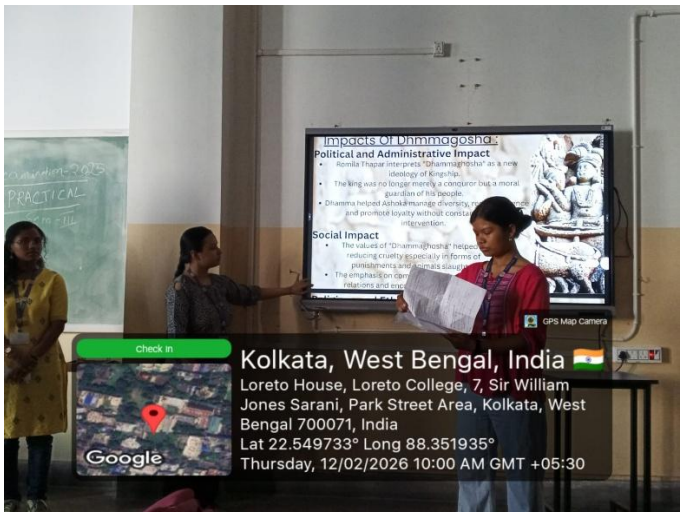
Report on Group Presentation (28 January – 12 February 2026)

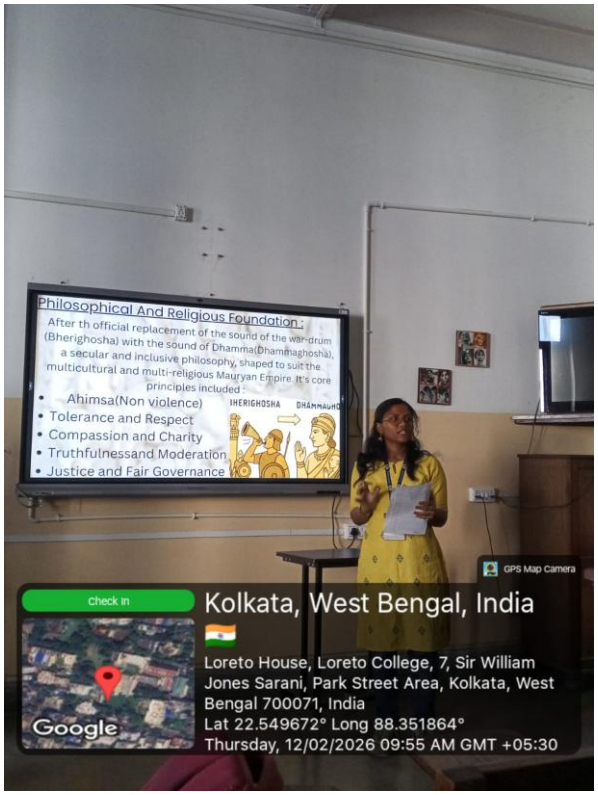
From 28th January to 12th February 2026, a series of group presentations was conducted as part of our academic coursework on the Mauryan period. The primary objective of this activity was to encourage collaborative learning, critical thinking, and in-depth research among students. By working in teams, students were able to divide responsibilities, share ideas, and collectively prepare well-structured presentations. The class was divided into four groups, each consisting of six to seven members, ensuring balanced participation and effective coordination within the teams.

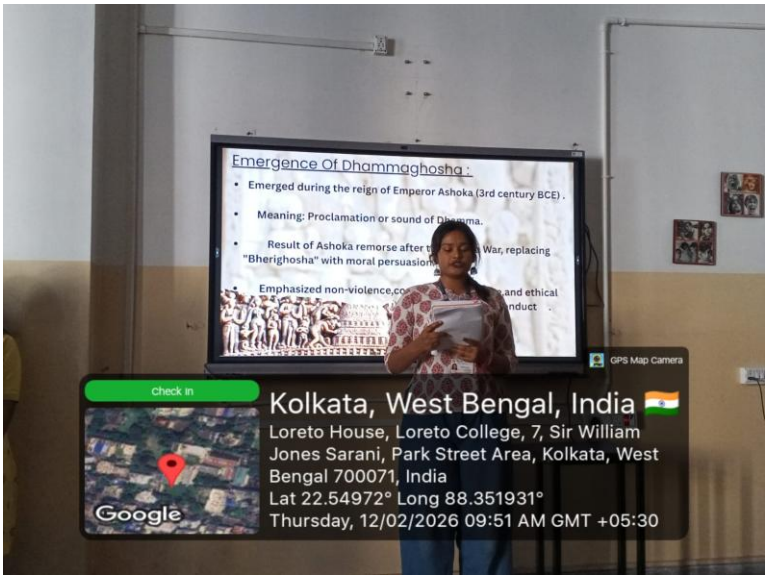
Each group independently selected one topic from the four prescribed themes. The topics included: the reasons for the shift from *Bherigosha* (the sound of war drums) to *Dhammagosha* (the sound of dhamma) under Emperor Ashoka; the various reasons behind the decline of the Mauryan Empire; the role and responsibilities of the *Dhamma Mahamattas* appointed by Ashoka; and an analytical evaluation of how far Ashoka himself was responsible for the decline of the Mauryan Empire.

