PARISĀ

The Political Science Society

ARYABHATTA COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI



REPORT (2021-22)

Online Orientation:

The Academic year 2021-22 kicked off with an online orientation organized by the Department of Political Science to introduce the fresh entrants with the faculty and familiarize them with the course structure of BA (Hons) Political Science.

The orientation began with an address by the principal of the college. Then the faculty informed the students about course outline and internal assessment methods, while the student representatives briefed about college activities and facilities. There were representatives from all societies and clubs of the college to inform the new comers about their respective societies. An online tour of the college was given through videos made by our students.

This was followed by a question-and-answer session which was jointly addressed by the faculty and student representatives. It was presided over by the teacher in charge of the Department of Political science.

Webinars:

The Department of Political Science organized its first webinar of this academic year. On September 10, 2021, Dr Dhananjay Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations of South Asian University, was invited for a webinar on the topic 'Afghanistan Crisis: India's Security Concerns'. Dr Tripathi expressed the multidimensional concerns of India in Afghanistan. He also mentioned many relevant authors and their books which he himself took reference from and quoted it as a must read for those interested in Afghanistan.

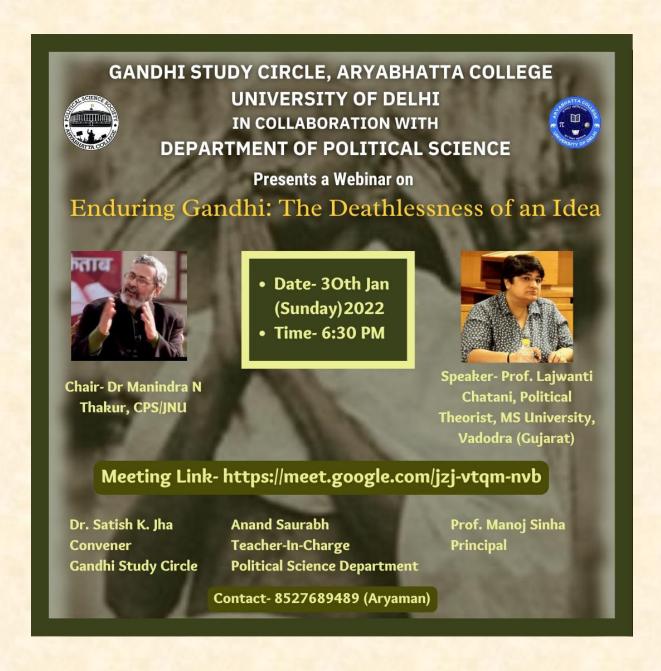
The session was very informative and brainstorming. The potpourri of questions posed to the Speaker was the evidence of an avid audience. Around 60 people participated in the session including students and faculty across various departments. The zealous participation by everyone resulted in a fruit full discussion and an enthrallingly successful webinar.



❖ Next in the line, the department organized a webinar on 'Different Imaginations of Indian Constitution' on January 19, 2022 with Prof Ujjwal Kumar Singh of Department of Political Science, Delhi University. This webinar was done as an activity under 'Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' – celebrations on 75th year of Indian Independence. The session proved to be a wide engaging discussion. The speaker talked about Indian Constitutionalism and its different aspects.



Remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary, the Department of Political Science in collaboration with Gandhi Study Circle of the Aryabhatta College organized a webinar on January 30, 2022. The topic of the webinar was 'Enduring Gandhi: The Deathlessness of an Idea'. We had Prof Lajwanti Chatani, Political Theorist, MS University, Vadodara, as our speaker and Dr Mahindra Nath Thakur from Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, as the Chair for the session.

