

Report of Political Science Association Activities 2020-21

To facilitate critical intellectual thinking, academic excellence and educational aspirations of the students, *Republica*, the Political Science Association organized several curricular and extra-curricular activities during the academic session 2020-21. The session began with an in-house Skill Development Programme (E-SDP), organised from 17th to 19th August 2020, to enable the students to become competent and confident users of various ICT tools. Dr. Moitree Bhattacharya, Dr. Shachi Chawla, Dr. Madhu Damani, and Dr. Deepak Bhaskar were the resource persons. The programme was attended by more than 200 students.

The Political Science Association organized a Webinar on 'India-China Relations in the Contemporary Times' on 16th September 2020. Prof. Swaran Singh, Chairperson, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), Jawaharlal Nehru University, highlighted the historic interconnections and the complex and dynamic relations between India and China in the contemporary times. Dr. Deepak Bhaskar, Assistant Professor, Daulat Ram College, focused on significant issues and debates that concern Indo-China relations. The session was followed by an interactive and enriching discussion.

An orientation programme was organized for the students of first year on 26th November 2020 to familiarise the students with numerous curricular and co-curricular opportunities in the college, and the department, in particular. A brief presentation on several programmes organised and participated by the students during the previous years inspired and motivated the freshers to get involved in the various activities of the department.

Despite multiple challenges during the Covid-19 Pandemic, students participated in the online elections to elect the executive members of *Republica*. Utkarsha Bhardwaj was elected as President, Tejoshree Dihidar as Vice-President, Aditi Verma as General Secretary, Akanksha as Treasurer, Kismita Thakur as Joint Secretary, and Tanushree as Cultural Secretary.

The Association also organized an in-house Skill Development Programme under IQAC exclusively for the students of first-year from 17th to 19th December 2020. The objective was to equip students with online teaching platforms such as Google Meet, Google Classroom, Google Docs, Zoom Meet, and many more. Dr. Madhu Damani, Dr. Deepak Bhaskar and Ms. Raman Arora, were the resource persons. It was attended by around 130 students from honours and programme courses.

A virtual 'Freshers' Meet,' organized on 10th February 2021 on the theme 'Shine and Shimmer', provided a platform to the students to express their talents in an array of cultural programmes. Students exhibited their personality, attitude, aptitude, costumes, confidence and creative thinking in 'Miss Freshers Contest'.

An interactive Session, 'Mounting Steps: UPSC Strategy Building' was organized on 17th February 2021 through an online platform Google Meet. Mr. Vivek Atray, former IAS Officer, reputed Indian Author, TEDx speaker, and the founder of SUVICHAR Think-Tank was the resource person for the insightful and educative session.

A holistic learning and development of the students was possible due to hard work, commitment, dedication and contributions of the association-in-charges, Dr Rekha Rani and Dr. Madhu Damani, faculty members and students of the department.