The extensive research undertaken by the students significantly broadened their understanding of Mauryan administration, policy, and historical debates. This exercise not only strengthened their presentation skills but also helped them prepare detailed and structured study material, which will be beneficial for their upcoming examinations.

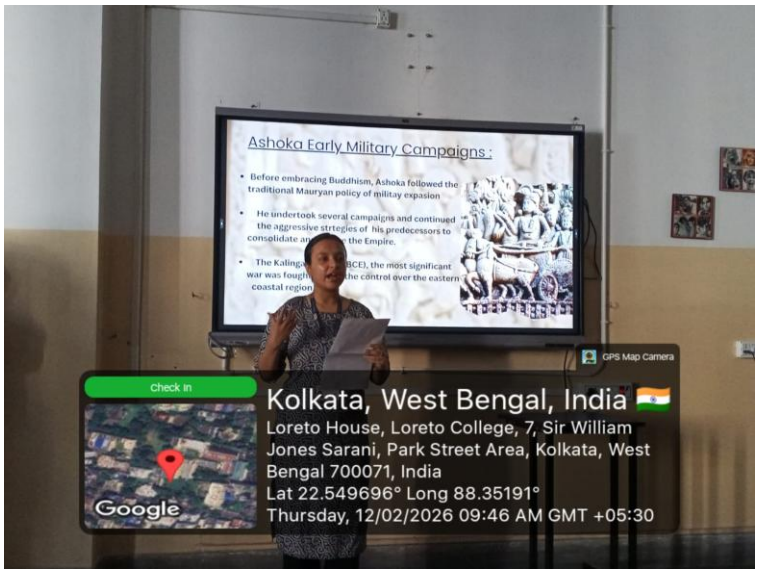


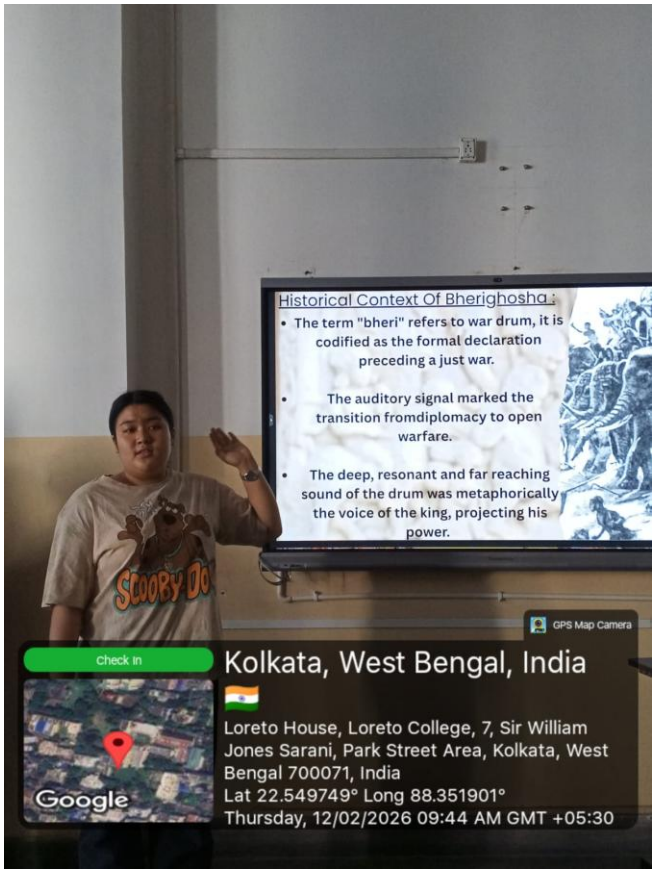


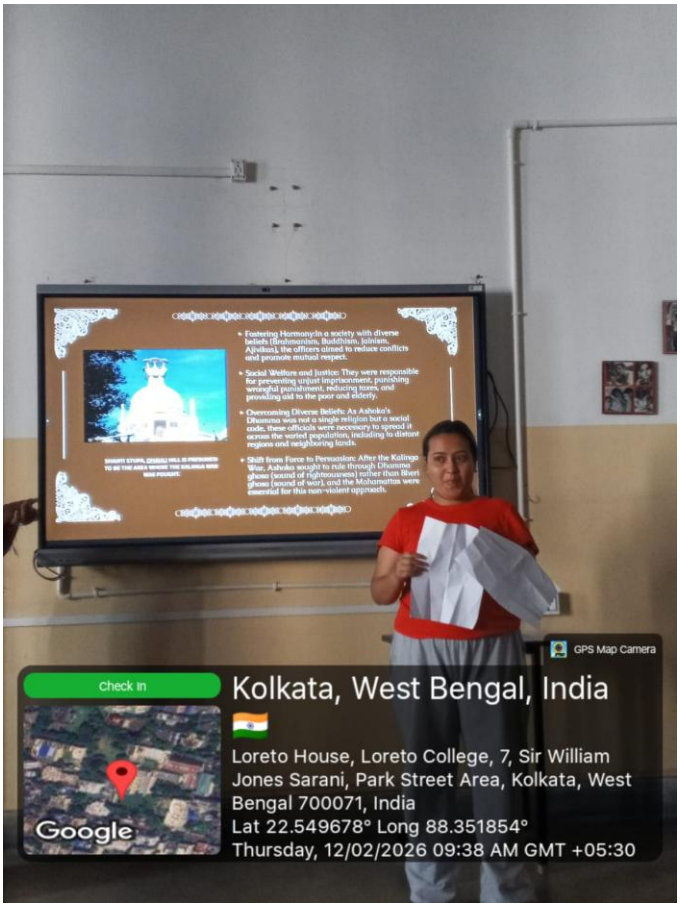

Philosophical And Religious Foundation :
After th official replacement of the sound of the war-drum (Bherighosha) with the sound of Dhamma(Dhammaghosha), a secular and inclusive philosophy, shaped to suit the multicultural and multi-religious Mauryan Empire .It's core principles included :
