

## **POLITIK'18**

The **Department of Political Science** organised its Annual Department Day, '**POLITIK' 2018** on **24th JAN 2018**. The theme of the event was '**Women and Work in India: Issues and Challenges**'. Statistics mention that, 'If the number of women who quit jobs in India between 2004 and 2012 was a city, it would be 19.6 million strong and the third most populated in the world after Shanghai and Beijing. Saddening numbers like these offer an alarming concern towards the issue of "**women and work in India**".

The department had the gracious presence of **Ms. Renana Jhabvala, Chairperson of SEWA Bharat** to discuss over the issue. Renana Jhabvala is an Indian social worker, who has not only dedicated herself in empowering women but has also provided structural help in policy making for women and their betterment. She threw light on the burning question – "**Women's Reduction In Work force : Why Is It Happening?**". The discussion was chaired by Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, the former principal of Kamala Nehru College.

The event began with an interview documentary compiled by the students around the question of women and work. The students had worked really hard to gather various views around the issues by collecting interviews of the genders from different spheres of life.

This was followed by a welcome address by the Teacher In-Charge Dr. Nupur Ray. After which she requested the respected chair to start the discussion around the theme. This was followed by an enriching lecture by the guest, Ms.Jhabvala. She threw light on the various factors due to which women face constraints at workplace and how these constraints are contributing towards their reduction in the workforce.

After the lecture, the students performed a **Flash Mob** in the canteen in order to get the attention of the fellow students in the campus towards the cause of women empowerment. The gathered audience was then invited to the Chaupal for a self-directed play by the students of the department. The play titled "**Kyuki me jhoot nai bolta**" focussed on how women face harassment and exploitation at workplaces (including issues like sexual harassment, equal pay for equal work). The play was a satirical attack on how the society has various layers of truth hidden which they polish really well in order to portray themselves as a 21<sup>st</sup> century modern-liberal human.

The department also organised few inter-college competitions like **SLAM POETRY, POSTER MAKING COMPETITION AND QUIZ COMPETITION**. Students from various colleges of different universities in Delhi participated with a lot of enthusiasm.

The day was concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners of the various competitions followed by a Vote of Thanks by the Vice-President of the Political Science Association.

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