

Departmental Annual Report - 3

Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

Department: Department of Political Science


Year: 2023-24

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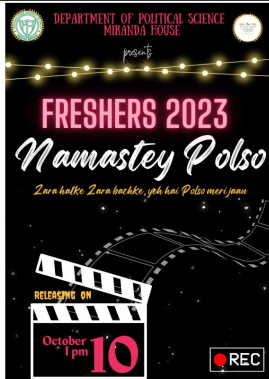

Part B.1


Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department


S.No.	Title of the programme/Conference/Workshop/Seminar/ Webinar	Number of Participants	Report of the event	Poster for the event
1.	Department Orientation – 16 th August, 2023	70-80	The Department of Political Science organized an orientation programme to welcome the incoming batch of first years on August 16, 2023. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr) Hena Singh, Teacher-in Charge of the Department of Political Science	 The poster for the Department Orientation event features a blue and white background with a subtle pattern. At the top, it reads 'DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE UNION 2023-24'. Below this, a handwritten-style quote says 'Are you ready to embark your new journey?'. The main text reads 'Join us for the Dept Orientation' followed by the date and time: '16 August 2023, 9.30 am - 11.00 am, Room no. 101 (Near Seminar hall)'. At the bottom, another handwritten-style quote says 'Prof. Hena family awaits you!'.


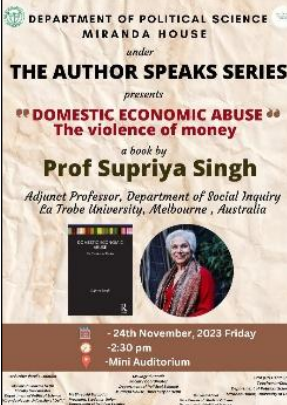
2.	<p>Author Speaks Series "Launch & discussion of Prof Gupta's fiction debut novel, 'I Kick and I Fly'"</p>	150	<p>The Department of Political Science, organized the eminent 'Author Speaks Series', in which Emmy winning award Prof. Ruchira Gupta, author of the debut fiction book "I Kick and I Fly" was invited, a Journalist and the founder of the anti-sex trafficking NGO Apne Aap</p>	
3.	<p>Feminist Foreign Policy in India</p>	100	<p>The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Women Development Cell and FRIEDRICH - EBERT - STIFTUNG, India, hosted a captivating discussion on feminist foreign policy in India. The event featured distinguished speakers, including Mr. Richard Kaniewski, Meera Shankar, Dr. Vibhuti Patel, Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath, and Dr. Sona Mitra, who explored the significance of adopting a feminist foreign policy</p>	


4.	<p>Farewell Function of Prof (Dr) Jayashree Pillai</p>	200	<p>The Department of Political Science organised a valedictory ceremony for Prof. (Dr) Jayashree Pillai on 29th September 2023. The farewell was a poignant celebration of Prof. Pillai's legacy, marked by heartfelt tributes and best wishes for her future. The event reflected the profound impact she had on the entire institution and highlighted her warmth, care, and dedication, which will continue to serve as a guiding light for those who had the privilege of knowing her.</p>	 <p>DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE cordially invites you to the FAREWELL FUNCTION of <i>Prof. (Dr) Jayashree Pillai</i> Date - 29 September 2023 Time - 11 am Venue - Mini Auditorium <i>We miss your precious presence!</i></p>
5.	<p>Workshop on Career in Civil Services</p>	200	<p>The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with Vision IAS, conducted a workshop on a career in civil services on October 5, 2023. Notably, Mr. Madhav Upadhyay, IPS, UPSC CSE 2022, AIR 148, and Mr. Rajesh Govindraj, Faculty Coordinator, Vision IAS, were the chief speakers.</p>	 <p>DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MIRANDA HOUSE in collaboration with Vision IAS presents a workshop on CAREER IN CIVIL SERVICES by Mr Madhav Upadhyay UPSC CSE 2022 rank 148 IPS allocated Date : 5th October 2023 Time: 12 pm Venue: Mini Auditorium OPEN TO MH STUDENTS ONLY! For further details, contact - politicalscience@miranda.ac.in Shravanthi Thorpudal President Department of Political Science Miranda House, 2022, 140GovermentRoad, Bangalore Yashini Shree Vice-President Department of Political Science political.2022_140GovermentRoad, Bangalore</p>

