

# **Departmental Annual Report - 3**

# **Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond**

**Department: Political Science** 

Year: 2021-22

Department Society and its Office Bearers: Ms. KANAK (President Students Union) Ms AADHYA (Vice President Students Union)

Staff Advisors: Dr Namrata Singh, Dr Hena Singh

# ACADEMIC EVENTS

#### 1. WEBINAR BY LAKSHYA, CIVIL SERVICES CLUB, DRC (8<sup>th</sup> August 2021.)

The first webinar of session 2021-22 was organized by Lakshya - The Civil Services Club, in collaboration with Political Science Department of Miranda House on  $8^{\text{th}}$  August 2021.

The session revolved around the theme " Says and nays of UPSC exam " was conducted by the Top Educator, Chartered Accountant, Public Speaker and Motivator - Mr. Ayussh Sanghi.

He talked about how fresh graduates and people with jobs should start preparing. He guided the students about how to prepare for which papers and also motivated students to go for civil services examination.

#### 2. TALK ABOUT STORY OF INDIA'A ELECTIONS (11 August 2021.)

A talk by Professor Sanjay Kumar, Co-director of Lokniti - Research programme at the centre for the study of developing societies on the theme - story of India's elections was organised as a part of celebrating the 75<sup>a</sup> Independence Day on 11 August 2021.

The talk was followed by a question answer session where student asked questions related to victory margin and electoral bonds. The speaker answered the students very hopefully and made them realise that we have come a long way but there is a long way to go.

## 3. AUTHOR SPEAK SERIES: INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR (13<sup>th</sup> September 2021)

A talk by Dr. Nicola Smith, Senior Lecturer of Political Science and International Relations in the prestigious University of Birmingham, United Kingdom was organised on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a part of *Author- Speak series*.

The speaker started with how *Sexuality is often assumed to be special and private* and moved further to explain the *relationship between capitalism and sexuality* which can often be controversial. She then proceeded towards *queer theory* and explained how queer theory and sexuality has been overlooked by economics and politics. She emphasised that there is *no segregation between sexuality, history, economy and capitalism.* The talk was followed by a *question* 



answer session where students engaged with the speaker by asking her questions related to her book cover, queer sexuality and ways to make a positive change in the society in this respect.

## 4. AUTHOR SPEAK SERIES : Bihar Diaries and Life in the uniform (24 September, 2021)

A talk by Mr. Amit Lodha, Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, inspector general (IG) of police was organised on 24 September,2021 as a part of this series.

The speaker started with the *narration of his life story* stating that despite the challenges he faced, how his optimism kept him going. He emphasized that we get what we want in life what is required to achieve it is hard work. The speaker *shared what motivated him* to write these books and how it has been a life-changing experience for him. The message given by him to the attendees of the webinar was *"Enjoy the process of life; believe in yourself and let the magic happen because the sky is the limit."* 

The talk was followed by *a question answer session* where students engaged with the speaker by asking him questions related to his *UPSC preparation, Personal-Professional management, take on current issues and ways to make a positive change in the society.* The speaker answered all the questions enthusiastically and shared his experiences as well. He was very willing to engage with the kids beyond the webinar too and *gave valuable insights* and tips. Professor Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal, Miranda house, addressed the gathering and expressed gratitude to the speaker. The talk finally closed with a formal vote of thanks.

## 5. VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK (28 October 2021)

An event was organised on the occasion of Vigilance awareness week as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahautsav. The chief Guest for the event was Mr. Asim Arun, IPS (Commissioner of Police, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh).

The event was opened by the student body President, Department of political science wherein she introduced the theme of the event followed by Dr. Jayashree Pillai, who welcomed the speaker of the day along with sharing her views on the theme.

This was followed by a pledge taking ceremony wherein Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda led the integrity pledge in English and Dr. Namrata Singh led the Hindi pledge. Post this a virtual Flash Mob was presented by the students.

The speaker threw light on the practice of corruption in today's society and explained the causes and effects of it. He also explained the various levels of corruption. He enlightened the gathering by elaborating on the various mechanisms to reduce the practice of corruption such as usage of cameras, more transparent system, usage of technology, etc. He gave examples of a few countries which solved the problem of corruption efficiently such as Ghana.

The talk was followed by an Elocution wherein students recited poem on topics such as corruption, vigilance, self – reliant India.

This elocution was followed by a Question – Answer session where students asked questions related to solutions to end corruption in the Police Department, how to take a stance when you see a corrupt practice happening, etc.

MH Vatavaran took forward the programme and threw light on the importance of protecting Natural biodiversity and made the students aware about organisations such as WWF and TRAFFIC. They presented videos on the urgent importance of stopping illegal wildlife trade, steps being taken by India to curb Illegal wildlife trade. They released a blog on *vigilance for a safe environment* written by the students of MH Vatavaran itself.

