Event Report on Gaatha Lecture Series #8

The History Department

On 2nd November 2026, the Department of History, under the aegis of Gaatha: The History Society, Mata Sundri College for Women, organised the Eighth lecture of the Gaatha Lecture Series at Mata Gujri Hall from 1:00 pm onwards. The lecture, titled "Industrialization and the Transformation of Everyday Life" was delivered by Mrs. Neeru Ailawadi, a retired Associate Professor of History, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi. The event was attended by more than 110 students. The programme included the formal felicitation of the speaker by the Teacher-in-Charge Dr. Ruchika Sharma. Dr. Simmi Kapoor Mehta was the event convenor, and Dr Satveer Singh was the co-convenor.

The lecture discussed the Industrial Revolution and its spread across England, Belgium, France and Russia. The speaker explained how machines, new technologies and the factory system changed traditional production methods. Work shifted from homes to factories, introducing fixed working hours, punctuality and time management. Railways also became an important part of industrial development.

The lecture also highlighted how industrialisation transformed everyday life, family structures and women's work. The family gradually shifted from a centre of production to a centre of consumption, while the difference between paid work and household responsibilities became more noticeable. Overall, it was an insightful and engaging session that gave us a better understanding of how industrialisation shaped not only the economy but also people's everyday lives, work, family and gender relationships.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session between the students and the speaker. The event was very well received by the students and came to an end around 2.40 pm.


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