

ANNUAL REPORT OF LA POLITIQUE (2021-22)

La Politique, the Department of Political Science, has arranged a diverse range of events and programmes during the academic year **2021-22**, while remaining committed to its objective of ensuring students' holistic and integrated growth.

Similar to previous year, **virtual elections** were carried out in compliance with the department's democratic ideals, notwithstanding the constraints of the online platform. Ever since, the La Politique members, including the Union and Executive members have worked tirelessly to boost the department's profile.

The department's formal operations began with a collaborative workshop with NSS-KMC on “**Calming Anxiety: Self-care Workshop**” on **30th May** keeping in mind the stress that students went through because of sudden switch to online mode of teaching/learning, the session was graced by **Ms. Saumya Mathur**, a trained Psychotherapist and Yoga Instructor, and the Founder of Dhyanaa.

Embracing the new normal, a virtual farewell was conducted on the theme “*ethnic*” for the final year students on the pleasant morning of 4th July, it was full of fun and nostalgia. Following this, on the 16th July the Department released its first *Yearbook (2020-21)* comprising the cherished memories of the college life summed up in a single platform.

On **13th August**, an interactive webinar was conducted on the topic “**Democracy and Political Representation in India since Independence – Celebrating 75 years of Independence**” presided over by **Dr. Aditya Sondhi**, Senior Advocate practicing before the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court of India. A **Creative Writing Competition** was also conducted for the department students on the topic “**30 Years of Liberalization of Indian Economy**” in the middle of August.

On **23rd September**, an enriched and informative webinar was organized on the topic “**International Relations and Peace Building in South Asia**”, the guest speaker for the event was **Mr. Bharat Karnad**, a Distinguished Fellow at the United Service Institution of India, Emeritus Professor in National Security Studies, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi and a former National Security Expert.

The last month of 2021 began with an online orientation programme for the fresh batch of students on 16th December. Later, a webinar on “**Examining Public Participation as a Contribution to Good Governance**” was held with the guest speaker being Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Vice-Chancellor of Viswa-Bharati University, Author and Political Scientist on **26th December**. **Weekly Quiz Competition** was also organised on the Instagram handle of the depart covering a wide range of topics from human rights, environment to women and other issues.

The year 2022 started with a comprehensive and instructive webinar on **“Democratic Paradox – Discussion on the Politics and Ethics of Indian Constitution”** with the admired speaker bring **Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh**, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. A virtual fresher party on the theme *“Bollywood”* was conducted on the sunny afternoon of 30th January with fun-filled games, talent hunt and performances by seniors.

An insightful and thought-provoking session was organized on the topic **“21st Century – Assessing the Prospects of a New Cold War”** on **27th February** with the esteemed guest speaker being **Ambassador Rtd. Anil Trigunayat**, Retd. IFS Officer, and Chairman at Confederation of Education Excellence, Ambassador of India to Moscow, Jordan and Libya, and Indian High Commissioner to Malta.

The Month of March was the most promising one as on **8th March** the department conducted a **group discussion** on the topic **“Analysing recent Indian Parliamentary laws from Youth’s Perspective.”** After almost 2 years of pandemic restriction and lockdown, it was the first offline event with active student participation. A **Poster Making Competition** was also organized on **12th March** on the topics **“Perils of living in a hot Peace”** and **“Democracy and Diversity”**, it was open to all departments and colleges.

The department successfully organized its **annual flagship event - The Frank Thakurdas Memorial Lecture Series**, a 2-day event and its **annual fest - POLITICANA'22 on 20th and 21st April respectively**. The first Panel discussion was virtually held on 20th April on the topic **"Indian Diaspora and Entrepreneurship in the UK"** with Lord Raminder Singh Ranger and Ms. Sharon Kaur Jandu as the admired guest speakers. The second Panel Discussion was held in Seminar Hall on 21st April on the topic **"Envisioning 2030"**. The guest speakers were Dr. Rahul Verma, a Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research and a Visiting Assistant Professor at Ashoka University, and Dr. Nupur Chowdhury who works as Assistant Professor at Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU along with Prof. P.K.Joshi, the Chairperson of the Special Centre for Disability Research and a Professor at JNU's School of Environmental Sciences.

On the second day of second panel discussion the department also **released its annual magazine - AWAAZ (2021-22)** which received numerous entries in the form of Articles, book/film reviews, poems and other forms of write-ups.

POLITICANA'22 was a hit with various competitions like **policy presentation, essay writing, dances, open-mic, singing** and other fun-filled activities to entertain everyone. The winners were awarded with cash prizes and certificates.

The department always strived for an active presence and engagement with an all-encompassing and practical methods. Google Form was generated to have an active involvement of the students not only in terms of Grievance Redressal or

Feedback but also to encourage their volunteering for works, like content, poster, and other departments, to inculcate in them knowledge available through the concise content.

All the members of La Politique worked meticulously to achieving the goals and objectives that it is committed to, in order to harvest the greatest result. It is truly said and believed, “Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts”.