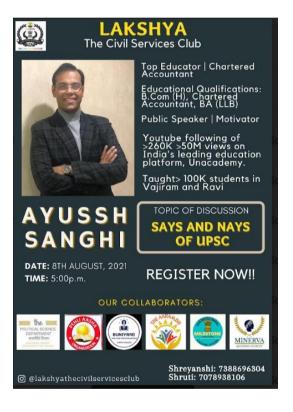
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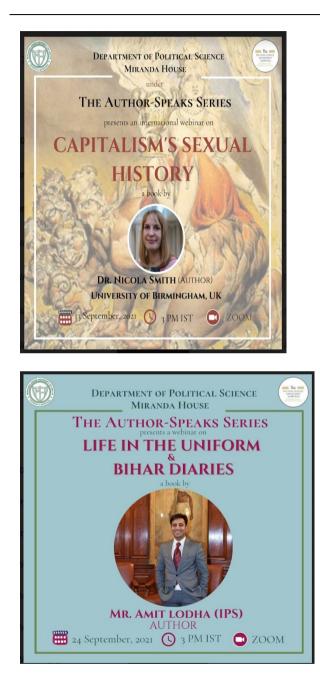
A quiz was also organised during this vigilance awareness week on 27 October 2021. The quiz was conducted by Department of Political Science in collaboration with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited. The quiz was very interesting and engaging. **952** students participated in the quiz.

# Part B.1

## Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department





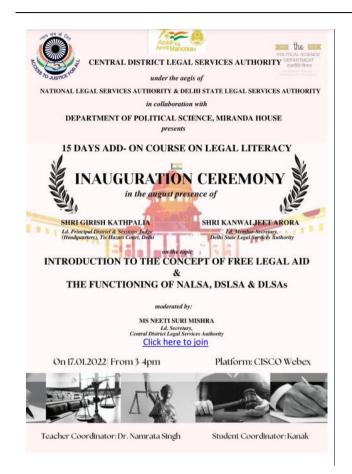








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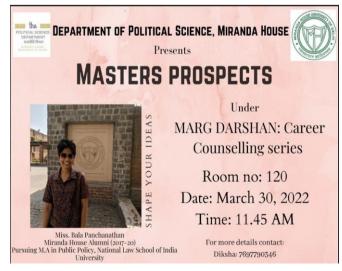


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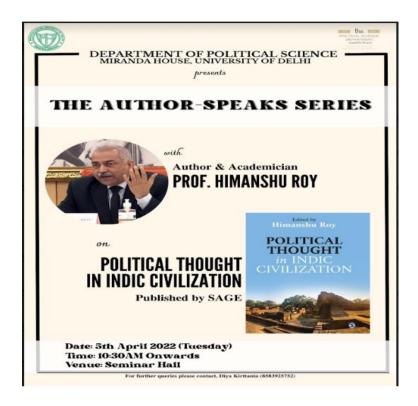
Let us all be a part of a day loaded with laughter, hope and smiles Waiting to see you all there!