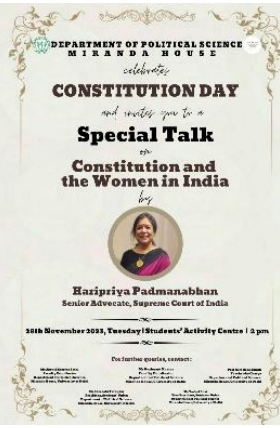

			With over two hundred students from various college departments in attendance, the workshop aimed to guide aspiring minds on navigating a career in civil services.	
6.	Freshers' 2023 - NAMASTEY POLSO	130	The Department of Political Science organized a vibrant and memorable Freshers' event named "NAMASTEY POLSO" on October 10, 2023. The faculty and students warmly welcomed the incoming batch of 2023 with various activities and programs	
7.	How to ace the civil services exam ?	150	The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with Drishti IAS, hosted a seminar on excelling in the Civil Services Examination. The event attracted an enthusiastic audience eager to explore the intricacies of India's prestigious exam. Guest speakers, Mr. Abhishek Misra and Mr. Prashant Sarma, shared insights.	

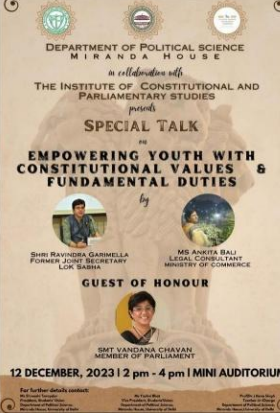
<p>8.</p>	<p>Author Speak Series- Discussion on "Living a Perfect Life with Imperfect Health," authored by Ms. JR Bhalla, and "Well Played from Here to Eternity" by Dr. Rajeev Bagarhatta</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science organized an author speak series in which "Living a Perfect Life with Imperfect Health," authored by Ms. JR Bhalla, and "Well Played from Here to Eternity" by Dr. Rajeev Bagarhatta were discussed. The department also had the privilege of hosting Dr. Saumitra Azad, Ms. Meena Singh, and Dr. Mohit Dayal Gupta</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Conversations with Abhay Kumar</p>	<p>160</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Department of Geography at Miranda House, organized an interactive session with Mr. Abhay Kumar, a Poet, Diplomat, and the Deputy Director-General at the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, on 20th October 2023.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Farewell Function of Prof (Dr) Purnima Roy</p>	<p>120</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science hosted a farewell ceremony for Prof (Dr) Purnima Roy on October 30, 2023. The event kicked off with a welcome address by Ms. Shreoshi Tarapdar, President of the</p>	


			<p>Students' Union, Department of Political Science. Prof (Dr) Hena Singh, Teacher-in-charge of the Department, shared nostalgic anecdotes from her college days and expressed deep appreciation for Prof Roy's impact.</p>	
11.	<p>Exhibition- Focusing on themes such as Gandhi's nationalism, women's participation in the Nationalist Movement, and the celebration of Indian languages through the Bhasha Utsav.</p>	50	<p>Miranda House, University of Delhi, marked its 75th Platinum Jubilee Anniversary with a grand celebration featuring the Honourable Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, as the chief guest. Amidst the festivities, the Department of Political Science organized a captivating exhibition focusing on themes such as Gandhi's nationalism, women's participation in the Nationalist Movement, and the celebration of Indian languages through the Bhasha Utsav</p>	



<p>12.</p>	<p>Vigilance Awareness Week</p>	<p>150</p>	<p>Vigilance Awareness Week was organized by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with Tula MHCC and NCC Miranda House in the august presence of Lieutenant Colonel Vidya Prakash. Ms Yashvi Bhat, the Vice President of the Department delivered the welcome note, which was followed by the address of Prof Hena Singh, Teacher - In - Charge of the Department of Political Science and Convenor of Tula MHCC wherein she discussed the theme of the year's vigilance awareness week .i.e,” Say no to corruption and commit to nation.”</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Author Speak Series- Prof Supriya Singh discussing her book "Domestic Economic Abuse: The Violence of Money."</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science hosted its prestigious Author Speak series on November 24, 2023, featuring Prof Supriya Singh discussing her book "Domestic Economic Abuse: The Violence of Money." Prof Singh shared insights from her</p>	