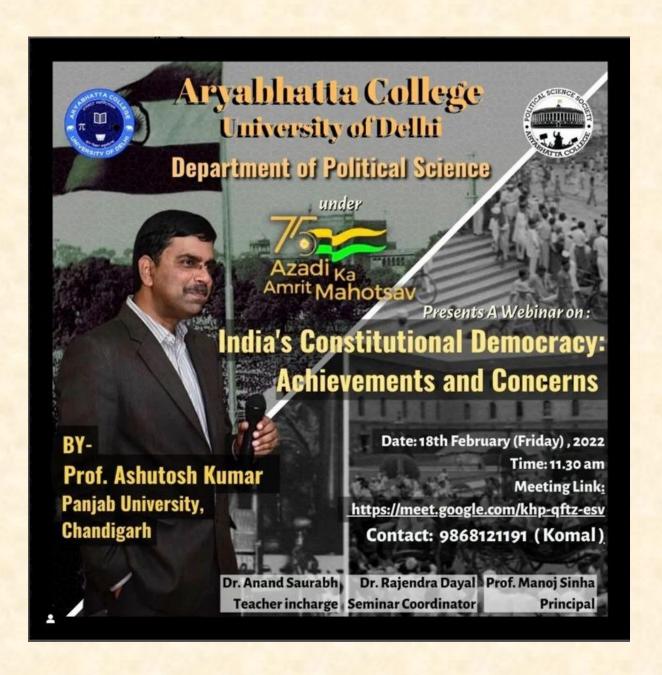


With the goal of familiarizing students with the dilemmas and life of an IAS officer, the department invited an ex-bureaucrat, Mr. Anil Swarup on February 11, 2022, to speak about 'The Good, Bad and the Ugly in the Indian Administrative Services: Reminiscence of an IAS Officer'. Mr. Swarup, a Former Secretary to the Government of India, and the author of two books titled 'Not Just a Civil Servant' & 'Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant' respectively, is also the Founder Chairman of Nexus of Good Foundation. In the session, Mr. Swarup shared his various experiences and anecdotes from his 38 years of journey as a civil servant. Mr. Swarup expressed that for him, the 'good' part of the IAS was predominant which also made him enjoy every moment of his existence as a civil servant. Following his talk, Mr. Swarup was flooded with questions and doubts from the audience. The audience, which got highly motivated, left no stone unturned to satisfy themselves with regards to various number of doubts they had in with them ranging from the difficulties an IAS may face, to ways of keeping oneself motivated.



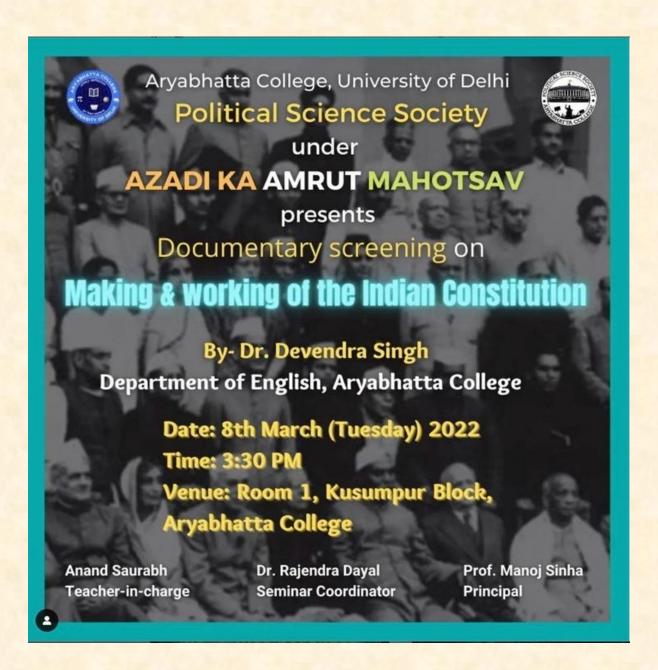


❖ In its another endeavor under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Political Science Department organized a webinar on a cheerful afternoon of February 18, 2022 on the topic – 'India's Constitutional Democracy: Achievements and Concerns'. We had Prof Ashutosh Kumar from Punjab University as the speaker for this session. Mr. Ashutosh mentioned breathtaking views about the democracy which is the eminent part of the constitution. He highlighted some achievements & failures of the Indian Democracy. In the end of the session, He also threw light on "the preamble of the constitution".



