

Annual Report 2021-22
Department of Political Science

Association Activities

Department Fest- Politique

The Department of Political Science organized two-day festival **Politique** on March 8 and 9, 2022. Following events were held as part of the fest-

- **Alfaz (Inter-College Poetry Competition)**- All the participants had to select any sub-theme related to the broad theme of the Politique and write their own poems on it.
- **Tark Vitark (Inter- College Conventional Debate)**- Under this competition, the participants were assigned the topic ‘Promotion of patriarchy by Bollywood’ and tasked to speak for and against the motion.
- **Perceptions 2.0 (Inter-College Doodle Competition)**- The participants were given two extremely relevant themes in contemporary times, one on patriarchy and the other on mental health, to draw their doodles on.
- **Treasure Hunt (Fun Activity of the Department)**- In this most exciting competition, the participants had to find clues to reach the hidden treasure located in different parts of the college. This marked the end of most exhilarating Department fest Politique, 22.

Webinars and Lectures

On March 8, 2022, a webinar entitled ‘Women’s Movement in India: A Milestone’ by Prof. Krishna Menon, Gender Studies, School of Human Studies, B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi was organized as part of annual Department fest ‘Politique’. The event was in hybrid mode (online and offline) seeing the participation of large number of students and faculty members across the discipline.

On March 4, 2022, a webinar as part of *Intellectual Property Rights Series* entitled ‘Knowledge as Property: Issues in the Moral Grounding of Intellectual Property Rights’ by Prof. Rajshree Chandra was organized. Prof. Chandra eloquently explained the concept of Intellectual Property Rights from legal perspective and brought it close to the domain of political theory.

On September 27, 2021, a webinar on 'The Constitution and the Evolving Idea of Citizenship' by Prof. Anupama Roy, Centre for Political Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi was organized with the objective to spread awareness on the Constitution of India and the idea of citizenship. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which different dimensions intertwined in constitution and citizenship were brought out by the speaker in view of the contemporary developments.

To understand the contemporary international situation in Afghanistan and its implication on India, the Department Association organized an online lecture on 'Afghanistan Crisis: An Indian Perspective' on September 9, 2021. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar H.M., Department of Political Science, University of Delhi was the esteemed speaker of this event. The highly engaging interactive session aroused the curiosity of the participants who supplemented the discussion with productive comments and questions.

On July 20, 2021, the Department Association invited Dr. Anagha Ingole, Assistant Professor, Hyderabad Central University to deliver an online lecture on 'Caste *Panchayats* and Caste Politics in India'. She discussed how the caste-based hierarchies are still operative not only in general but in the context of caste *panchayats* too. The webinar witnessed an overwhelming participation of students and faculty of the college.

Book Discussion

The Department Association in collaboration with Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) organized a National Webinar & Book Discussion on 'Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal' authored by Prof. Rajshree Chandra, faculty, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi on January 15, 2022. The other panelists included Prof. Aditya Nigam, CSDS, Prof. Apoorvanand, University of Delhi as discussants. Dr Antara Dutta, faculty, Department of English, JDMC moderated the session.

On June 25, 2021, the Department Association organized a book discussion on 'Nehru, Tibet and China' by A. S. Bhasin. The event was attended by the faculties and students.

Orientation Programme

On November 18, 2021, the Department of Political Science organized an Orientation Programmed for the first-year students to acquaint them with academic and co-curricular activities of the department as well as college.

Quiz Competition

On June 30, 2021, a Quiz Competition on the topic ‘the Constitution of India’ was organized, which aimed at raising awareness among students about the Constitution of India, which is the cornerstone of our political life. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of students of the college across all departments.

On January 24 and 25, 2022, a National Quiz Competition on Republic Day was organized. The competition aimed to spread awareness about the cherished goals of our constitution makers. The student’s participation in the competition was overwhelming.

Add-on Courses offered-

1. Concepts and Issues in Indian Politics

Course Coordinator- Mr. Pavan Kumar

A 32-hour duration interactive Add-on course on “Concepts and Issues in Indian Politics”, is being conducted from November 2021- April 2022. The course aims to develop the understanding of the students about institutional, constitutional provisions and vibrant socio-political issues of Indian Politics. Thirty-three students have opted for this add-on course and are currently enrolled in this course.

1. Introduction to World Politics and Indian Foreign Policy

Course Coordinator- Mr. Pavan Kumar

A 32-hour long interactive online Add-on course on “Introduction to World Politics and Indian Foreign Policy” was conducted from April 1, 2021-August 30, 2021. This course aimed to introduce the student with international politics with focus on developing theoretical knowledge towards understanding the world system, discussion of the history of major world events of 20th century, most important issues and problems of world politics and assessment of India’s external relations and interests. The course comprises of interactive lectures, class discussion and audio-visual presentations. A total of 38 students were enrolled in this course.

2. NGO Management

Course Coordinator- Dr Satya Prakash Singh

A 30-hour duration online add-on course on “NGO Management” was conducted from May,1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. The objective of the course was to develop management skills and a scientific approach to the subject of NGO management through readings, examples and practical exercises. This course enabled the students to develop critical overview of the major issues in NGO management with an emphasis on working in development and poverty reduction in India. 18 students were enrolled and successfully completed this course.

