

## KARTAVYA- THE CIVIL SERVICES SOCIETY

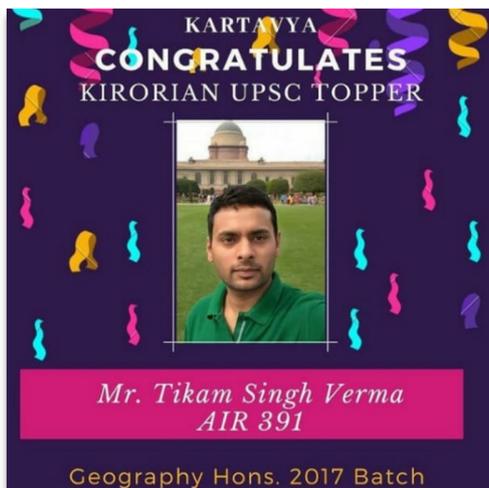
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Kartavya - The Civil Services Society was established with the vision and mission of providing a collaborative learning platform to all the UPSC and CSE aspirants of KMC; it's a platform where all the students could have an opportunity to participate and thus discuss the most of the important happenings around the world, brush up their knowledge on subjects which form heart and soul of the gruelling UPSC examination, and, at the same time, hone their leadership skills and thus facilitate mutual growth and learning amongst all the team members.

Continuing on its journey of facilitating mutual learning and growth, The Kartavya organized wide-ranging Group Discussions, Weekly Quizzes, Student Sessions and Speaker Sessions. Here's a glimpse of all the events that we conducted during the academic year 2020-21.

- 1) **15th August, 2020: Tryst with Tikam Sir-** An interactive session was organized with Mr. Tikam Singh Verma (AIR- 391, UPSC CSE 2019). The session was pretty interesting as the guest speaker happened to be a KMC alumnus himself who provided deep insights into his journey for the preparation of the UPSC.

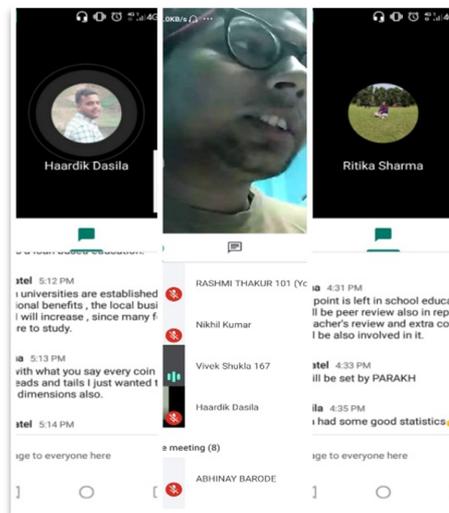
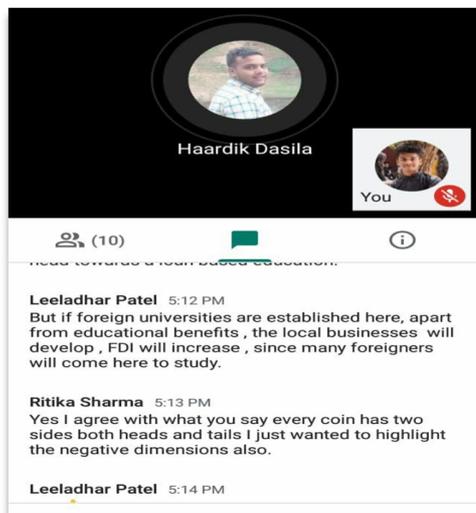


- 2) **17th August, 2020: Talk with Teja Sir:** Kartavya had the privilege of organizing an enlightening talk with Mr. Muthineni Sai Teja, AIR 52 IFoS 2019 and AIR 344 CSE 2019.

Being an IIT Bombay alumnus, he shared with all the participants the nitty-gritties of the exam and also spoke on effective time management strategies.

