



YOUNG LEADERS POLICY DISCOURSE FORUM (YLPDF)



ABOUT THE FORUM

Young Leaders Policy Discourse Forum is the **first ever policy discussion and debates forum** of Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi. It is an intradepartmental, solution oriented knowledge platform to bridge the gap between public policy and public opinion. We seek to eliminate misinformation in the domain of public policy and educate the youth about the process of policy formulation. We observed that heated debates and discussions were taking place in the class groups in the so-called “WhatsApp University” which boiled down to zero conclusions. That is where we acknowledged the need of a more organized forum which could provide a platform to young policy enthusiasts to express their opinions in a more structured, moderated and guided manner. This is how the seed of our forum was sown. We aim to break down the common myth which goes as “The more the grey hair you have, the better opinions you’ll be able to put forth”.

Our motto is: **Not too young to not strive for the best!**

Coordinator: Prof. Roopinder Oberoi (Professor, Dept. of Political Science, KMC)

Co- Founders: Divyanshi Arora, K. S Janani (2nd Year Political Science Students)

MISSION

- Through this forum, we aim to facilitate a unique dialogue between the youth and policy makers and promote more robust public discourse.
- By bridging the gap between students and policy makers we seek to eliminate misinformation in the domain of public policy and educate the youth about the process of policy formulation.
- Furthermore, we intend to channelize the energy of young adults into research and policy development in public and private sectors at local, national and international levels.

SCOPE

- YLPDF is one of its kind initiatives to learn, unlearn and gain a critical insight into the domain of public policy through live debates, research, mentorships, conclaves, discussions and much more.
- YLPDF transcends the boundaries and limitations of a conventional college society and offers a holistic experience to its members and audience.

TEAM MEMBERS

Research and Development Heads- Kushagra Dixit and Devansh Choudhary

Research Cabinet- Sarthak Srivastava, Kapil Walia

Content Heads- Jyotsna Tywal, Rajat Yadav

Technical Head- Sneha

Event Management & Marketing Head- Kartik

ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

→ Bi-Annual Magazine “Renaissance”

The magazine will comprise of components such as significant current affairs, editorials, opinion pieces, caricatures, quizzes, information of various internship opportunities, testimonials from professors and external entities, interviews, artwork, research essays, etc.

• Initiation of New Activities

Keeping in mind the fundamentals of the society, there will be introduction of new activities such as debates and discussions on certain policy issues (currently in online mode).

→ Webinars, Discussions and Debate Competitions, Policy Briefs, Case Study Competitions

→ In-House Mentorships

→ Informative and Interesting Weekly Series

→ Research Paper Writing

• New series on social media

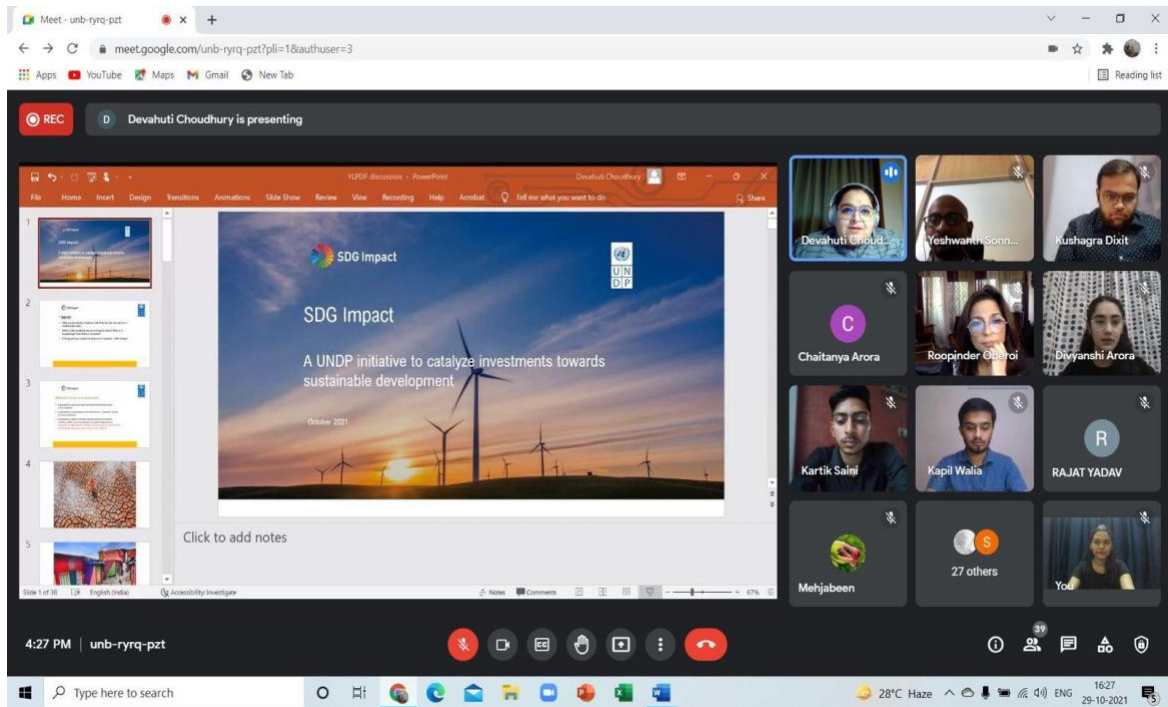
A weekly series namely **8 o'clocks with YLPDF** and **Point of View** has been initiated. The former is a quiz on different themes each week and the latter being a series of opinionated articles which would help in the scrutinization of varied realms on a regular basis and engage the audience with the content delivered at the same time.

