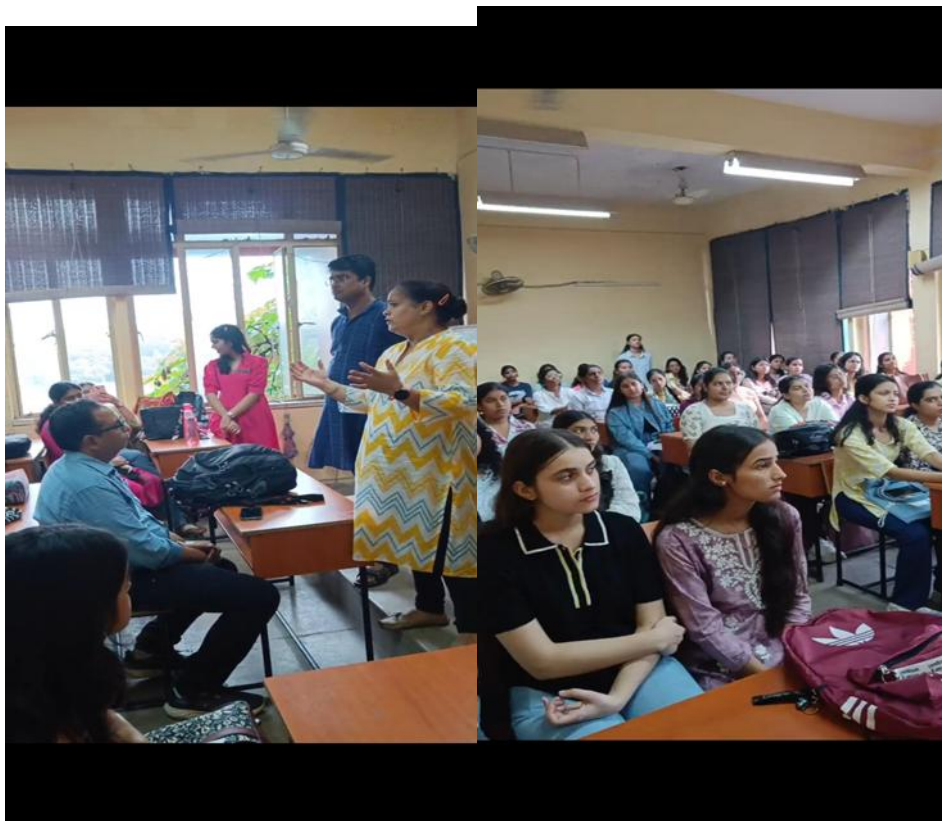


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On August 29, 2024, the Department of Political Science organized an interaction event for freshers. It was conducted in the presence of the teacher-in-charge, Dr. Meena Kumari, the Association-In-Charge, Dr. KK Roul, and other faculty members. The objective of this interaction was to welcome new students and help them acclimate to the department. It also encouraged interaction between faculty and students.



On September 9, 2024, the Political Science Department of Kamala Nehru College conducted an Orientation Session for the freshers to give them a brief introduction about our department, syllabus, timetable and curricular and extra-curricular activities. The event was made successful under the guidance and knowledge of Dr. Meena Kumari, Teacher-in-Charge, and Dr. KK Roul, Association-In-Charge. During the orientation, the freshers were informed about the NEP (2020) structure. It was followed by a detailed plan of action, which

made the students acquainted with their subjects. The faculty members of the department also talked about the credit system and the paper pattern of each subject.



On September 14, 2024, students from the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, were accompanied by Ms. Usha Kiran to attend a stimulating session organized by the National Gandhi Museum as part of its monthly lecture series. The lecture, titled “Interpreting Postmodernist Ideas of Gandhi”, provided valuable insights into the intersection of Gandhian philosophy with postmodernist thought, opening up new avenues for academic discourse.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. KK Roul, a distinguished faculty member from Kamala Nehru College’s Political Science Department. Dr. Roul focused particularly on Gandhi’s seminal work *Hind Swaraj*, examining its relevance through the lens of postmodernist philosophy. He began by explaining the development of postmodernist ideas, defining postmodernism as an approach that seeks to understand multiple perspectives on reality, challenging traditional, singular narratives—especially those from the West. Dr. Roul highlighted how postmodernism critically disrupts the dominance of Western ideas and paves the way for alternative viewpoints.







