

# Department of Political Science Annual Report 2023-2024

## 1. ORIENTATION | 18/08/2023



With the onset of the new academic session and admission procedures, the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, welcomed the students of this batch. The orientation of the concerned batch took place on 18 August 2023 to familiarise students with their academic curriculum, the course outline, and the rules and regulations of the institution. The orientation programme was successfully conducted under the guidance of the Teacher in Charge, Dr Neena Bansal, and the Association in Charge, Dr Kamalakanta Roul.

The hosts introduced the session, which Dr. Vaishali Narula led. She discussed attendance policy, grading standards, NEP-based course structure, and other relevant information. The students actively engaged in dialogue by asking questions and expressing concerns to their lecturers.

As the session concluded, Dr. Neena Bansal, the head of the Department of Political Science, gave students an overview of the college's operations and procedures. She emphasized the importance of punctuality, respect, confidence, independence, and empowerment. The students appreciated her address.

## 2. QUIZOPOLITAN | 26/09/2023



In partnership with the Kaleidoscope Quiz Society, the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, organized an intra-college quiz competition on September 26, 2023. The theme of the competition was "Two Decades of G20," aimed at educating students about the developments that have taken place since the organization's founding in 1999. Dr. Neena Bansal, the Teacher in charge, and Dr. Kamalakanta Roul, the Association in charge, expertly guided the competition, resulting in a successful event.

The competition began with a warm introduction by Rashmi Verma, supported by Iram Ali. After the preliminary round conducted by Iram Ali and Shreya, only eight teams advanced to the next stage. Round 2 had three distinct rounds, each moderated by Yashaswee, Aishwarya Verma, and Khushjit.

The competition ended with positive feedback from participants. The winners received certificates at a prize distribution ceremony on September 29th, 2023, presented by Dr. Neena Bansal and Dr. Kamalakanta Roul.

### 3. INTRA-COLLEGE BILINGUAL DEBATE | 11/10/2023



In light of the increasing prevalence of science and technology, Kamala Nehru College's Department of Political Science recently hosted an engaging intra-college bilingual debate competition. The event delved into the topic of AI and technology, with the motion being "AI-Enabled Cloning, Chatbots, and Other AI-Based Technology: Deception for Sale in the Contemporary World." The department union, led by Teacher in Charge Dr. Neena Bansal and Association in Charge Dr. Kamalakanta Roul, successfully organized the event on October 11th, 2023.

Aishwarya Verma hosted the event and welcomed the judges, Mr. Saket Kumar Dubey and Mr. Inderjeet Singh, along with other faculty members. The participants were briefed on the rules and code of conduct for the event.

Participants presented their perspectives for or against the motion, with 3 minutes to speak and a 1-minute interjection round. Judges also participated in the interjection round.

As the competition drew to a close, the judges eloquently expressed their thoughts on the motion of the competition and declared the names of the well-deserving winners. Finally, our host engaged with the participants and received positive feedback on the successful execution of the event.

#### **4. PANEL DISCUSSION ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE | 16/10/2023**



The Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College organized an enlightening and engaging panel discussion on Career Opportunities in Political Science. The event was successfully organized under the guidance of the Teacher in charge -Dr Neena Bansal and the Association in charge -Dr. Kamalakanta Roul.

The proceedings commenced with Shreya Soni, the host, extending a warm welcome to the esteemed guest of honour, Dr Vijay K. Verma, an associate professor of Political Science at Dyal Singh College (University of Delhi). The event was graced by the presence of several other faculty members, and a significant number of students actively participated in the discussion, culminating in a resounding success.

Dr Vijay K. Verma shared his valuable experience with the students and discussed diverse career paths in political science. The Teacher in charge also engaged in a thoughtful conversation with the speaker. The session ended with a Q&A session, during which students interacted with the speaker and gained a deeper awareness of the opportunities available to them.

The event concluded with our host giving a vote of thanks to the speaker, the management, and the audience, who made it a complete success with their presence.