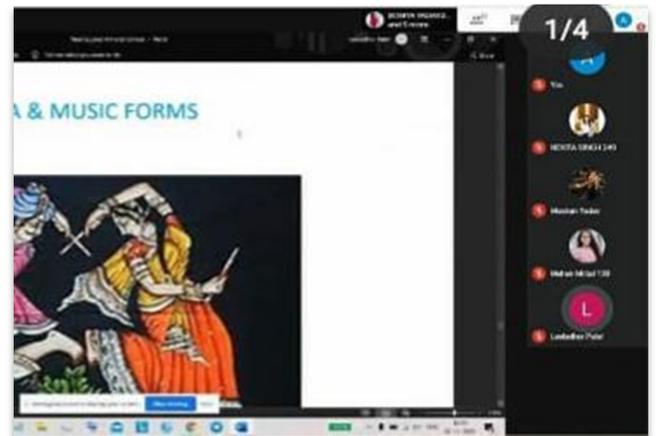
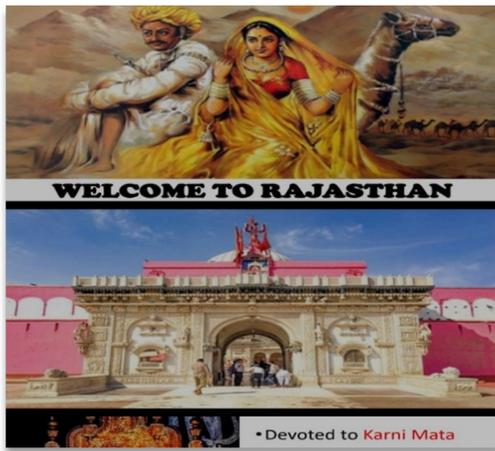


- 3) **22nd August, 2020: Group Discussion on National Education Policy 2020:** A GD was conducted on the NEP, 2020. After much deliberations and weighing in the pros and cons of NEP, the participants arrived on a conclusion and discussed the way forward.

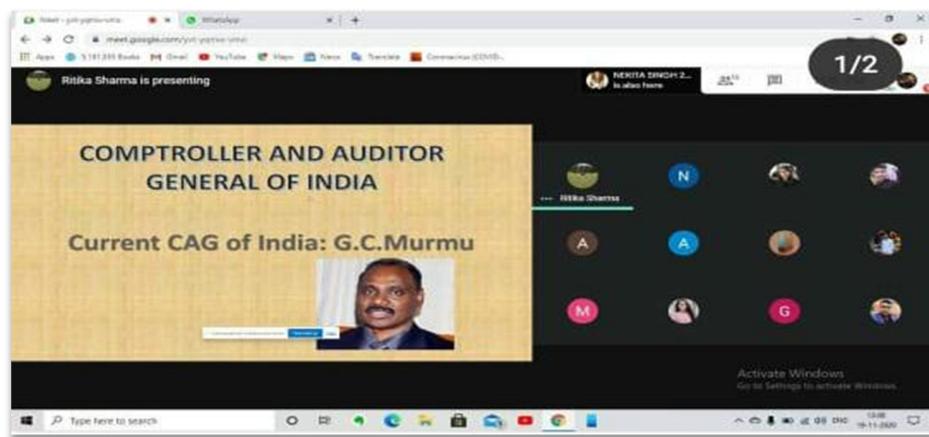


- 4) **19th September, 2020: Group Discussion on QUAD, South China Sea and Ladakh Dispute:** A GD was conducted to understand the geo-politic and geo-strategic situation in the South China Sea. The importance of QUAD formation and Ladakh Dispute was also discussed along with the way forward.

- 5) **2nd November 2020: Session on ART and Culture:** A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality of its culture. To have an in-depth understanding of the magnificently diverse art and culture of the nation, a session was organized on Art and Culture, wherein the executive team members represented their own native states, and presented a very insightful and knowledgeable view of their states' Art and Culture.