INSIGHT INTO OUR EVENTS

EVENT 1- PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE THEME “RE-APPRAISAL OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

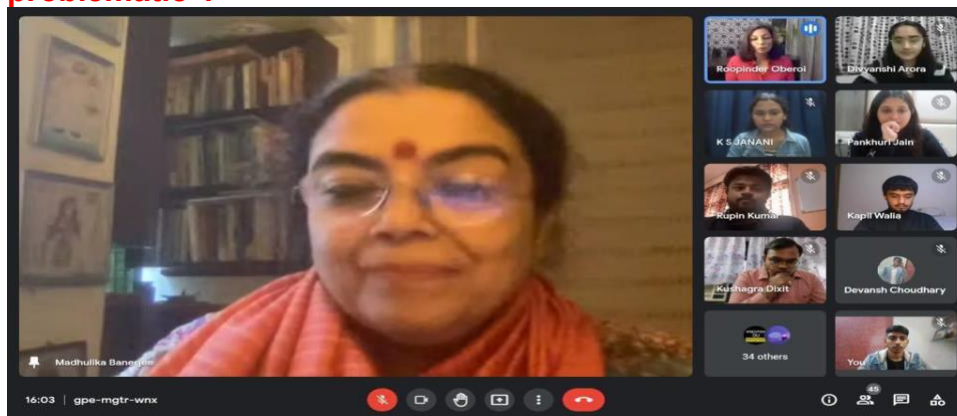
The forum took its first step in organizing **a webinar on the theme “Re-appraisal of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development” on 29 October 2021.**

With only a decade left to implement the SDGs the panel discussion was a medium to stimulate the critical assessment of these goals to trace the trajectory (the past, present and future) of the 17 sustainable development goals. The event was graced by eminent panelists- Dr. Yeshwanth sonnathi who is a medical doctor, researcher, an SDG advocate, and an aspiring global health leader with professional volunteering experience and Ms. Devahuti Choudhary who is an SDG Impact Specialist for the Asia-Pacific region at UNDP.



EVENT 2- WEBINAR ON THE THEME “SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC POLICY”

On 30th november 2021, the second session of YLPDF was organized with panelists Prof. Madhulika Banerjee, Ms. Pankhuri Jain, and Mr. Vardaan Shekhawat and our Principal Ma’am Prof. Vibha Singh Chauhan, on the topic “Significance of Youth Engagement in Public Policy”. Prof. Banerjee opined that student-run initiatives to discuss policy is in itself a challenge to the hierarchy of old politicians and bureaucrats deciding welfare of the masses, a challenge that must be appreciated. She remarked **“Getting education is itself a privilege one gets by accident of birth and then they exercise that privilege to make decisions for the unprivileged - this is problematic”**.



Prof. Madhulika Banerjee addressing the audience on the theme “Significance of youth engagement in public policy”.

EVENT 3 - GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE THEME “IMPACT OF INCREASED OTT SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN”

On 18th January 2022, YLPDF organized its first group discussion session, on the topic “Impact of Increased OTT Services during the Lockdown”. The participants touched on various aspects of the topic ranging from its need during lockdown to censorship, from its impact on health to its impact on the nation's youth, from globalization due to OTT to evolving job opportunities in the field.

EVENT 4- “VIJAYA CAMPAIGN”

In the month of March, 2022, we initiated a social media campaign called: “**विजया - प्रयास. परिवर्तन. प्रगति**” herein for each follow we get on our Instagram handle, we educated one girl/woman about the various legal, financial and social policies, fundamental rights and government schemes that are beneficial to them. We collaborated with “Shanti Sahyog” NGO and successfully educated 300 young girls and women. Apart from this, we also conducted separate sessions for the Domestic Violence Victims to make them aware of the judicial proceedings to seek justice in such cases and shared resource guides with them for future references.



EVENT 5- GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE THEME “UNIFORM CIVIL CODE”

A group discussion was organized by YLPDF on the topic: "Uniform Civil Code in India- the final stage of its formulation?" on 19th April. The offline event saw active participation from students across various departments and years.

The discussion began with students giving their opening remarks on what is the Uniform Civil Code, its constitutionality, what all areas it covers, its history and what is its status in contemporary India. The lively and engaging discussion then proceeded to its implementation and came upon the question: is UCC the need of the hour today? Many agreed that keeping in mind the current social, economic and political scenario of the country, UCC is indeed a necessary requisite, while others claimed that it should be introduced gradually, and in steps, so that people have time to accept it and modify their way of living accordingly.

The heated debate came to an end with all participants eventually agreeing that UCC should definitely be introduced by the current government, but its precise implementation is something to be taken into deep consideration.

