Department of Political Science

Annual Report

2022-2023

GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION

On August 6, 2022, the Department of Political Science sent seven delegates to a one-day "Global Peace Forum on Youth Leadership for Social Cohesion and Peacebuilding" held at Ramana Kendra, New Delhi. The forum was organised by Global Peace Foundation (GPF) India, an international non-profit organisation working to develop communities and promote value-based peacebuilding.

The event began with the introduction of seven panellists representing different faiths. Each of the panellists stressed how every religion preaches oneness and brotherhood within society. This helped the young leaders of tomorrow inculcate a sense of unity in diversity. This was followed by an interactive team-building activity. It involved cases of various conflicts in world history, and the delegates were divided into groups and asked to deliberate among themselves and find solutions.

GPF India representatives presented the Facets of Faith program, showcasing the journey of several interfaith programs under the project and highlighting their outcomes and impact on society. The event concluded with mesmerising cultural performances of dance and music, along with refreshments for all the delegates.

POLIQUIZ

As popularly marked,

Without question, there is no learning

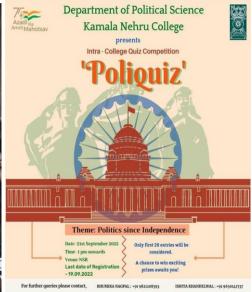
On September 21, 2022, the Department of Political Science organised 'POLIQUIZ', an intracollege quiz on Indian politics since independence, for the students to learn about the grand history of domestic politics in the form of interactive and interesting trivia time. The quiz saw huge participation and an enthusiastic response.

Bhumika Nagpal (President) and Dishita Srivastava hosted the quiz session. Dr. Neena Bansal (Teacher-in-Charge) and Dr. Robert Mizo (Association in Charge) judged the event.

The quiz was conducted in three rounds: General, Audiovisual, and Rapid Fire. These rounds were qualifying, and the top scorers participated in the other rounds. The winners were awarded cash prizes.









INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES (SESSION 4)- GENDER PRISONS AND THE PANDEMIC: STORIES FROM THE ENGLISH PRISONS

The Department of Political Science organised the 4th session of the series of International lectures on 'Global Dialogues on Gender and Politics. It was held on 26th September 2022 at 5:00 PM on the Zoom platform.

Ms Angelique Mulholland presented the session on "Gender, Prisons and the Pandemic—Stories from English Prisons" incredibly well.

The speaker highlighted the vulnerability of men in a hypermasculine situation, like in prisons where we see that adult males who were not hegemonic masculine suffered discrimination and low self-esteem. Also, the arguments were based on substantive studies in the English prison.

Further questions were asked based on the study. The session was really an insight into the perspective of how these behaviours change in different social settings. Here, the speaker highlighted the intersectionality inside the prisons and how that affects each person differently.

The session concluded with some reflection by the audience and intriguing questions that were taken up for discussion, followed by Bhumika Nagpal's Vote of Thanks.

The session was very insightful and thought-provoking. The speaker was overwhelmed by the students' interactive responses.



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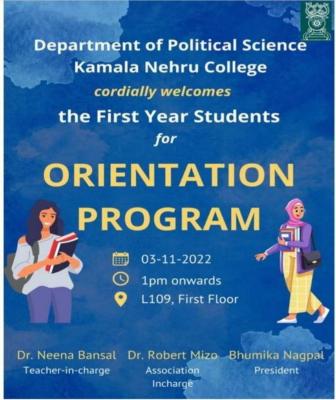
DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR THE BATCH 2022-26

The Department of Political Science on November 3, 2022 conducted the Orientation Program for the Batch of 2022-2026 under supervision of Dr. Neena Bansal (Teacher-in-charge) to make them acquainted with the teacher faculty of the political science department, disciplines and curriculum, ways to proceed, rules and regulations of the department that proved to be an enriching start for the new joined students of the department.

All the faculty members of the department introduced themselves along with their specialisations and helped and encouraged students about the intriguing course and the merits of being a part of the political science department of Kamala Nehru College

This was followed by the introduction of the student union, where they interacted with the new batch, making them comfortable with the college environment by sharing their interesting past experiences and suggestions for coping with the change in accommodation methods.







BOOK DISCUSSION ON US STRATEGY AND INDIA: INTEREST, POLICY AND MEDIA

On November 18, 2022, the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College successfully organised the Book Discussion on "US Strategy and India: Interest, Policy and Media", authored by Prof. Shanta N. Varma.