On 2nd October 2024, the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, organized a field trip to the National Gandhi Museum, situated near Delhi Gate Metro Station, New Delhi. The visit was planned to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's contributions to India's freedom struggle. The event was organized under the guidance of our Teacher-in-Charge, Dr. Meena Kumari, and Association In-Charge, Dr. K.K. Roul. The students were accompanied by Dr. Kamal, Dr. Priyanka Tanwar and Dr. Smita Tiwary. This field trip was an enriching experience for all the participants, offering valuable insights into Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence and truth. It deepened our understanding of his significant role in India's freedom struggle and his influence on the world.



On September 6, 2024, the Department of Political Science organized an insightful field trip to the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial, Alipur Road, Delhi. The trip aimed to enhance students' understanding of Ambedkar's ideas and their impact on contemporary social and political landscapes. A total of sixty students were accompanied by the Association-In-Charge, Dr. KK Roul and Miss Usha Kiran, a faculty member. Upon arrival, the students were divided into groups of 10 people each, headed by an Association member.

At the entrance, the students were greeted by knowledgeable guides who provided an overview of the museum exhibits. The museum showcased various artefacts, photographs, and documents that chronicle Dr. Ambedkar's journey, from his early life to his significant role in advocating for the rights of marginalised communities. Highlights of the visit included a detailed exhibit on the drafting of the Indian Constitution, emphasizing Dr Ambedkar's vision of equality and justice. Students engaged in discussions about the relevance of Ambedkar's ideas in today's socio-political context, particularly in relation to caste discrimination and social justice. The museum also had a meditation hall with a sculpture of Gautam Buddha in the centre, which added to the serene effect of the museum. The students, along with the faculty members, practised meditation for a while, adding to their experience. The trip fostered an interactive learning environment, with students encouraged to ask questions and reflect on Dr. Ambedkar's philosophies. Many expressed newfound appreciation for his commitment to human rights and social reform. The field trip to the Dr Ambedkar Memorial proved to be an enriching experience, reinforcing students' understanding of political thought through the lens of historical context, aligning with the department's educational objectives.





On October 18, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College organized a movie screening and speaker session on “ Intersection and Representation of Gender, Class and Caste” with special emphasis on decoding “Laapata Ladies: Cinema and Society”. The objective of this event was to acquaint the attendees with the ever-changing gender dynamics and class roles of women and their empowerment amongst the community. The discussion was also held alongside a dissection of the movie “Laapata ladies” exploring women’s agency in rural India.

The event kicked off with the introduction and felicitation of the guest speaker Ms Ishita Singh Rajput. Ms Rajput is a reporter of Hindustan Times and earlier worked as a journalist in NDTV 24x7. The session covered the larger issues of women’s autonomy and portrayal in rural India. It moved forward with Ms Ishita Singh Rajput unfolding themes and symbolising GHOONGHAT, as both a restrictive and liberative force wrapped in the sheets of comic relief. This was

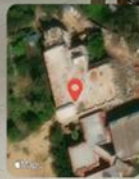
also complemented with an interactive audience all set with an answer to the questions that slyly barged in, covering gender, identity, class, and their existence. Followed by the speaker session was a movie screening of “Laapata Ladies” for the audience to visually comprehend the musings previously discussed. The movie portrayed two protagonists, Phool and Jaya, both with different sets of dreams, highlighting impressions of sisterhood, the concept of a *changed woman*, and how the system of controls often backfires.





On October 21, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, organised its first-ever inter-college podcast competition, POLITALK. This was held under the esteemed presence of our Teacher-In-Charge, Dr Meena Kumari, and Association-In-Charge, Dr KK Roul, serving its purpose of providing platforms to students to showcase their cognitive abilities and talents across all colleges. The event commenced with lighting the lamp of knowledge and wisdom, witnessing the presence of Ms Swapnil and Mr Manoj Kumar, the faculty from Kamala Nehru College itself, judging participants on various cohesive parameters to base the results. The competition had 3 significant podcast themes: Kamala Nehru- feminising the freedom struggle, the silent echoes of partition, one nation, one election. The rules were laid out for the participants wherein each team was assigned 5 mins of performance time.