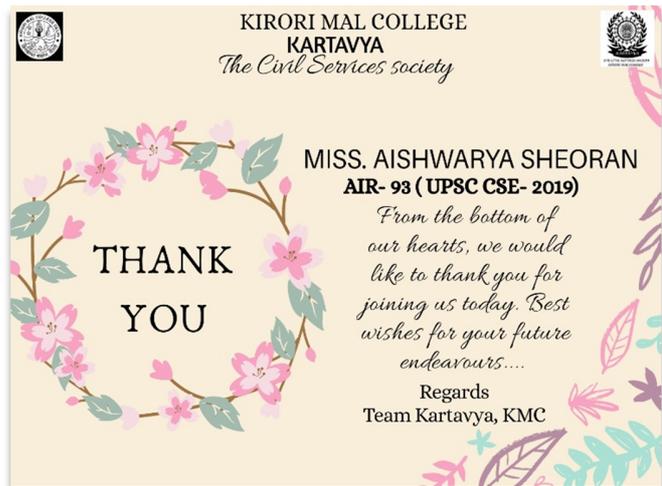
- 6) **19th November, 2020: Session on Comptroller and Auditor General – Understanding the Constitutional provisions, functions and key provisions of the reports of the CAG 2019-20:** This session was organized to have an in-depth understanding of the profile of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. All the constitutional facets related to this post were discussed. The triumph of this session can be measured by the quality of knowledge that was exchanged among all the participants.



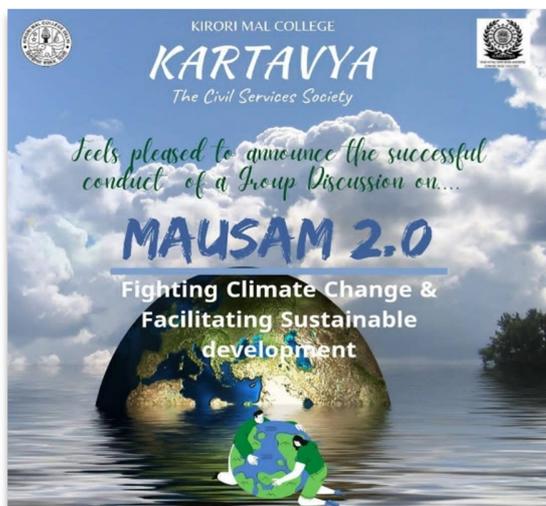
- 7) **29th December, 2020: Interactive Session With Ms. AISHWARYA SHEORAN (AIR- 93 UPSC-CSE 2019) :** The session was based on UPSC Preparation Strategy. All the doubts and queries of the participants were answered diligently by the guest, who also gave some

tips and tricks to crack the exam. Sharing her own experiences, she also shared tips on removing stage fear and how to develop an all-round and confident personality. The recording of the event has been uploaded on YouTube so that other aspirants can benefit from the session too.

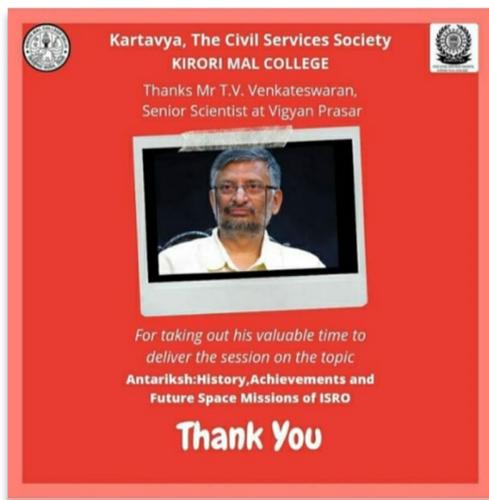
The link of the video is: <https://youtu.be/A4AoIoeGNOs>.



- 8) **7th January 2021: Induction of Volunteers and a Session titled MAUSAM: Climate Change and Sustainable Development:** Kartavya successfully conducted its first virtual meeting with the newly recruited volunteers and extended a warm welcome to them. The meeting was followed by a session titled: *Mausam - Fighting Climate Change and Facilitating Sustainable Development* on google meet platform. Since Climate Change has always been a very important and concerning issue the globe over, a session based on this topic was conducted with great alacrity and astuteness by Ambika, Ritika and Roshan, Executive Council members of Kartavya.