Documentary Screening:

Under the *Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav*, the Political Science Society of the college organized a Documentary Screening on – 'Making & Working of the Indian Constitution' on March 8, 2022. The documentary was made by Dr Devendra Singh, Department of English, Aryabhatta College. The documentary gave the students a deep insight on the constitution making process of Indian Constitution.



PARISOTSAVA'22- Academic Cultural Fest

In the pleasant month of April 2022, PARISĀ - The Political Science Society organized its two-day Academic-Cultural Fest- PARISOTSAVA'22 on 21st and 22nd of the month. A potpourri of events and competitions were held under Parisosatsava'22. These ranged from Bilingual Debate, Quiz, Caricature making and Paper Presentation to sports such as Table Tennis, Tug of War along with a Talent Hunt. The two-day fest opened with an address by Dr Mahindra Nath Thakur and closed with a musical evening. The fest was declared open by the Teacher in-Charge of the Department of Political Science, Mr. Anand Saurabh. The fest saw a whooping participation from colleges across Delhi University. Over

1,000 students attended our fest.



Rendezvous:

The two-day fest opened with a session by eminent Political Science professor, Dr Mahindra Nath Thakur from Centre for Political Studies, JNU. This session was titled as 'Rendezvous'. Dr Thakur interacted the students and faculty members on the topic- **Do We Need a New Political Science?** His lecture was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation. This session grabbed everyone's full attention and it gave the much-needed head start for the rest of the fest.



Ranneeti:

The first competition under the banner of PARISOTSAVA'22 was 'Ranneeti: A Bilingual Conventional Debate Competition'. The motion of the debate was – This House Believes that Social Media Creates More Confused People Than Informed People. A total of 20 teams participated in the event from various colleges and universities across Delhi University. The speakers brilliantly delivered their arguments in favour and against the motion. The event concluded successfully after a speech from the adjudicator and giving away of certificates to the winners.



Concurous:

The next event on Day 1, was 'Concurous: The Political Quiz'. The enthusiastic quizzers were challenged in the filed of Political Science for 2 stages. Top 5 teams from the Preliminary Round made their way straight to the Finals. In the finals, the participants were quizzed on Political Theories, Prominent Political Figures, The Indian Constitution, Public Policy and International Relations. A dozen teams participated enthusiastically in the quiz.



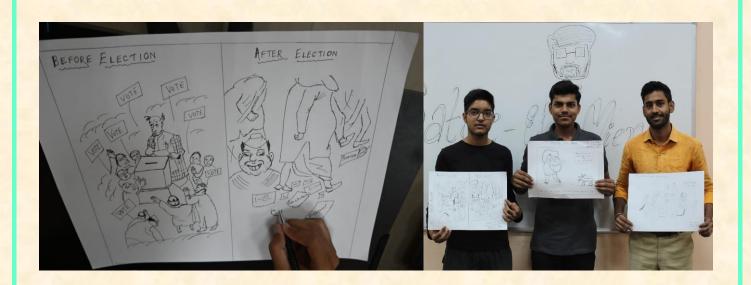
❖ Vimarsh:

In its first effort of such kind, Parisā organized 'Vimarsh: A Paper Presentation Competition'. The theme for the paper presentation was - The Changing Contours of India's Foreign Policy. The teams had the choice to choose any subtopic under the main theme. All the teams had to submit a full-fledged paper and then present their paper in front of the panel. Each team was allotted a duration of 10 minutes for presenting their ideas. Thereafter the floor was opened for questions from other teams, judges and the audience. The event turned to be a mind-boggling exchange of ideas.



❖ Satire-Eh-Mein:

In 'Satire-Eh-Mien- The Caricature Making Competition', participants showed their artistic and subtle humor skills on the topic of 'Electoral Politics'. The participants deftly brought the satirical incidents of elections to life via their flawless caricatures.