## 5. CARTOON MAKING COMPETITION | 18/10/2023



The Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, recently hosted a successful Cartoon-making competition on October 18th, 2023. Against the backdrop of growing tensions between India and Canada in the geopolitical arena, the theme of the event was "India-Canada relations." This satirical approach provided a thought-provoking critique of the flaws, mistakes, and hypocrisy of the current political situation, while also encouraging students to become more aware and engaged in framing their views on the matter.

The Department President Rashi Verma welcomed everyone and explained the competition rules. A plagiarism check was conducted to ensure fairness. Each participant presented their unique ideas. The competition was timed for one hour, with a 20-minute reference period.

The Political Science Department congratulates the department union for their victory. Special thanks to Dr. Neena Bansal and Dr. Kamalakanta Roul for their support. Soniya Singh, Salon i, and Smriti Singh won the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes, respectively.

## 6. WORKSHOP ON THE CONSTITUTION DAY | 28/11/2023



Commemorating the 74th anniversary of Samvidhan Divas, the political science association of Kamala Nehru College hosted an interactive lecture with renowned political scientist, Dr. Himanshu Roy. The event was made successful with the guidance and knowledge of Dr. Neena Bansal, Teacher in Charge, and Dr. Kamalakanta Roul, Associate in Charge.

The proceedings commenced with Dr Neena Bansal extending a warm welcome to the esteemed guests, followed by an enlightening introductory speech by Iram Ali. Dr Himanshu then delved into the significance of the Cabinet Mission, Objectives Resolution, and the pivotal first elections that played a crucial role in shaping the destiny of our nation. The discussion covered crucial aspects of the Constitution's creation, including debates of the Constituent Assembly, the development of components like linguistic provinces and minority rights, and the role of religion. B.R. Ambedkar's contribution was highlighted, including his presentation of the first draft and advocacy for reservations. The topic of reservations was thoroughly examined, and a comprehensive overview of its history and compelling arguments were presented on both sides. The event ended with a lively Q&A, covering inaccurate translations of political terms and the reservation system, with Dr Himanshu providing informative answers.

The workshop proceeded with the presentation of a survey report on the level of constitutional consciousness among the general public, which was conducted by students under the expert guidance of Dr Vaishali Narula and Dr Kamala Kant Roul. The report was presented academically, with a focus on rigorous analysis and interpretation of the data collected.

## **7. WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL DYNAMICS, INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND CLIMATE CHANGE | 29/11/2023**



Keeping up with the academic fervour, the Department of Political Science of Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, successfully organised a workshop titled 'Global Dynamics: India's Foreign Policy and Climate Change' on 29th November, 2023. This workshop consisted of two sessions:

#### Session-1: Inter College Student's Paper Presentation

Amidst the growing concern over the impact of climate change on global issues, students from several colleges in Delhi recently delivered presentations on the subject. Their focus was on the adverse effects of climate change on biodiversity, with particular emphasis on population growth, resource depletion, chemical pollution, artificial intelligence, conflicts and wars, and greenhouse gas emissions. Each student was allotted five minutes for their presentation, followed by an additional minute for questions and answers.

Presentations on climate change were given, emphasizing the urgency of addressing this global crisis. Winners were announced, with Himanshu Sharma (IGNOU) taking first place, Anushka Dwivedi (Kamala Nehru College) taking second place, and Srishti Sharma (Kamala Nehru College) taking third place.

#### Session 2: Special Lecture on India's Foreign Policy and Climate Change

A special lecture on India's Foreign Policy and Climate Change was organised by the Department of Political Science. The guests were felicitated by the Teacher in Charge, Dr. Neena Bansal, with a token of appreciation.

Professor Shanta Nedungadi spoke on 'India's foreign policy scripting new dynamics'. She emphasized that India's foreign affairs have undergone a tectonic shift in the last 9 years, with policies now aligned with national interests and aimed at proactive engagement in global decision-making. She commended the government for its active involvement in rescue operations and support during international crises, such as the Vaccine Maitri program, humanitarian aid during the war, and rescue missions. In conclusion, she highlighted the diplomatic success of the Modi-Jaishankar Duo with their strategic engagements with various regions like West Asia, Africa, and Southeast Asia, fostering strong bilateral relations and significant investments.