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1. Add on Course on ‘Concepts and Issues in Indian Politics’, 32 Hours Long. From November 2021- April 2022, Course Coordinator – Mr. Pavan Kumar

2. Add on Course on ‘Introduction to World Politics and Indian Foreign Policy’, 32 Hours Long, From 1st April 2021-August 2021. Course Coordinator – Mr. Pavan Kumar

Publications

Prof. Rajshree Chandra

Rajshree Chandra, *Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal*. (Penguin Randomhouse, 2021)

Rajshree Chandra, “The Inscription of Technology in Life: Biotechnology and the Changing Architecture of Property and Rights”, *Journal of Indian Law and Society*. 12(2) 2021

-----“The Inscription of Law in Life: Intellectual Property and Commodification of Life”, *Journal of Indian Law and Society*. 12(2) 2021

-----, “RSS ‘Seva’ mixing religion and patriotic duty wrong: Jagat Narain”, *The Print*, 12 Nov. 2021

----- “Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal”, *She The People*, 29 October 2021

----- “How Rajshree Chandra came to write her freedom fighter grandfather Jagat narain lal’s biography”, 26 October 2021

----- “Case of Waiver in Pandemic”. *The Indian Express*, 13 May, 2021

----- “Trying Without Trial is the Intent of the Draconian UAPA Law”. *The Wire*, 9 July 2021

----- “The Virus and the Math of Vaccine, Votes and Worship

Chalhang, Khachungla (2021), ‘An assessment of women's involvement in the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa’ *International Journal of Political Science and Governance*, 3(3):32-36

Ahmed, Md. Zubeer and Aashi (2021), ‘Locating Gandhi in Popular Culture through movie Laga Rahe Munna Bhai’, *Perspectives (e-journal)*, Vol 1. (Movie Review)

Badetia, Vijay Kumar (2021), ‘India’s Policy toward African Countries: An Assessment of Narendra Modi Government’, *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, 11(11)

Kumar, Pavan. “India Balancing China: Exploring Soft Balancing Through Indo-Pacific.” *Millennial Asia*, (April 2021)., Sage Publication, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0976399621998274>.

Chapter on ‘Patriarchal Corona? Exploring the Effects of Lockdown on Girl Students of University of Delhi’, in book COVID19 Pandemic and the New Normal: The Indian Scenario, to be published by MG University (Agreement Signed)

Chapter on “Exploring Australia and New Zealand’s Climate Policies: Similarities and Differences” in *Indigenous Voices and Climate Change* (2022), Published by Palgrave Macmillan (Agreement Signed)

Faculty Achievements: Teacher wise paper presentation (National/ International conference/seminar/workshop); awards/recognitions; special achievements

Prof. Rajshree Chandra

1. **Author presentation for a book** Discussion on Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal, hosted by Department of History, Ambedkar University, 9 March 2022
2. **Author presentation for a book** Discussion on Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal, jointly hosted by Janki Devi Memorial College and Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. 15 Jan 2022
3. **Interviewed by Business World** on the book Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal. 18 November 2021
4. **Author presentation for a book** Discussion on Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal, hosted by Centre for Policy Research. 12 Nov. 2021
5. **Author presentation for a book** Discussion on Competing Nationalisms: The Sacred and Political Life of Jagat Narain Lal, hosted by Centre for Studies in Plural Societies. 18 December, 2021

Dr. Renuka Singh

1. Presented paper "Empowerment of Women through Political Participation and Representation in India: Farce or Reality?" in International Conference on Gender Studies, " Gender and Power" organised by London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, London/ Online, 26-27 February, 2022.
2. Presented paper "Asymmetrical Federalism in India: Government as a Determining Factor" in National Conference on Asymmetrical Federalism in India: Problems and Prospects organised by Department of Political Science, Moti Lal Nehru College, University of Delhi, Delhi/ Online, 3-4 March, 2022.
3. Organised National Seminar-
Member, Core Organising Team of National Seminar "Tribes-Learning and Unlearning Tribal Culture" (Online) organised by Janki Devi Memorial College in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Government College under Vidya Vistar Scheme of University of Delhi, held on December 9-10, 2021.

Ms. Khachungla Chahang

Presented a paper entitled "PHUKREILA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD" on 9th December 2021 in the 2 Day (Online) National Seminar: "Tribes: Learning and Unlearning Tribal Culture" organised by Janki Devi Memorial College in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Government College under Vidya Vistar Scheme of University of Delhi.

Dr. Md. Zubeer Ahmed

He has been awarded Ph.D in September, 2021 by Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The title of his thesis was 'Political Dynamics of Conflict and State in Iraq 1921-68'

Raju Keshari

Paper presentation (upcoming) in an International Seminar by The International Studies Association (Nashville, USA) entitled 'SAARC: Opportunities and Challenges in the Changing World Order' on 28th March, 2022.

Pavan Kumar

1. Presentation scheduled for a paper on. 'Women and Indian IR' at the ISA Annual Convention 2020, Nashville, Tennessee , March 2022
2. Presentation scheduled for a paper on 'Caste and Indian IR' at the ISA Annual Convention 2020, Nashville, Tennessee , March 2022
3. Presentation Scheduled on 'Taming the Dragon: exploring the rise of Indian Influence in the Indo Pacific Under Narendra Modi' at Indian Political Science Association conference at Shillong, March 2022.
4. presented a paper entitled, Recaging the Soul - Interrogating the logic of safety of women in the International Conference on India and the COVID 19 Pandemic: Impact, Challenges and Policy Responses during 23-25 April 2021 organized by School of International Relations and Politics, in association with Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies (ICCS), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India.

Faculty Promotions

Prof. Rajshree Chandra- has got promoted to Professorship

Prof. Chanchal Kumar- has got promoted to Professorship

Ms. Khachungla Chahang- has got promotion to Associate Professorship

Extension Activities (including Outreach Programmes, Field Trips etc.)

1. Students' Fee Assistance of Rs.16,000/- from the department of Political Science to help the students to tide over the financial distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.