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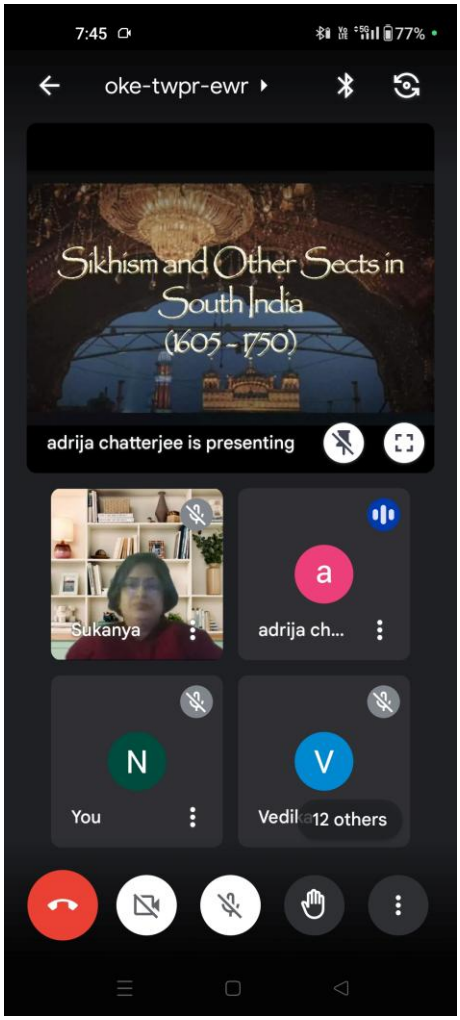
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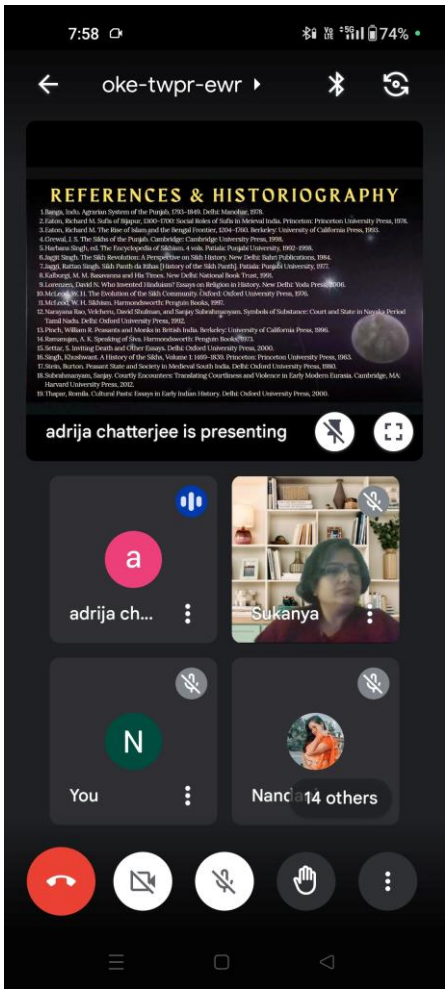
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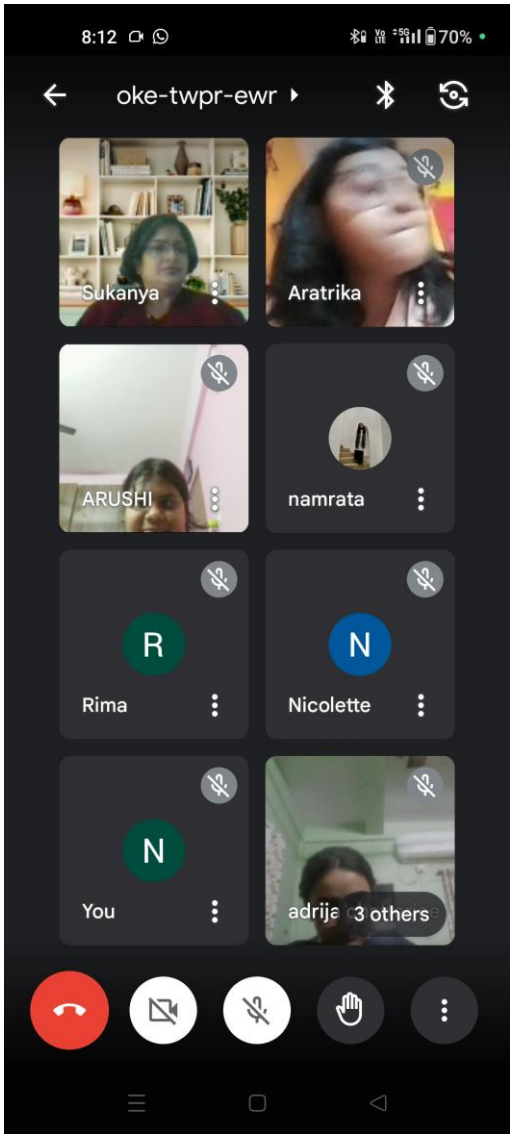
Sikhism and other sects in South India and Kashmir

