinkers Club, we strive to create an environment where curiosity thrives and boundaries blur. We see a space where interdisciplinary dialogues ignite creativity, fostering connections among individuals who seek to explore the unexplored, question the unquestionable, and imagine the unimaginable.

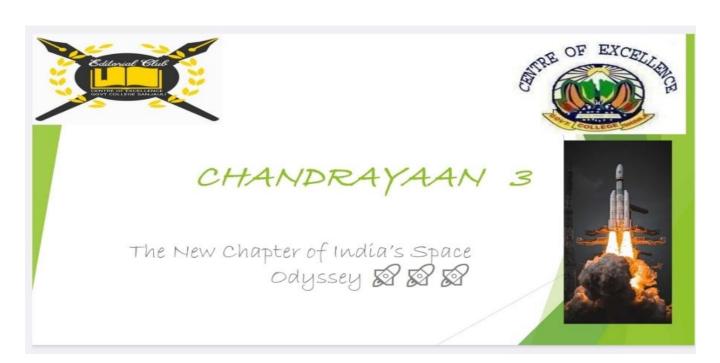
The primary objective of the Free Thinkers Club is to cultivate a culture of informed and critical reading among students by encouraging them to regularly engage with the editorial sections of newspapers. Through various activities and initiatives, the club aims to achieve the following goals:

- 1. Promote Critical Thinking: Encourage members to question assumptions, challenge conventional wisdom, and think critically about complex issues in various domains.
- 2. Facilitate Interdisciplinary Discussions: Foster discussions that transcend disciplinary boundaries, encouraging members to explore diverse perspectives and approaches.
- 3. Nurture Intellectual Curiosity: Create an environment where members can explore their intellectual interests and pursue unconventional ideas.
- 4. Encourage Independent Research: Provide a platform for members to conduct independent research projects and share their findings with the club.
- 5. Inspire Innovation: Cultivate an atmosphere that fosters creative thinking and innovation by encouraging members to come up with novel solutions to existing problems.
- 6. Promote Open Dialogue: Create a space where members can express their opinions and engage in respectful debates on a wide range of topics.
- 7. Enhance Communication Skills: Offer opportunities for members to improve their communication and presentation skills by sharing their ideas with the club.
- 8. Provide Networking Opportunities: Facilitate connections among members with similar interests, encouraging collaboration and potential research partnerships.
- 9. Expose Members to Diverse Perspectives: Invite guest speakers from various fields to expose members to new ideas and viewpoints.
- 10. Encourage Active Participation: Motivate members to take an active role in organizing discussions, events, and projects related to free thinking.

By actively engaging students with Editorial content and fostering a deeper understanding of the sociopolitical landscape, the Free Thinkers Club will play a crucial role in shaping informed, responsible, and engaged citizens who can contribute positively to society.

















**Key Discussion Points:** 

### 1. India's Moon Mission – Chandrayaan 3:

The session commenced with an overview of Chandrayaan 3, the third lunar exploration mission planned by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This ambitious endeavour aims to continue India's exploration of the Moon and build on the success of previous missions.

### 2. New Chapter in Indian Space Program:

Participants highlighted the significance of Chandrayaan 3 as a new chapter in India's space program. The mission reflects India's growing capabilities and ambitions in space exploration, contributing to its status as a key player in the global space community.

### 3. Strategic Implications:

Students and teachers engaged in a dynamic exchange of ideas regarding the strategic implications of Chandrayaan 3. They discussed how space missions can enhance a nation's soft power, foster international collaboration, and potentially impact diplomatic relations.

### 4. Presentation of Student Thoughts:

Several students of political science --- Kunal Bhardwaj, Harshita, Tarun, Srishti, Sparsh delivered insightful presentations, sharing their perspectives on Chandrayaan 3 and its implications. These presentations covered topics such as the role of space exploration in bolstering a nation's technological and scientific prowess, as well as its potential impact on domestic policy and international alliances.

### 5. Participation and Engagement:

The brainstorming session witnessed a significant turnout, with enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers. The diverse range of viewpoints and interdisciplinary discussions enriched the overall discourse.

During the club's inaugural session, we were honoured to have the esteemed presence of enthusiastic professors, **Dr. Poonam Chandel** (HOD, Department of Political Science), **Mr Sandesh Kalta** AP, (ODepartment of Journalism and Mass Communication), **Mr Shubham Chaudhary** AP (Department of Geology), **Mr Harsh Vardhan Singh Khimta**, AP (Department of English)...Their participation not only enriched the session but also underscored the importance of interdisciplinary engagement and knowledge-sharing within our academic community."

### Conclusion:

The Free Thinkers Club's brainstorming session on Chandrayaan 3 and India's emerging space program proved to be a thought-provoking and enlightening event. Participants explored the multidimensional

aspects of space exploration, from scientific advancements to political implications. The session underscored the importance of ongoing dialogues on emerging technologies within the academic community.

As a result of this session, students and faculty members are encouraged to continue exploring the intersection of Technology and political science fostering a deeper understanding of the evolving landscape of global affairs.

As the session drew to a close, we were privileged to have the Chief Advisor **Mr Abhishek Thakur** and President of the club **Mr Kunal Bhardwaj** address the gathering. Their closing remarks encapsulated the essence of discussions and highlighted the significance of active engagement with Editorial content. The Chief Advisor's words of wisdom and the President's inspiring message left the audience with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to continue the journey of informed reading and meaningful discourse through the Free Thinkers Club....





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