Pratibha:

In another attempt to bring out the best in the students, 'Pratibha- A Talent Hunt Show' was organized under Parisotsava'22. Students from across the colleges of Delhi were given a stage to showcase their talent. The participants of the show mesmerized the audience through their poems, songs, dance and standup comedy. The judge of the show, closely evaluated all the performances and then announced the results.



Dum Laga Kar Haisha:

In the sports arena of Parisostsva'22, the first competition was 'Dum Laga Kar Haisha- The Tug of War'. It was organized in the college ground. Under this event 8 teams from different colleges participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Each team was composed of 9 members consisting 4 girls and 5 boys respectively. The competition started with the knock out matches followed by the semifinals and the final match respectively.



❖ Table Tennis:

Moving further in the sports section, Parisā organized a 'Table Tennis Tournament' for both boys and girls. 8 boys and 8 girls participated in the competition. After the knock out matches, top 4 scorers from each category of boys and girls, reached the semi-finals. Then the final match was played between the best of both the categories. The certificates for winners and runners up were given in both the categories.



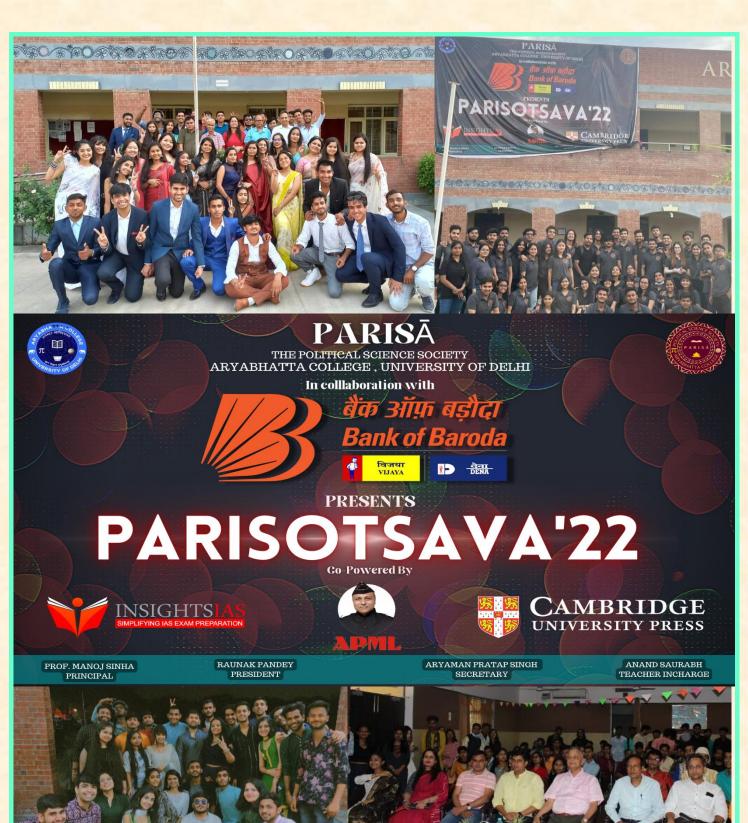
❖ ZAYB:

PARISOTSAVA'22- The enchanting two-day fest came to a close with a mesmerizing section called 'ZAYB- The Musical Evening'. Parisā invited IGNIA- THE BAND to adorn this occasion with their melodious renditions of some of the popular songs. The event was the grandest avenue of Parisā. It was attended by over 1000 students from across the colleges of Delhi. The mood of the huge audience was lifted up by the live musical performance. It made the day memorable for everyone.











ALUMNI MEET

Under the aegis of PARISOTSAVA'22, Parisā held its first alumni meet on Day 2 of the fest. Many of the distinguished alumni graced this occasion with their presence. All the alumni were invited over for a dinner hosted by the society. Both the teachers and the alumni were delighted to see each other again. It brought the entire college life in a flashback for all of them. The alumni shared reminiscences from their college life and their successful journey of after college lives. This inspired all the current students of the department.



