Asutosh College celebrated the National Press Day , focusing on the "Press Freedom in India" on 16^{th} November, 2022

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On the occurrence of National Press Day, an interactive seminar lecture on the topic "Freedom of Press in India" was organised by the department of Journalism and Mass Communication in association with the IQAC of Asutosh College. The respected speaker of the session was Dr. Priyanka Roy. At the Centenary Building of Asutosh College, undergraduate students of 3rd and 5th semester along with the fresh beginners of 1st semester were given great knowledge and understanding about Freedom of Press in India.

The session began with the Head of our department, Dr.Reema Roy delivering a short opening speech about the day's event. After the conclusion of the HOD's speech, Dr. Priyanka Roy took the stage. She elucidated the subject matter of this seminar, which enlightened the students on various crucial factors relating to freedom of press, the history of this date, roles and powers of media, position of Press Freedom in India and many more.



Additionally, she answered some questions pertaining to Press Freedom in India and threw some light on relatable factors such as , "Is freedom a hallmark of democracy?", "Is there any connection between news and public opinion?" and others.

She also pointed out some exceptions in today's media run world like –

Journalists sometimes have to go against the ethics of press as they have to abide by the policies of media organisations. If not, there are high chances of them losing their jobs or having to face other serious issues. She added, to get a total view of an exclusive story they might have to dig in deeper than essentially allowed, to be able to present the exact facts and not just what the public demands or is wanted in general.



Last but not the least ,she also expounded certain relatable queries that few students had raised during the session . Overall, the session was interactive, informative and as said above , a huge gain for young aspiring journalists or media enthusiasts .The session was concluded by Dr.Shikhi Chatterjee 's sweet vote of thanks.