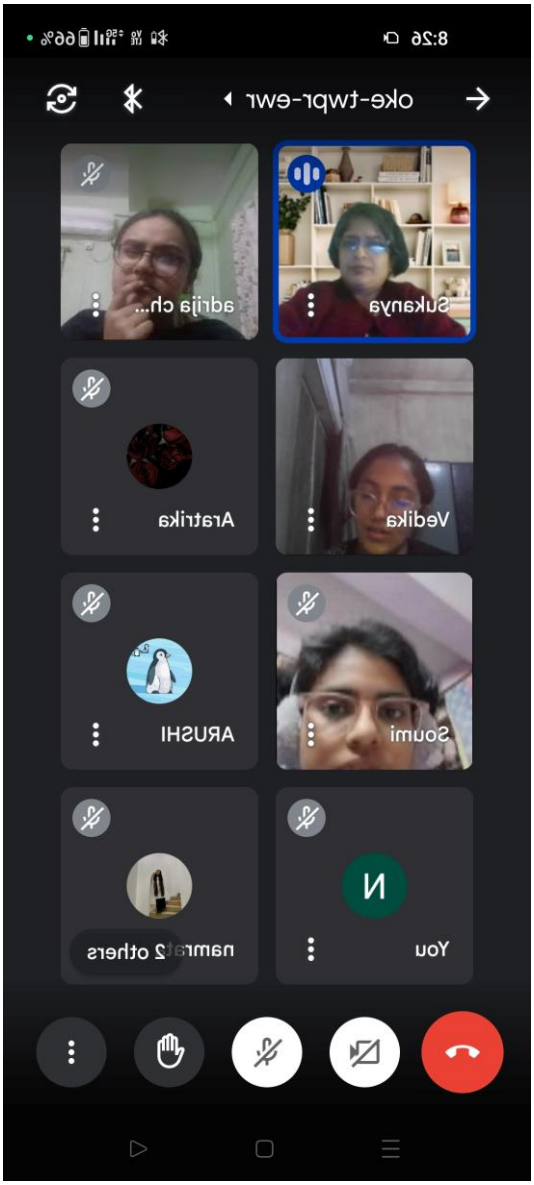
A peer teaching session was conducted by Adrija Chatterjee and Vedika Prabhakar of Semester V for their peers on December 25, 2025. While Adrija made a presentation on Sikhism and other sects in South India, Vedika spoke about the impact of Sikhism and other sects in Kashmir. The students were able to gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of Sikhism as a dynamic religious tradition that extended beyond its place of origin in Punjab. The discussion on the presence of Sikh communities in Kashmir was particularly insightful, as it highlighted the historical interactions between Sikh Gurus, local rulers, and the region's socio-religious environment. This helped the peers understand how Sikhism adapted to different cultural contexts while maintaining its core beliefs and principles. Additionally, the presentation on other religious sects in South India broadened their perspective on India's religious diversity. The explanations regarding the coexistence of multiple sects, their philosophies and their social roles helped the class appreciate the pluralistic nature of Indian society. The presenters effectively used historical references and were clear abot various concepts which made the content accessible and engaging. The students also found the peer-teaching approach beneficial, as learning from classmates created an interactive and comfortable environment for discussion and clarification of doubts.

Overall, the session was enriching and fulfilling.


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