Dr. Robert Mizo gave a thought-provoking speech on Climate Politics, emphasizing the importance of fair resource distribution and international cooperation in addressing climate change.

The session ended with students raising questions and concerns. Prof. Shanta and others appreciated the successful completion of the event. The Department of Political

Science congratulates the departmental union for their remarkable triumph. Special thanks to Dr. Neena Bansal and Dr. Kamalakanta Roul for their invaluable guidance and support.

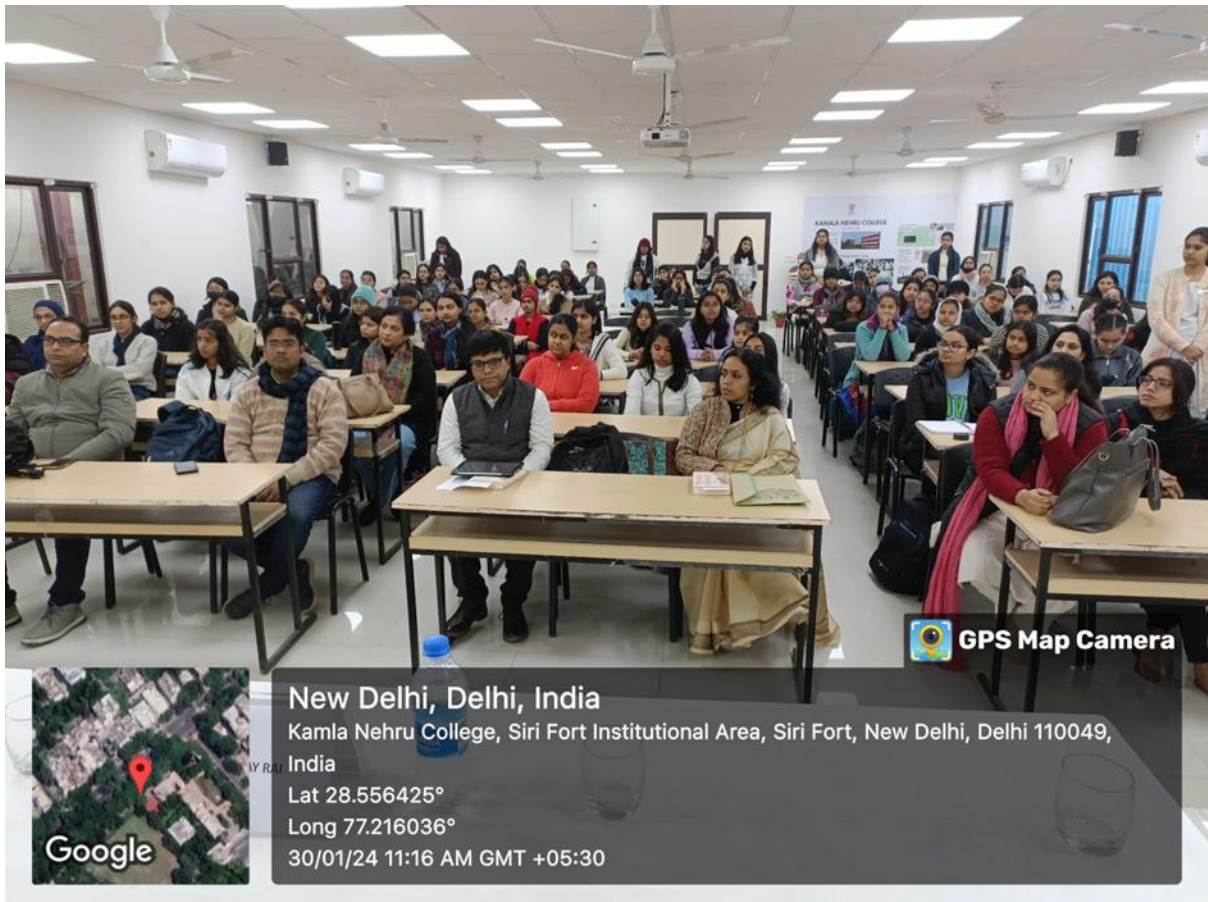
The Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, has continued its tradition of fostering academic excellence and intellectual discourse through a diverse range of events and initiatives throughout the year.