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**Kamala Nehru : Feminising the
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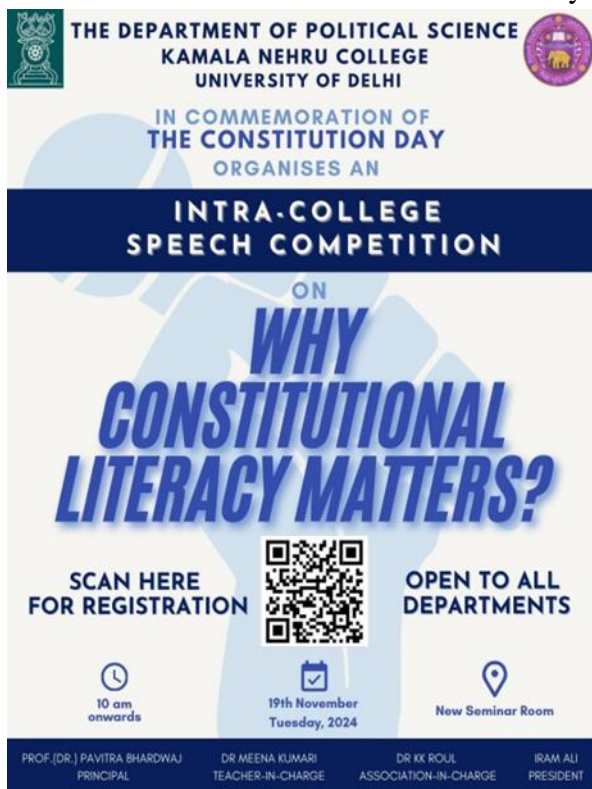
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On November 26, 2024, celebrating the 75th Constitution Day, the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College hosted an inspiring intra-college speech competition on "Why Constitutional Literacy Matters" in the New Seminar Room. The competition aimed to emphasise the significance of the Indian Constitution while offering students a platform to express their ideas, creativity, and public speaking skills. The event garnered participation from various departments of Kamala Nehru College, reflecting a shared enthusiasm for constitutional awareness. The proceedings were followed by an introduction to the event's theme. Each speaker brought a unique perspective to the table, exploring why understanding the Constitution is vital for a democratic society. Students eloquently discussed the Constitution's role in empowering citizens, fostering inclusivity, and safeguarding fundamental rights.

The highlight of the event was the participation of Dr. KK Roul, the Association in Charge of the department, who offered valuable insights, enriching the participants' understanding of effective public speaking. The enthusiasm and preparation demonstrated by the participants created a vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment. The competition concluded with Mr. Kumar, the esteemed judge lauding the participants for their efforts and sharing some insightful perspectives. Winners were announced and celebrated for their exceptional performances, embodying the spirit of the event and the importance of constitutional awareness. This event not only celebrated the 75th Constitution Day but also ignited a sense of responsibility among the students toward understanding and upholding the Indian Constitution. The event was not just a celebration but a step toward empowering individuals with knowledge that defines the framework of our democracy.





The Department of Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, in collaboration with Madhursmriti, the alumni association of the college, organised its first-ever departmental alumni meet, Polinexus'24, on 30th November, 2024, witnessing alumni from batches of 1986 to 2024. This was held under the esteemed presence of our Principal, Dr Pavitra Bhardwaj, Teacher in charge, Dr Meena Kumari and Association in charge, Dr KK Roul and other faculty members recollecting and reminiscing memories down the memory lane.

The event unfolded in stages spanning over two hours, with a panel discussion followed by a cultural performance. The panel, which included two alumni from the 1986 batch and one from the recent batch of 2024, was felicitated with plants, a symbol of KNC's greens. The alumni from the 1986 batch went on to overwhelmingly recollect epiphanies of the past while pictures flashed on the screen. To quote them, make memories before you become one'.