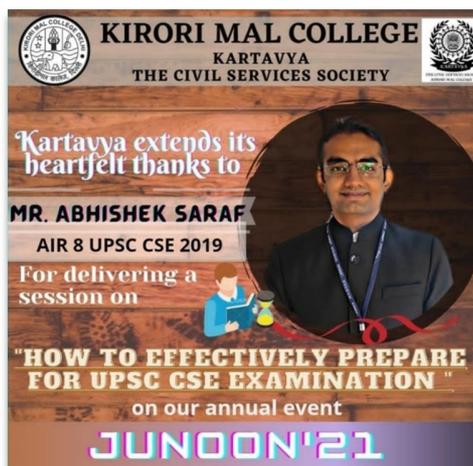
- 9) **18th January, 2021: ANTARIKSH- History, Achievements and Future Space Missions of ISRO:** ISRO, the Space Research Organization of India, has time and again proved its mettle by launching several satellites, and given an impetus to the country's development in the fields of defense, agriculture, weather-forecasting, communication etc. To give an insight into the contribution and journey of ISRO since its establishment in 1969, we organized an informative session entitled "Antariksh: History, Achievements and future space missions of ISRO" with the renowned scientist, **Dr. T V Venkateswaran** (a Senior Scientist with Vigyan Prasar, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, host of Rajya Sabha TV's popular weekly show 'Eureka' and an author of more than 50 books).



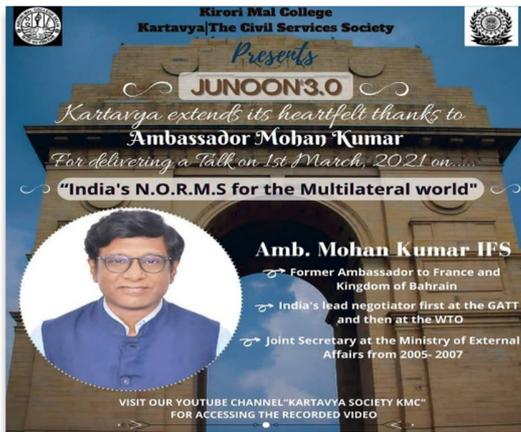
- 10) **17th February, 2021: Developing Interpersonal Skills, Building Rapport And Adapting to a Changing Environment:** In the contemporary scenario, it is important to acquire skills along with knowledge. We may have enough knowledge but if we fail to adapt with changing situations, there is no use of such knowledge. Keeping this aspect in mind, this session was organized with eminent speaker, **Dr. Sangeeta Kumar, a communication specialist coach**, who graced the even as the chief guest.



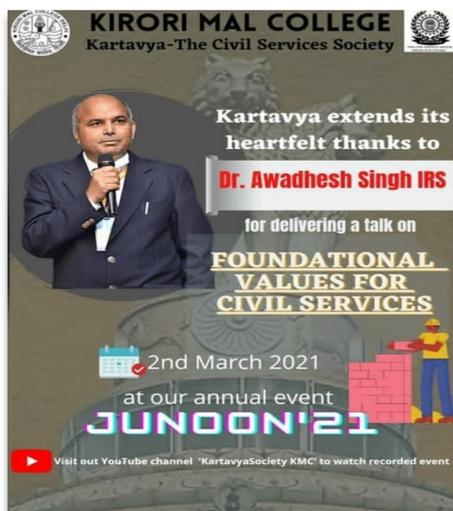
- 11) **28th February, 2021: DAY 1 of JUNOON - Kartavya's Annual Fest:** With great pomp and enthusiasm, Kartavya successfully concluded JUNOON'21- Kartavya's Annual Fest. It was a 4-day event, featuring eminent personalities as guest speakers. On 28th February- Day 1 of our fest, we had **Mr. Abhishek Saraf, IAS, AIR 8- UPSC CSE 2019** as our Guest Speaker. It was an interactive session and the guest spoke on 'How to prepare effectively for UPSC CSE'. It proved highly beneficial for the volunteers especially, as they got to clarify their doubts regarding their CSE preparation from the speaker himself.