### **Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrs' Day**

On January 30, 2024, the Department of Political Science celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrs' Day with a book discussion on 'Poorna Swaraj'. The book is edited by Dr. Dhananjay Rai and published by Penguin India, New Delhi. The event began with the observation of a two-minute silence to commemorate the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This was followed by a beautiful tribute, in the form of a Gandhi Vandan by students.

Dr. Dhananjay Rai, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Central University Gujarat, began the discussion by recounting Gandhi's history, from his return to India after his studies, to his fearless and non-violent resistance against the British until independence was finally achieved. Dr. Rai elaborated on how Gandhi believed that Poorna Swaraj was a constant process and could only be fully achieved once all strata of society felt truly free. He dived into the more profound philosophies of Gandhi's thinking, speaking of differences between 'proper' and 'practical' philosophy, with Gandhi ascribing to the latter more than most. Dr Rai especially praised Gandhi for breaking the rigidity of protocol and highlighted the contrast between him and other political thinkers: Gandhi focused more on a transformative, practical, and realistic form of society. Dr Rai also heavily focused on Gandhi's famed Constructive Program, which focused on elements such as communal harmony, removal of untouchability, sanitation, and other things such as economic equality. Although the constructive programmes did not spread widely, Dr. Rai praised how these ideas are still implemented and respected worldwide. The event was further enhanced by its interactive part, where students asked questions with great vigour, answered by Dr Dhananjay in an informative manner.





To Commemorate the Martyrs' Day



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# BOOK DISCUSSION ON GANDHI'S POORNA SWARAJ



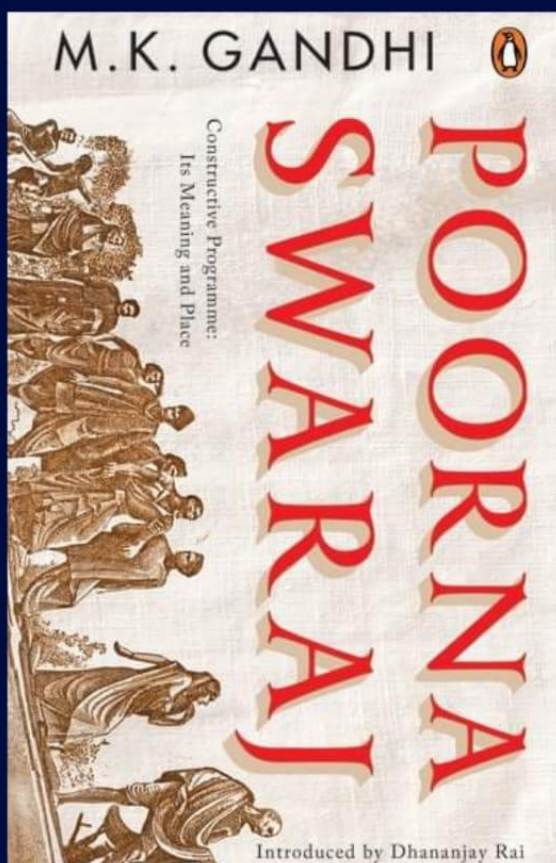
**SPEAKER**

Dr. Dhananjay Rai  
Visiting Fellow, CSDS  
& Assistant Professor  
Gujarat Central University

**SESSION I:** Gandhi Vandan

**SESSION II:** Book Discussion  
& Display of Books

Dr. Nupur Ray  
**COORDINATOR**



10:30 AM  
ONWARDS



30 JANUARY, 2024  
TUESDAY



NEW SEMINAR ROOM

PROF. KALPANA BHAKUNI  
PRINCIPAL

DR MEENA KUMARI  
TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

DR KK ROUL  
ASSOCIATION-IN-CHARGE

RASHI VERMA  
PRESIDENT

On February 21, 2024, the department organized an Intra-College Debate Competition focusing on the 'Role of Global Diplomacy in resolving the Israel-Palestine Conflict'. The event was coordinated by Dr. Meena Kumari, Teacher-In-Charge and Dr. K.K. Roul, Association-In-Charge. It was aimed to encourage insightful discourse and critical thinking among students.