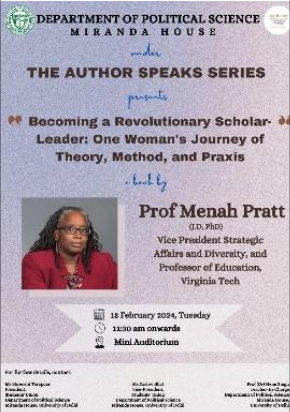
			<p>book, emphasizing the social, cultural, and political aspects of economic abuse, concluding with the importance of identifying and addressing such issues.</p>	
14.	IITF VISIT		<p>The Department of Political Science received an invitation from NDLS to attend the India International Trade Fair on November 26, 2023. Mr. Amit Gupta, NDLS Executive, provided insights into finance, the investment market, primary and secondary markets, NDLS operations, opening a DEMAT account, and investment advantages. A quiz competition followed, testing students on financial basics, with many winning prizes and certificates. Students explored various ministry stalls, making the visit valuable for all.</p>	

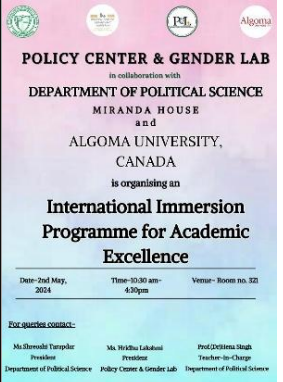
<p>15.</p>	<p>Special talk on constitution and women in India</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science celebrated Constitution Day and organized a special talk on the ‘Constitution and Women in India’ on 28th November 2023 . The speaker of the talk was Adv. Haripriya Padmanabhan, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India. One of the major highlights of the event was her dialogue on the recently passed historic Women’s Reservation Bill in the Parliament and how it will empower the representation of Women.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p>Workshop on career opportunities in social sciences</p>	<p>94</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science, accompanied by faculty members, attended a workshop on career opportunities in Social Sciences at OP Jindal Global University with 94 students. Prof. Naresh Singh encouraged students to consider public policy as a significant career option, linking it to addressing contemporary global issues, especially the environmental</p>	



			<p>crisis. Prof Kaveri Haritas then provided insights into building a career in Public Policy, explaining the course structure and showcasing alumni achievements.</p>	
<p>17.</p>	<p>Special talk on empowering youth with constitutional values and fundamental duties</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>A special talk on empowering youth with constitutional values and fundamental duties was organized by the Department of Political Science, Miranda House in collaboration with the Institute for Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies. The illustrious parliamentarian Smt Vandana Chavan graced the event along with the speakers of the day - Ms Ankita Bali , Legal Consultant, Ministry of Commerce and Shri Ravindra Garimrlla, Former Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha. Smt Vandana Chavan spoke on the preamble, the values and rights it enshrines and how the constitution is a living document, highlighting its dynamic nature. Next Ms Bali spoke on the</p>	

			<p>constitutional values, starting from the first to the last word of the preamble. Shri Ravindra Garimella spoke on fundamental duties and how it fosters a responsible, ethical and engaged citizenry by instilling a sense of duty.</p>	
<p>18.</p>	<p>Rashtrapati Bhavan Visit</p>		<p>The Department of Political Science was invited to attend the Rashtrapati Bhavan Vimarsh Shrinkhala, featuring S. Somanathan, Secretary of the Department of Space, Chairman, ISRO on December 14th, 2023. The event, attended by representatives from various educational institutions, included twenty-seven students from Miranda House accompanied by faculty members – Dr Surabhi, Ms Soumini Ghosh, Ms Priya Kanojia, and Ms Jagriti Pandit. Mr. Somanathan discussed ISRO's significant programs and India's vision for space exploration, covering missions</p>	