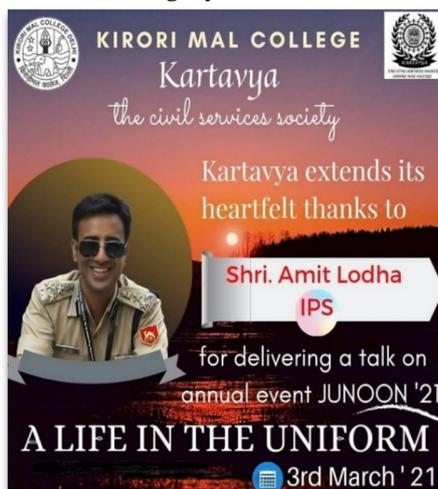
- 12) **1st March, 2021: DAY 2 of JUNOON** - For Day 2 of JUNOON, we had **Ambassador Mohan Kumar (retd.)** as our Guest Speaker. He spoke on **'India's N.O.R.M.S for the Multilateral World'** wherein **NORMS** stands for **New Oriented Reforms for a Multilateral Structure**. The talk brought immense knowledge about the topic surrounding Indian diplomatic approach in dealing with the multilateral and plurilateral agreements of the WTO. The session was recorded and is available at Kartavya's YouTube Channel.



- 13) **2nd March, 2021: DAY 3 of JUNOON** - For Day 3 of JUNOON, we had **Dr. Awdhesh Singh IRS (retd.)** as our guest speaker. He delivered a talk on **'The Foundational Values for Civil Services'** which was followed by a Q&A Session. All the queries of the students were patiently answered by the guest speaker. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Dhiraj Kumar, Advisory Committee member of the Kartavya. This session has also been uploaded on Kartavya's YouTube Channel as well.



14) **3rd March, 2021: DAY 4 of JUNOON** - The last and concluding day of the Annual Fest had one of India's topmost super cop, **Mr. Amit Lodha, IPS**, as the guest speaker, who spoke on '**A Life in the Uniform**'. The session was interactive and the guest shed light on the working of Indian Police Services, and addressed all the doubts of the budding aspirants. The session was highly appreciated by all the attendees. All the events under JUNOON were conducted virtually on 'Google Meet' at 11:00 am under the apt guidance of the **Convener, Dr. Praveen Kumar Anshuman**. In a nutshell, JUNOON'21 was a great success and highly memorable for all the Kartavya-ians with memories and learnings to



stay for life.

15) **14th April, 2021: Induction of New Postholders of Kartavya:** After the successful completion of JUNOON, it was time for the present cabinet to pass on the baton to its well-groomed executive council team members. After much deliberations and discussions the name of the new post holders were finalized and disclosed in the orientation ceremony. The cabinet welcomed and cheered the new appointees and shared their own



experiences with them so that they might be able to build an unflinching edifice based on the experiences shared with them and thus take the society to newer unexplored heights.



16) **OTHER INITIATIVES:** Apart from the grandiose events and sessions, Kartavya regularly conducted '**WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**' on its telegram channel. The motive behind conducting the quizzes has solely been to enhance the knowledge of the participants. This initiative has garnered huge appreciation from our 700+ (members) strong community of UPSC Aspirants - all of whom were either the past or the present students of KMC. The quizzes are regularly conducted on Sunday evenings and no monetary exchange is involved in the same. To support the Hindi medium students, the Society has also been sharing the '**DAILY VOCAB**' from '**THE HINDU**' AND '**THE INDIAN EXPRESS**' newspaper so as to make the understanding of difficult English terms easier for the reader.

Apart from the quizzes, the Society has also been regularly sharing **Posters** on its social media pages. The posters are based on important static and current events that are relevant to UPSC. This initiative has also been appreciated by students across colleges.

*Kartavya has had a great journey over the past year and we believe that our learnings from serving the society would benefit us for the rest of our lives and act as a source of inspiration in testing times.*

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