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INTRA COLLEGE BILINGUAL

# DEBATE COMPETITION

**MOTION:**

**Assessing the  
role of global  
diplomacy in  
resolving the  
Israel-Palestine  
conflict/war**



SCAN THE CODE  
TO REGISTER



TIME: 1:30 PM  
(ECA BREAK)



21 FEBRUARY, 2024



VENUE: L109

DR MEENA KUMARI  
TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

DR KK ROUL  
ASSOCIATION-IN-CHARGE

RASHI VERMA  
PRESIDENT



On April 26, the department organised its Annual Department Day, Politik on “Women’s Representation in Parliament”. This event featured a diverse range of activities aimed at fostering dialogue, creativity, and advocacy within the realm of politics. The day commenced with an inaugural lecture focusing on Women's Representation in Parliament, a pivotal topic reflecting the department's commitment to gender equality and political empowerment. Renowned Political Scientist and Principal, Prof. Rajendra Kumar Pandey from Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi, graced the occasion as the guest speaker. His insightful discourse delved into the historical and contemporary challenges faced by women in political spheres, shedding light on the persistent gender disparities within legislative bodies. The lecture, preceded by traditional rituals including the lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, offered a thought-provoking exploration of the complexities surrounding women's participation in governance.

A highlight of Politik’24 was the short filmmaking competition. Under the theme "Unbroken Spirits: A Women's Journey Through Adversity," participants were tasked with crafting narratives that celebrated the resilience and strength of women in the face of adversity. Guided by Dr. Meena Kumari and Dr. K.K. Roul, the competition showcased an impressive array of creative expressions, ranging from documentaries to voiceover pieces. Team A, comprising Palak Dedha and Ojasvi Singh, emerged victorious, their film resonating deeply with the theme's essence. Politik'24 also featured a compelling presentation of policy proposals, with a focus on combating human trafficking. Teams presented pragmatic solutions to address this pressing issue, emphasizing gender disparities and the imperative for decisive action. The event facilitated in-depth discussions on the root causes and potential interventions to combat human trafficking. The interactive nature of the session allowed for robust engagement with the judges, enriching the dialogue and fostering critical thinking among participants. Students showcased their oratory skills and depth of knowledge in the Extempore competition themed "Women Representation in the Parliament." With topics selected to prompt reflection on gender equality and political participation, participants eloquently articulated their perspectives, impressing both judges and audience alike. The event served as a platform for intellectual discourse and impassioned advocacy, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.



The festivities culminated in an exhilarating Open Mic event, where creativity and expression took centre stage. Under the guidance of our Principal Prof. Kalpana Bhakuni and Dr. Meena Kumari, Dr. KK Roul students showcased their talents through a variety of performances, including dance, poetry recitations, musical renditions, and more. The event, adjudicated by esteemed professors including Ambar Ahmad, Deepak Sir, and Shubham Sir, epitomized the spirit of inclusivity and artistic diversity. Participants from diverse backgrounds came together to celebrate culture, talent, and the vibrant community spirit of Kamala Nehru College.





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ORGANISES

**POLITIK'24**

**THE ANNUAL DEPARTMENT DAY**

AN INAUGURAL LECTURE BY

**PROF. RAJENDRA KUMAR PANDEY**

Political Scientist and  
Principal, Deshbandhu College



**TOPIC: WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION  
IN PARLIAMENT**



26th April, 2024



10:00 am onwards



Auditorium

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TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

DR KK ROUL  
ASSOCIATION-IN-CHARGE

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