Followed by the panel discussion, there was a beautifully presented Shiv Tandav Stotram, which left the audience mesmerized. Subsequently, we had a fun game involving "guess the spot", which participants in a literal sense nailed, proving that YOU CAN TAKE A STUDENT OUT OF KNC BUT YOU CAN NEVER TAKE KNC OUT OF A KNCITE. The alumni were also handed over the mikes to share their favourite memory of college, which came out in several emotional and enjoyable moments. Next, there were captivating Bollywood dance performances, with dazzling duets that ignited a sense of joy and exhilaration and had the audience grooving. With the event in its last leg, handmade souvenirs were given out to the alumni, also paralleled with a cake-cutting ceremony, hoping to see them again while bidding adieu with a heavy heart.







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ALUMNI MEET

Come aboard the memory train!



Relive the golden moments, catch up
with old batch mates, Professors and
memories of the days gone by!

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AUDITORIUM

On April 17, 2025, the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, inaugurated its annual departmental fest, Politik 2025, with a distinguished speaker session. Held under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Meena Kumari, Teacher-in-Charge, and Dr. K.K. Roul, Associate-in-Charge, the event set a thought-provoking tone for the fest with an insightful lecture by a notable guest speaker.

The session featured Mr. P.K. Das, former Director General of the Election Commission of India, whose extensive expertise in India's electoral processes enriched the discourse. Mr. Das delivered a compelling lecture titled "Democracy and the Conduct of Free and Fair Elections," offering a deep dive into the intricacies of democratic governance and electoral integrity.

The lecture commenced with an exploration of the fundamental question, "What is democracy?" Mr. Das elucidated the core principles that underpin a democratic system, setting the stage for a nuanced discussion. He then delved into the logistical and financial complexities of conducting elections in a vast and diverse nation like India, highlighting the substantial costs involved and the meticulous planning required to ensure accessibility. A striking example was his reference to Nagaland, where elections are diligently conducted even for a single eligible voter, underscoring the commitment to inclusivity.

A key focus of Mr. Das's address was the rising prevalence of electoral freebies, examining their appeal to voters and their broader implications for governance and electoral fairness. He critically analyzed how such practices influence democratic processes, sparking reflection among the audience. Additionally, Mr. Das addressed the role of technology in elections, candidly stating, "EVMs are as vulnerable as ballot boxes," prompting a deeper consideration of trust and transparency in electronic voting systems. He concluded with a powerful remark: "To neutralize EVMs, you must neutralize elections," emphasizing that the integrity of the electoral process transcends the tools used.

The session culminated in an engaging question-and-answer segment, where students and faculty actively participated, posing thoughtful queries and sparking lively discussions with Mr. Das. His responses further enriched the dialogue, leaving attendees with a deeper appreciation for the complexities of democratic elections. The speaker session of Politik 2025 not only illuminated critical aspects of India's electoral framework but also inspired meaningful intellectual exchange, setting a high standard for the fest's subsequent events.



FAREWELL- POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT 2025

On April 24, 2025, the 2nd-year students of the Department of Political Science at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, organised a departmental farewell for the seniors and the outgoing batch (2022- 2025). Held under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Meena Kumari, Teacher-in-Charge, and Dr. K.K. Roul, Associate-in-Charge, the event was to give a heartfelt send-off to our seniors and relive their old memories through stories, photos, and laughter.

The event began with a formal welcome from the general secretary, which was followed by fun activities. The room was filled with laughter, fun, and emotional moments. The purpose of this gathering was to bid a heartfelt goodbye to our seniors, to thank them for their guidance and friendship, and to wish them success as they move on to a new chapter in life. Students gave their seniors tokens of love from their side.

The event had cultural activities like dance performances, a heartfelt poem on farewell by Shivali (2nd year student) expressing her admiration and appreciation for the seniors, an open stage for the seniors to share their experiences, journeys and further plans. Seniors enjoyed every performance as they were able to relive their memories. The event was then followed by the cutting of a farewell cake. A photo booth was set up where everyone took pictures to capture the joy of the moment.

The event concluded with a farewell song that lightened the atmosphere, followed up by a group photo and a round of applause for the Class of 2025. The atmosphere was light-hearted but also emotional, as goodbyes were exchanged and promises made to stay in touch. Overall, the farewell was a memorable success, and we were grateful for the support and permission of Meena ma'am and K.K. sir to help us organise it.





