

REPORT
RELEVANCE OF READING CLASSICS TODAY
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On the 14th of February, 2023 a seminar was held on the topic, “**Relevance of Reading Classics Today**” The guest speaker was Prof. Raj Kumar from the Department of English, University of Delhi. The seminar was attended by the faculty members along with the students. The teacher in charge, Ms. Manila Kohli introduced the resource person and also highlighted the importance of reading and the understanding of classics in the modern times. In the lecture delivered by Dr Raj Kumar he spoke on the importance of the values that epics represent. He introduced to students the concept of intertextuality and the understanding of classics through the lens of critical studies. Prof. Raj Kumar spoke on the narratives of *Iliad*, *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*, bringing out the underlying perspectives in the characters of Sita, Draupadi and Shambuk. It was during his lecture that other literary theories were brought on the table for discussion. After the lecture, the discussion was declared open for the students to ask questions and share their perspectives.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks. The programme was made successful with the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who handled the details really well.

