



KARTAVYA

The Civil Services Society
KIRORI MAL COLLEGE
Annual Report (2019-2020)



Kartavya, the Civil Services Society of the College is a unifying community that brings together all the Civil Services aspirants of this premise under one roof and facilitates them with a veritably conducive learning and knowledge seeking environment. It encompasses a scrupulous study of diverse topics for the aspirants, aiding them in the pursuit of realizing their IAS dreams. It has the culture of cooperative learning that takes forward the theoretical aspects and practical interactions in the amiable company of knowledgeable members who make the bulky and burdensome journey of UPSC an enjoyable thrill.

Under the astounding mentorship of the convenor, Dr. PK Anshuman, the year 2019-20, with myriad events hosting the most brilliant minds and the greatest personas has given an impetus to Kartavya's legacy of nurturing minds with an immortal cascade of knowledge with efficacious vitality.

Highlights of the Year:

➤ **Kartavya's Orientation Programme (2019-2020)**

- It was a jovial moment for the College to have their alumni back but not to the classroom as students, but to the podium as our guest speakers.
- August 8th, 2019 was the day of homecoming of the two IAS officers Rishita Gupta (AIR: 18) and Rakesh Sharma (AIR: 604). The event marked the benign commencement of new academic year with the freshers and the new Cabinet of the Society.

TEJAS: The Defence Talks

October 16th, 2019 had witnessed the arrival of the General, Marshal and Commodore who provided shields to the Indian land, Air and Seas during the days of war and peace. The Panel Discussion focused on "*The Strategic Challenges faced by India - On Land, Air and Sea*".

The guest speakers of the event were:

- Major General Harsha Kakar (Retd.) with 36 years of illustrious career in the Indian Army.
- Air Vice Marshal Manmohan Bahadur (Retd.), a Siachen Pioneer –the first pilot to land on the highest battlefield.
- Commodore Ranjit B. Rai (Retd.), an eminent officer of the Indian Navy and maritime author.

Followed by another seminar:

- **INDIA-CHINA RELATIONS**: *A Military Perspective*, by one of the most exalted figures in the defense field, **Lt. Gen. Rameshwar Yadav (Retd.)**.
- **MAUSAM - THE CLIMATE TALKS**: A Panel Discussion on Climate Change : Causes, Actions & Duties – a very holistic analysis of the most burning issue confronting the world today by the greatest experts from diverse backgrounds :
 - **Air Vice Marshal Prof. Ajit Tyagi (Retd.)**, former Director General of India Meteorological Department.

- **Mr. Manmohan Bhagat**, a leading industrialist and environmentalist, the Chairman of Bhagat Global Group & the Earth Foundation.
- **Amb. Dilip Sinha IFS (Retd.)** former Indian Ambassador to the United Nations and Greece; Former Indian Climate Envoy at UNFCCC.
- **Dr. Seema Mehra Parihar**, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, KMC.

➤ **JUNOON 2020 – The Annual Fest of Kartavya**

A grandiose two day fiesta of intellectual thrill, featuring the most magnificent galaxy of outstanding personalities and several knowledgeable competitions, held successfully, winning significant praise and popularity throughout the campus.

Day 1 :

- **Pax Indica : India's Position in the 21st Century World Order** – a *panel discussion* with **Amb. Skand Ranjan Tayal** (Former Ambassador to Uzbekistan and S. Korea), **Amb. Vishnu Prakash** (Former Indian Envoy to South Korea and Canada) and **Amb. Anil Trigunayat** (Former Indian Envoy to Libya and Jordan).
- **Breaking Barriers: Beyond Boundaries** – *A Motivational Talk* by **Mr. Frank Rausan Pereira**, the renowned TV personality and RSTV anchor.
- **Bharat Bhagya Vidhata 3.0** – An India Quiz, with a record 100 participants
- **Madukya: The Debate** – A debate competition, with 25 teams.

Day 2 :

- **My IAS Days** – A Talk by **Sh. Anil Swarup, IAS**, former Education and Coal Secretary, Govt. of India.
- **Abhigyaan** – The Mock UPSC Prelims: a simulation of UPSC prelims test.
- **Raftaar** – A JAM: an extempore competition.
- **Umang** – A Motivational Session with the renowned bestselling author and TedX speaker, **Dr. Awdhesh Singh IRS**, former GST Commissioner.

Arguably, Kartavya hosted one of the most prestigious and magnificent fests ever by any Civil Services Society in DU till date, with such esteemed legendary speakers meeting with whom has in itself been a dream come reality for many.

- **CLASSROOM SESSIONS** – fulfilling the real learning motive of Kartavya, the classroom sessions are a model for cooperative learning and peer to peer education, wherein the members of the Society comprehensively analyze the most important topics in the news that matter for UPSC and help each other learn. The following were the sessions held :
- ✓ 28/08: Induction Session: Introduction to UPSC and a beginner's guide for IAS preparations.
 - ✓ 04/09: How to read newspapers – sifting news that matters for CSE and understanding Editorials.
 - ✓ 27/09: Chandrayaan – Moon, Stars and the Space – Basics.
 - ✓ 24/10: 5G and the tech future.

- ✓ 24/10: RCEP – a mixed bag for India.
- ✓ 07/11: Security Challenges in Northeast India.
- ✓ 22/01: Brexit – Its Meaning, Process, and Implications.
- ✓ 13/02: Budget 2020 – An Analysis.

Certainly, all these words echo the team’s steel resolves behind each and every event that became a gem in the crown of accomplishments is a monument of the sheer assiduous toil of the team, which has come to benefit some 470 students of KMC. But, this is the mere beginning, as Kartavya craves to serve more and more, inspired by the motto - “योगः कर्मसु कौशलम्!”

Several out of the box, grand and eruditely magnificent speaker sessions are planned ahead, including one with ISRO scientists, and the other with many with historians etc. Overall, the current academic year achieved a great success to the benefit of the motives carved out by the Society.



Team Kartavya with Dr. Awdhesh Singh IRS

Convenor: Dr. Praveen Kumar Anshuman

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