Ahimsa(Non violence)
Tolerance and Respect
Compassion and Charity
Truthfulnessand Moderation
Justice and Fair Governance
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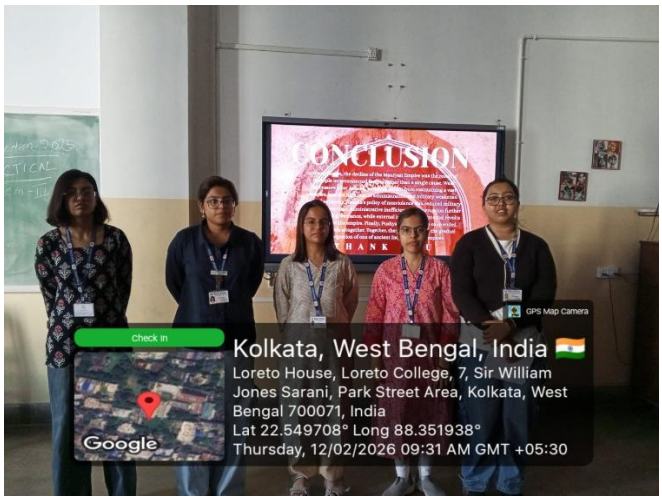

Emergence Of Dhammaghosha :
Emerged during the reign of Emperor Ashoka (3rd century BCE) .
Meaning: Proclamation or sound of Dhamma.
Result of Ashoka remorse after t War, replacing "Bherighosha" with moral persuasion
Emphasized non-violence,co and ethical nduct
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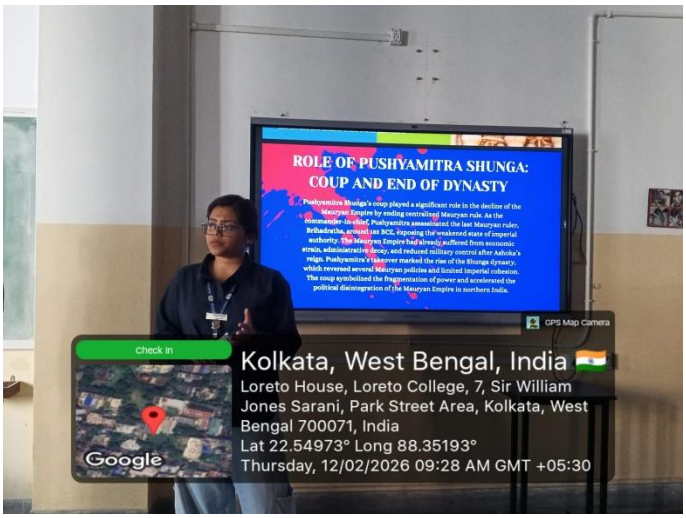