The chairperson, Sujit Dutta, inaugurated the session by highlighting the importance of independent foreign policy in affirming one's position in international politics. He also highlighted the major implications of the book and marked it as well articulated and analysed.

Prof Shanta focused on the dual level of analysis presented in her book. Highlighting the emergence of America as a noble hegemony, she took us through the ups and downs of foreign relations from 1947 to the present.

Dr. Neena Bansal (teacher-in-charge) discussed the session, followed by the students' questions, which turned out to be very thoughtful and solicitous. The speaker was overwhelmed by the audience's interactive engagement.

The session was concluded with the formal Vote of Thanks given by Dishita Srivastava (Treasurer).







PARLIAMENT VISIT on 3rd December 2022,

Under the exemplary initiative taken up by PRIDE, Lok Sabha Secretariat for "Participation of youth of our country in paying homage to our national leaders on their birth anniversary in the Parliament House 9 students from the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi had an opportunity to visit Parliament of India accompanied by two faculty members Dr. K K Roul (Students' Association-in-charge) and Anima Sonkar to pay homage to our first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his birth anniversary. This visit was coordinated by Dr. Neena Bansal (teacher-in-charge).

With a warm welcome the students were enlightened about the supreme history and knowledge of the structure through a parliamentary tour by the dignitaries providing details about the Past, Present and Future of the parliament from dating back to the making of the constitution with the tour to central hall to the present working of the parliament by briefings of the two houses- Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha till explaining the model structure of the future parliament- central vista.

Event organized by PRIDE was held in the central hall to pay homage to Dr Prasad where young generation from across the country were invited to participate in the form through expression of words, ethics and diverse culture. Through this event students not only witnessed the magnificent structure of the central hall with the historic essence of the

constituent assembly and ideas of the leaders but also experienced magnificent speech given by young political enthusiasts about our first ever president and his life aspects.

The visit helped the students acquire knowledge about the political history of the country and national leaders like Dr. Prasad with their immense contribution to nation building. In today's digital world students spent a memorable day in the parliament house experiencing the true essence and history with full attention. The impactful session ended with distribution of gifts and arrangement of lunch for the students.









ELECTION SURVEY IN GUJRAT AND DELHI

Elections and voting behaviour of any country truly depicts the political aspect of the nation specifically in context of India, the World's Largest democracy. As part of the continuous initiative and a golden opportunity for young budding political analysts, The students of 2nd year of Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College successfully conducted election surveys for Gujarat and Delhi under the aegis of Centre for Global Studies (CGS).

47 students of the department were guided by Mr Ashish Shukla for the telephonic survey in Surat, Gujarat, which began on November 26, 2022.

Wherein 8 students were selected for conducting offline surveys for Delhi MCD elections in their respective wards under the guidance of Ms. Drishti on November 29, 2022.



THAT'S DEBATABLE: INTRA COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION

The Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, organised an intra-college debate competition, "That's Debatable," on the topic 'Technology a Threat to Right to Privacy in the Emerging Digital Era' on January 25, 2023.

The event began with a warm welcome of the judges, Dr. Vaishali Narula and Dr. Sanjay, along with Dr. Neena Bansal (TIC), Dr. K K Roul (Students' Association-in-charge) and Dr. Nupur Ray. The event saw stern stances from both sides. The participants also got a chance to interject, which made the competition more lively. The audience was intrigued by the arguments presented by our starling participants.

This was followed by some insightful words and the announcement of results by our judges. The event was concluded by a hearty vote of thanks to the judges, Teacher-in-charge, Students' Association-in-charge, and all those who helped to make it a successful one.





LECTURE ON GANDHI AND ENVIRONMENT BY DR. ANIL DUTTA MISHRA

As a continuous initiative towards knowledge development of individual as well as the community, the Department of Political Science organized a exemplary "LECTURE ON GANDHI AND ENVIRONMENT" by Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra, a profound Gandhian Scholar to enlighten the students about the perspective of Gandhi on the environment on 30th January 2023 (Monday) under the guidance of the Teacher In Charge- Dr. Neena Bansal and Students' Association-In-Charge- Dr. K K Roul.

The event began with a warm welcome to the Guest speaker Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra along with Dr. Neena Bansal (TIC), Dr. K.K. Roul (Students' Association-in-charge), faculty members and audience followed by the Lamp Lightening Ceremony. Dishita Srivastava (treasurer) and Diya Srivastava (Vice- President) were the comparers for the event.

