#### Department of Political Science (2023-24)

The Department of Political Science witnessed a vibrant array of activities and engagements throughout the academic year 2023-2024. These events, workshops, and academic initiatives not only enriched the academic experience of students but also fostered a culture of critical thinking and societal engagement within the department.

Among the highlights of the academic calendar was the summer internship program, which provided students with practical exposure to the field of political science. Additionally, a workshop on the SCs and STs Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, shed light on important legal and social issues. An academic trip to the Partition Museum offered students a poignant exploration of historical narratives, while a movie screening of "Mirch Masala" sparked discussions on gender dynamics and societal resistance. Dr. Nidhi Yadav from the department also embarked on a sanctioned research project "Sustainable livelihood enhancement of SC communities in Chainpura Tehsil of Niwai, Rajasthan," aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of marginalized communities alongside she convened a comprehensive certificate course on "Gender Discourses: The Indian Perspective" spanning from September 23 to December 03, 2023, enriching students' understanding of gender paradigms.

Dr. Vijay Kumar Bhatia, led students on an enlightening educational trip to AmritUdyan on September 14, 2023 and organized engaging debates on pivotal issues such as the need of a Uniform Civil Code in India and the complexity of the Israel-Palestine conflict, fostering critical thinking and nuanced perspectives among students. As Statecraft Society convenor he also facilitated forming of student representatives for the departmental society.

Dr. Jatin Kumar, Mr. Deepak Setia & Mr. Gandharv Koushiy led our students to attend a lecture by H.E. Mr. Lee Cheol Woo, Ambassador of Singapore as part of the G20 University Connect Event on May 23, 2023, providing students with insights into international relations. The same trio of young faculty members also attended an interaction with the Honourable President of India on Teachers' Day as Nodal Officers on September 5, 2023, representing Ram Lal Anand College. Mr. Gandharv Koushiy and Mr. Deepak Setia attended the G20 University Connect finale along with students of the Political Science Department, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, held at Bharat Mandapam on September 26, 2023,

Dr. Jatin Kumar also led students into a series of academic engagements, including participation in international events like the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2023 from November 15 to 17, 2023. Mr. Deepak Setia accompanied students at a lecture by Shri Anup Chandra Pandey, Election Commissioner of India, on Democracy and Election System in India as part of the G20 University Connect Event on July 27, 2023, enriching students' understanding of electoral processes. Mr. Kaptan organized a lecture on "Inclusion is Within Everyone's Ability" on December 4, 2023, fostering discussions on inclusivity and diversity within academia and society.

Dr. Jatin Kumar delivered a virtual guest lecture on the Israel-Palestine conflict to students of Universität of Erfurt, Germany, on May 24, 2023, fostering international academic collaboration. Dr.

Soma Patnaik, Dr. Jatin & Dr. Alankar were interviewed by RLA College's Community Radio Channel Radio Tarang 90.0 FM in a podcast titled "Career Ki Pathshala" on July 1, 2023, shedding light on academic career pathways. Dr. Soma Patnaik was an invited adjudicator at debating events organized by Aawaz – the English Debating Society on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2023 and Aaroh – the Hindi Debating Society on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024.

Senior faculty members including Dr. Kshama Sharma and Dr. Triranjan Raj attended academic events at various reputed institutions and also accomplished various Faculty Development Programmes including training sessions on National Education Policy 2020. Younger faculty members too attended Faculty Induction Programmes organized by University of Delhi in collaboration with various Teaching-Learning Centres from across India.

The department played an instrumental role in addressing contemporary environmental crises through collaboration with the Clean Energy & Conservation Committee. Together, they organized an insightful Research Writeshop, facilitated by Dr. Alankar aimed at understanding and addressing environmental challenges in India. The research particularly focused on groups heavily reliant on natural resources, including fisherfolk, pastoralists, forest dwellers, tribals, and agriculturalists.

Under the guidance of all department faculty members and Event Coordinator Dr. Alankar, a Career Counseling Session delved into diverse vocations available to Political Science graduates. These included civil services, bureaucracy, research, digital journalism, law, civil society networking, content writing, social work, diplomacy, advertising and PR, mass communication, legislative advocacy, and research, among others.

The department organized its Annual Departmental Fest 'Polisphere 2024' on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The day was full of academic activities like slogan writing, creative writing competitions where students from various departments also participated. The central event of the fest was Distinguished Lecture by Dr. Uttam Kumar Saxena (Institute of Defense & Strategic Analysis, Delhi). The students and faculty also enjoyed an interactive and insightful question answer session after the lecture with our erudite and well known guest.

The department remains committed to providing students with a holistic learning experience, combining theoretical knowledge with practical engagement, and nurturing critical thinking and academic excellence among its faculty and students.

Dr. Alankar

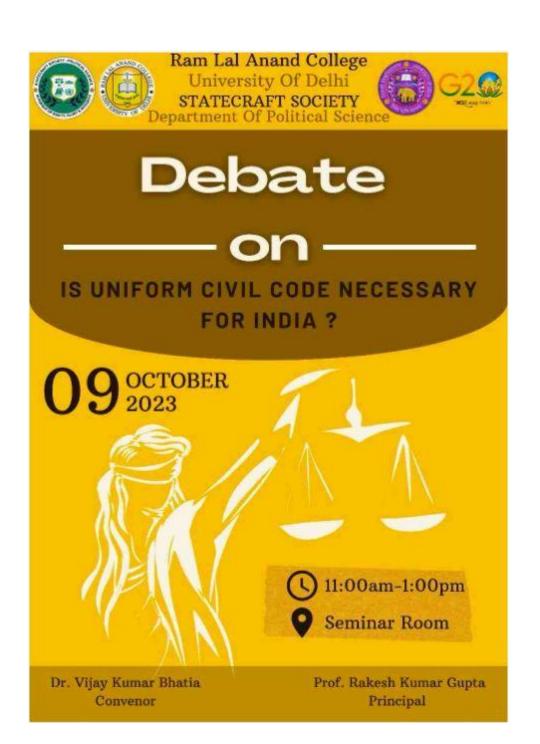
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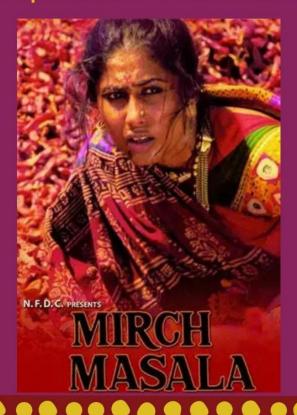








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