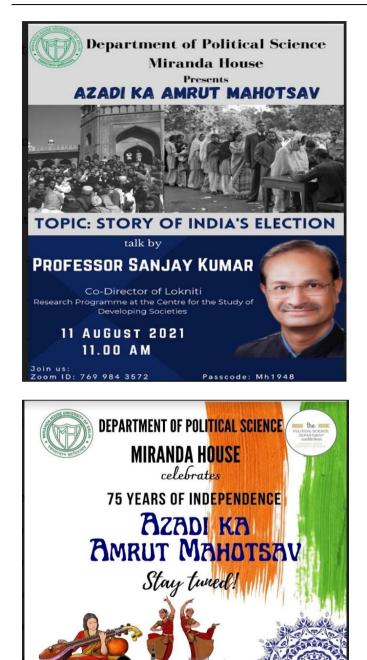




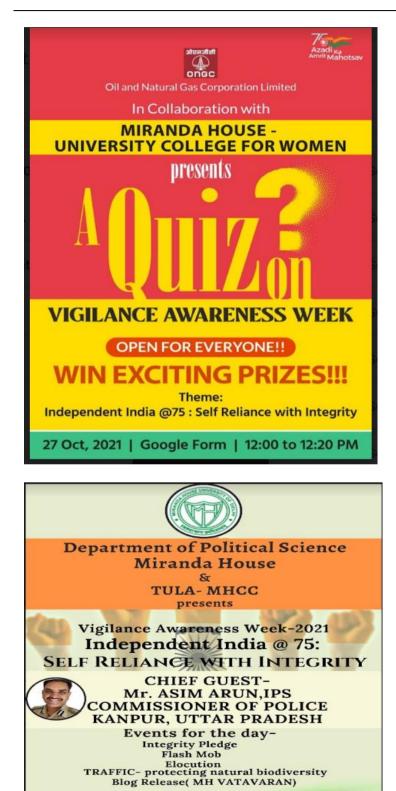












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## Part B.2

## **Extension Activities organized**

Name of the event: Agamya launch

Date: 26 January 2022

Time: 3 PM - 4 PM

# Guest: Mr. Randhir Sahay, Additional commissioner, South Delhi Municipal corporation

Number of participants: 100

Organised by: Department of Political Science, Miranda House

## SUMMARY OF THE EVENT

Department of Political Science, Miranda House launched it's initiative AGAMYA – the mentor mentee club of Miranda house on the occasion of 73<sup>-d</sup> Republic day.

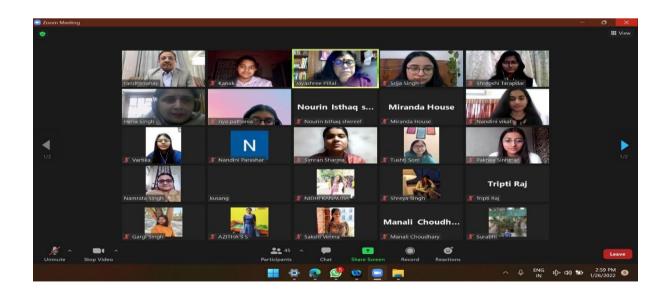
Agamya, is an endeavour to connect with students studying in Government schools located in remote areas of India. It's aim is to conduct online mentoring sessions by engaging children in



various activities which will help sharpen their competency and aptitude along with imparting life skills. Their motto 'SAMAGRA SHIKSHA' represents the importance of encompassing hard academic curriculum as well as soft skills.

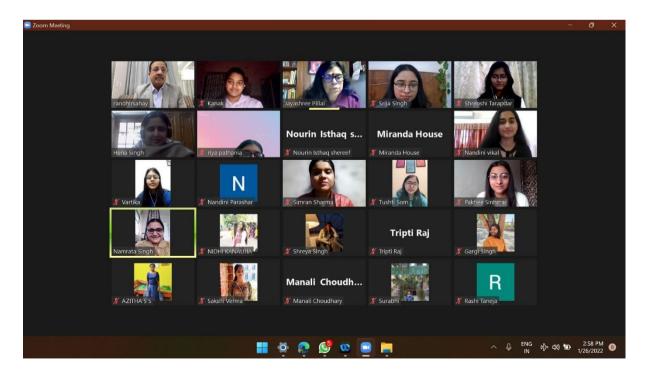
Their attempt is to hold hands of the less privileged students in our society and go beyond the syllabus to provide an enriching experience to students, through this, the club will be able to live up to the meaning of its name 'Agamya' - the zeal to learn and gain knowledge.

The event opened with the president giving a formal welcome note, post which the members of Agamya took forward the event and explained the initiative and goals of the the club. Dr. Jayashree Pillai, convener of Agamya welcomed and addressed the gathering. She wished good luck to all the students taking this initiative forward. Post this, the speaker of the day Mr. Randhir Sahay congratulated the department for this the initiative. He proposed to adopt SDMC and teach students as friends and appreciated the inclusive approach adopted by Agamya. Dr. Bijayalaxmi Nanda launched Agamya and wished good luck to this initiative. The event closed with a formal vote of thanks.











# Part B.3

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

Name of the event: Virtual Parents teacher meeting

Date: 16 November 2021

Time: 7 pm - 8 PM

Organised by: Department of Political Science, Miranda House

# SUMMARY OF THE EVENT

A virtual parents - teacher meeting was organised for the Parents and Professors of Department of Political Science. The goal of the meeting was to interact and discuss issues in order to help students become informed and aware.

The Teacher In Charge of the Department welcomed everyone and interacted with the parents.

Thereafter, the faculty was introduced to the parents. The faculty acknowledged the parents for being the backbone and being supportive

The floor was then opened for parent's feedback. Parents put forward their concerns and also appreciated the efforts of the faculty members towards the students. Parents raised their concerns regarding re opening of the colleges, less peer to peer interaction due to the online mode.

Teacher's also gave a feedback about students and suggested ways to motivate students time to time. They also explained the importance of attending classes, even though they are online.

However the meeting ended with a positive and hopeful note of hoping the colleges to reopen soon. The meeting was concluded with the TIC giving a formal vote of thanks and closing the interaction.



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