The Spiritual and Value Education (SAVE) Awardee, Dr Anil Dutta Mishra is a distinguished Gandhian Scholar and writer in the academic world as he is a rare combination of intellectualism and activism. Through his Gandhian visionary, Dr Anil Dutta Mishra presented the perspective of – practice as you preach (famously marked by mahatma) and how Gandhi ji used the ancient wisdom in modern context of human life with the farsighted view of environment conservation and sustainability.

"The earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not any man's greed" – Mahatma Gandhi

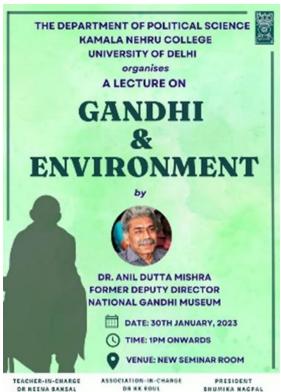
In light of the views of mahatma on environment, Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra highlighted the several reasons and causes of environmental problems and discussed about the Gandhian Ethics (commitment to environmental duties) with the students in order too make the young women aware about their duty towards environment and how are humans supposed to react in respect to nature.

The insightful Lecture was followed by an interactive question session with the audience in and around the theme of Gandhi and Environment. The event was formally concluded by a Vote Of Thanks given by Bhumika Nagpal (president) to the Guest Speaker, Teacher-incharge, Association-in-charge, faculty members and all those who helped make the event successful.











VISIT TO PRADHANMANTRI SANGRAHALAYA

The Department of Political Science visited the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, situated in central Delhi, Teen Murti Marg, on 2nd February 2023. The department professors, Dr Neena Bansal (teacher-in-charge), Dr KK. Roul (Students' Association-in-charge), and Dr.Nupur Ray, accompanied 30 students to the museum.

The museum reflected the life insights of the country's Prime Ministers, from Jawaharlal Nehru to Narendra Modi, be it PM Nehru's study room or the gifts received by PM Modi from dignitaries across the world.

The museum excellently presented the rich history and the freedom struggle of our nation in an extremely elaborate manner. Apart from the gifts, the Sangrahalaya with an explicit infrastructure and modern technological presentation proved to be informative and made every student curious for instance, in one column it showed the different bills passed by the Prime Ministers across history and how it changed the course of time then I, which intrigued every student's minds.

The visit proved to be extremely educational for each and every student and was marked as memorable and a great opportunity for the political enthusiasts.







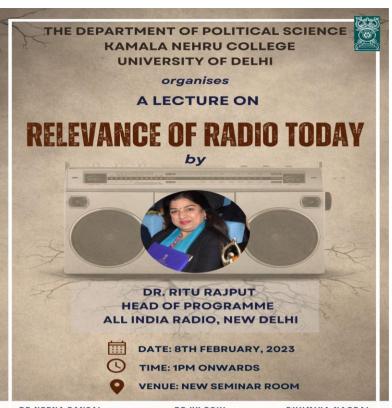


LECTURE ON THE RELEVANCE OF RADIO BY DR. RITU RAJPUT

On 8th February 2023, the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College organised a lecture on Relevance of Radio Today by Dr. Ritu Rajput under the guidance of Dr. Neena Bansal (Teacher-in-charge), Dr. K K Roul (Students' Association-in-charge) and other faculty members. Dr. Ritu Rajput was the Head of Programme (Retd.), All India Radio, New Delhi.

The event began with a welcome of the speaker by the host, which was followed by a felicitation of the guest by the department teacher-in-charge, Dr. Neena Bansal. The session threw light on how radio has been an integral part of Indian society and how, since the national movement, it has played an essential role in Indian politics. It was organised in honour of our late former Principal, Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, who served as the All-India Radio newsreader for many years. Dr. Rajput went on to explain the deeper nuances of radio, its accessibility, the role it plays during the elections, and how it has been part of the everyday life of particularly the rural Indians during calamities where the internet is not available. The debate between television, radio, and speeches is made. For example, the polio policy, where radio had propagated the idea of ' do boond jivan ka'.

The lecture saw high student participation, which made the atmosphere interactive. The students were elated to learn facts that extended beyond books, which made the question round interesting. The event was concluded by a formal Vote of Thanks by Anoushka Sharan (General Secretary of the Department).



DR NEENA BANSAL TEACHER-IN-CHARGE DR KK ROUL ASSOCIATION-IN-CHARGE BHUMIKA NAGPAL PRESIDENT