the violence of the war and his deeep remorse over the massive loss of life.
After the war, Ashoka abandoned the policy of "Bherighosha" and adopted "Dhammaghosha" or "Dhamma",which is interpreted as a pragmatic moral code aimed to stabilize a diverse empire rather than a purely religious doctrine.
is Indian Historical Outline, noted policies were inclusive and non
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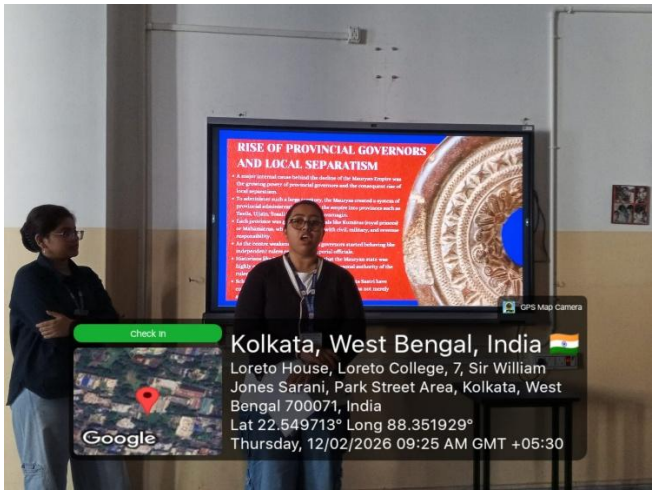

Ashoka Early Military Campaigns :
Before embracing Buddhism, Ashoka followed the traditional Mauryan policy of militay expasion
He undertook several campaigns and continued the aggressive strtegies of his predecessors to consolidate an the Empire.
The Kalinga BCE), the most significant war was fough the control over the eastern coastal region
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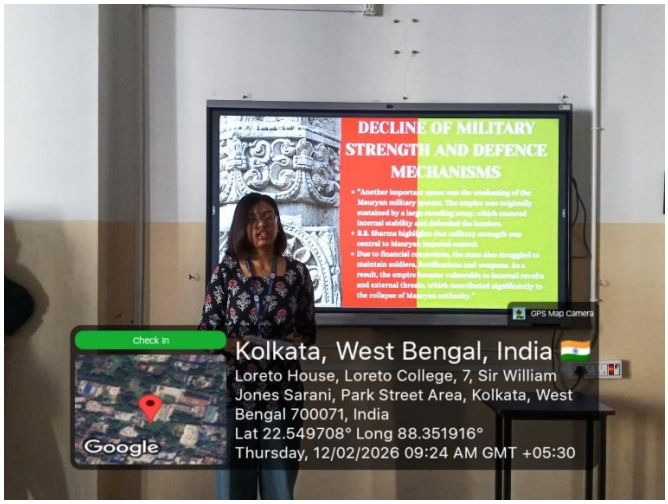

Historical Context Of Bherighosha :
• The term "bheri" refers to war drum, it is codified as the formal declaration preceding a just war.
• The auditory signal marked the transition fromdiplomacy to open warfare.
• The deep, resonant and far reaching sound of the drum was metaphorically the voice of the king, projecting his power.
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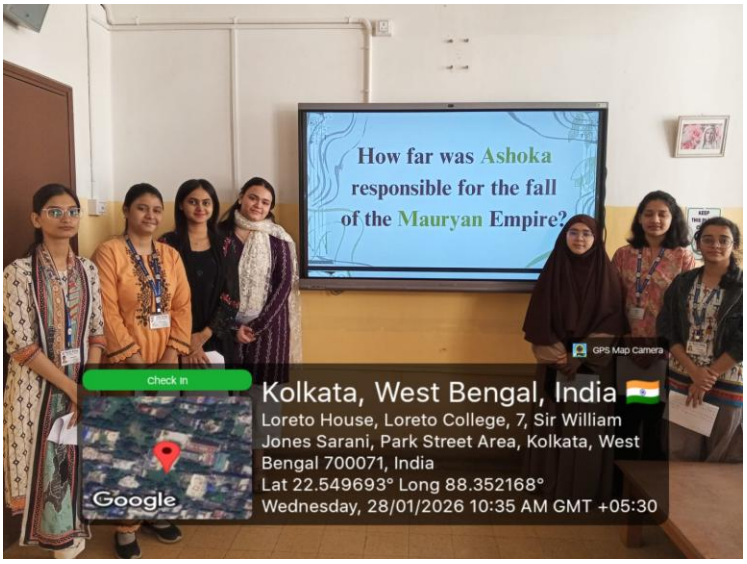

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