			<p>like Chandrayaan 1, Chandrayaan 3, Gaganyaan, Mars Lander mission, Venus orbital missions, and more.</p>	
<p>19.</p>	<p>Author Speaks series- Prof. Paul Staniland from the University of Chicago.</p>	<p>80</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science hosted the distinguished 'Author Speaks Series,' featuring Prof. Paul Staniland from the University of Chicago. The event, inaugurated by Ms. Shreoshi Tarapdar, highlighted Prof. Staniland's notable work in international relations. Prof. (Dr) Hena Singh, Teacher In charge, elaborated on the speaker's background and research focus. Prof. Staniland's session explored the impact of major powers on South Asian nations, emphasizing geopolitical tensions between China and India.</p>	
<p>20.</p>	<p>Workshop on exploring India's anti-defection laws in India</p>		<p>The Department of Political Science organized a workshop on Exploring India's anti-defection laws in collaboration with the Legal Aid Centre, Miranda House on 25th January 2024. The speakers of the</p>	

			<p>event were Ms Ritwika Sharma, Senior Research Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and Ms Mayuri Gupta, Research Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. The workshop broadly covered three themes- the significance of Anti Defection Law. The second theme of the workshop focused on understanding Anti-Defection Law in the context of the Indian Constitution. The third theme that the speakers addressed was Bulk Defection. It helped students understand the behaviour and psychology of legislators.</p>	
<p>21.</p>	<p>Author Speaks Series- featuring Professor Menah Pratt, Vice President of Strategic Affairs and Diversity and Professor of Education at Virginia Tech.</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>The Department of Political Science hosted 'The Author Speaks Series' on February 13, 2024, featuring Professor Menah Pratt, Vice President of Strategic Affairs and Diversity and Professor of Education at Virginia Tech. Pratt discussed her latest publication, "Becoming a Revolutionary Scholar-Leader: One Woman's</p>	

			<p>Journey of Theory, Method, and Praxis," and shared her journey of harnessing academia for societal transformation. She emphasized the role of scholars and their research in challenging norms and fostering positive change. She also emphasized the adage, "Death is the final silence," advocating for responsible use of knowledge, power, and authority for societal progress.</p>	
22.	<p>Immersion Programme</p>	60	<p>The Department of Political Science, in partnership with Algoma University and the Policy Centre and Gender Lab, held an immersion programme on May 2nd, 2024. Chief speakers, Prof Chandrachur Singh and Prof Ujjwal Kumar Singh, addressed students' questions about India's rising power and global position. Activities like Painting, Guess the Song, and Know the Language were organized, allowing students</p>	 <p>The poster is titled "POLICY CENTER & GENDER LAB in collaboration with DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MIRANDA HOUSE and ALGOMA UNIVERSITY, CANADA is organising an International Immersion Programme for Academic Excellence". It specifies the date as "2nd May, 2024", the time as "10:30 am - 4:30pm", and the venue as "Room no. 521". It also lists contact information for Ms. Shreshthi Thapar (President, Department of Political Science), Ms. Vidisha Lakshmi (President, Policy Centre & Gender Lab), and Prof. Zohra Shah (Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Political Science).</p>

			to learn about India's rich culture.	
23.	Farewell Batch of 2024	130	<p>The Department of Political Science held a Farewell event for the Batch of 2024, titled "EHSAAS - Celebrating the bliss of a memorable journey." Prof (Dr) Hena Singh, Teacher - In - Charge, addressed the students, wishing them the best for their future. The professors also shared their blessings with the third years. There were various dance and song performances. The event concluded with a cake cutting and a video presentation capturing the journey of the 2024 batch.</p>	
24.	Union Elections 24 - 25		<p>The Department of Political Science at Miranda House held the Students' Union Election for the 2024-2025 session, electing members from the Core Union, including President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Class Representative, and Executive Council Member from second and</p>	

		<p>third years. The elected members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ayushi Bhardwaj: President ● Kamini Singh: Vice - President ● Yashika Singh : General Secretary ● Neha Bishnoi : Treasurer ● Executive Council Member (3rd Year Section A) : Abhilipsa Patra ● Executive Council Member (3rd Year Section B) : Saumya Sonkar ● Executive Council Member (2nd Year Section A) : Ayushi Singh ● Executive Council Member (2nd Year Section B) : Tanvi Prasad ● Class Representative (3rd Year Section A) : Deepika Saini ● Class Representative (2nd Year Section A) : Hardika Godara ● Class Representative (2nd Year Section B) : Pawni Malik <p>The Election Commission consisted of the following members of the Students' Union:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shreoshi Tarapdar : President ● Yashvi Bhat : Vice-President 	
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Part B.2

Extension Activities organized

Part B.3

Any other event organized as part of students' activities (not listed above)