Political Science Association

Report for the Academic Year 2022-23

1. 31st August 2022 – Treasure Hunt

The Association organised a Fun Hour and Treasure Hunt on 31st August. Songs, poetry, dance and interaction between the students made the time fun and memorable. Along with impromptu group songs, Treasure Hunt was the highlight of the interactive session. Students were divided into teams and had to search for clues hidden in various campus locations. It was a fun ice-breaking activity for the students and professors on a typical college day.





2. 5th September 2022 - Teachers Day Celebrations

The Association celebrated the Teachers' Day by organising various activities. Students expressed their gratitude towards their teachers through handmade cards, portraits and a thoughtful poem, accompanied with cultural performances and engaging games. The program ended with the teachers reminiscing about the Teacher's Day celebration during their school days.



3. 31st October 2022 – ADR Talk

The Association organised a talk by Major Gen. Anil Verma (Retd), the head of the Association for Democratic Reforms on the topic 'Transparency in Democracy and Political Funding'. Maj. Gen. Verma's presentation gave insights on the state of corruption in Indian politics, underscored

the importance of transparent functioning of the political system and encouraged the students to make informed choices as voters.





4. 23rd November 2022 - Freshers' Orientation

The Association organised the freshers' orientation on 23rd November 2022. It took place in the college amphitheatre. Several games were organised to make the program more interactive. The students participated enthusiastically and the orientation proved to be engaging.





5. 13th December 2022 - Winter Chimes

The Winter Chimes was organised as a part of the on-campus Christmas celebrations. The Department took part in the inter-departmental Christmas carol singing competition. The team comprised 21 first year students. The Department of Political Science bagged the first position in the competition and were awarded with a trophy and Certificates of Excellence.





6. 11th January 2023 - Group Discussion

The Association organised a group discussion on the topic 'Is 21st Century the Asian Century?'. Some participants argued that Asian countries are set to take over the West in the next few decades while others put forward a different opinion by stating that the relevance of the Asian countries is dependent on the West and thus, they cannot challenge the hegemony of the West. Shilpa Ann Thomas (Department of Economics), Deepali Choudhary (Department of BA Programme) and Mahima Minj (Department of BA Programme) bagged the first, second and third positions respectively. All participants were given a Certificate of Participation and the winners were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.





7. 18th January 2023 - Lecture by Dr. Harish S. Wankhede

The Association organised a lecture on 'Nation and State in Ambedkar's Thought', by Dr. Harish S. Wankhede who teaches Political Science at the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Dr. Wankhede discussed what nation meant to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and how according to Ambedkar, embracing the past was pivotal for a progressive present and future. He also discussed the importance of Buddhism in Ambedkar's philosophy. Questions pertaining to the relevance of Ambedkar's ideas in contemporary Indian politics and the emancipation of Dalits were raised.



8. 24th January 2023 - Freshers'

The Association organised the Freshers' Party to welcome the first year students. The theme was 'Award Show: Filmfare'. Various activities like a ramp walk on the red carpet, a talent show, a DJ and games were organised for the first years. Titles such as Ms. Showstopper, Ms. Diva and Ms. Talented were awarded. The second and third years performed a dance medley.



9. 25th January 2023 - National Voters' Day

To observe the National Voters' Day, the Association invited students of Jesus and Mary College to share their thoughts on voting and why voting matters on the Department board where students of the Department showcased the history of voting through art and posters. Students were also invited to get their pictures clicked on the Voter's Day photo booth set up near the notice board. Students from various departments turned up and expressed their views on the Department board.





10. 8th February 2023 - JAM Game Session

The Association organised a JAM Game Session on 8th February 2023. The game included a question or a riddle related to political science. The participant had to guess the answer and speak about it for at least a minute since the title itself was 'Just-a-Minute'. The first year students were also asked questions regarding their experience in college and their anxieties and expectations about college.





11. 15th February 2023 - Nukkad Natak and Awareness Session Against Vitriolage

The Political Science Association held an Awareness Session and Nukkad Natak in collaboration with the New Delhi District Legal Services Authority (NDDLSA) as part of the Delhi State Legal Services Authority's newly launched project, titled, "SPARSH - GIVE CARE & NOT SCARS - ENDING VITRIOLAGE - AN EFFORT THROUGH LEGAL AWARENESS". The "I CAN DO IT" Theatre Group performed a Nukkad Natak that shed light on the stigma associated with survivors of vitriolage. Mr. Mikhil Sharda, a Delhi High Court advocate, delivered a talk on the constitutional and statutory punitive, rehabilitative and preventive measures for acid attack perpetrators and victims.





<u>12. 22nd February 2023 - Talk on 'Museum Research, Curation and Design' by Ms Sahaj</u> Panesar

The Association held a session on Museum Research, Curation and Design on 22nd February. The session was conducted by our alumna Ms. Sahaj Panesar, who is currently working at PAN Intellecom Ltd. Ms. Sahaj comprehensively covered the different steps in the making of a museum through an informative presentation. The students were made aware about the world and study of museums.





13. 2nd March 2023 - Sports Day

The Department participated enthusiastically in the 54th Sports Day organised by the Department of Physical Education. The Department march-past squad marched on the beats of Saare Jahaan Se Achcha. The students of the Department won many awards for the various competitions held as a part of the Sports Day. Shruti Kandwal (2nd year) won the Gold medal in Discus throw and the Silver medal in Short Put. Anna Joyson (3rd year), Cynthia Francis (2nd year), Faria Khan (3rd year) and Shruti Kandwal (2nd year) won the silver medal in the 4x100m relay race. Anna Joyson (3rd year) won the bronze medal in the 400m race. Nourina Choudhary (2nd year) won the bronze medal in Discus Throw.





14. 13th April 2023 - Politologue: The Annual Academic Day

On the 13th of April 2023, the Political Science Association of Jesus and Mary College held its annual academic day, Politologue'23. The day was marked by academically enriching events, food stalls, photo booth corners and an open mic event. The day began with an Inaugural lecture given by Ms. Anjali Bharadwaj, the founder of Satark Nagrik Sangathan on 'The Importance of People's Right to Information in a Democracy.' Ms. Anjali talked about the necessity of promoting transparency and accountability in government functioning. The various academic events held as a part of Politologue'23 included Paper Presentation, Policy Analysis, Youth Parliament, Conventional Debate, Quiz and Cartoon Making Competition. The open mic saw enthusiastic participation from the students of all three years who put up various cultural performances. The event ended with a group photograph and the Teacher-in-Charge, Professor

Sushila Ramaswamy gifting a customised department's keychain to every student of the Political Science Association.







15. 26th April 2023 - The Release of Politoscope, The Department Magazine

On 26th April, the second issue of the Association's magazine, *Politoscope*, themed '*Independent India: Major Milestones'* was unveiled. The Magazine was released by Ms. Gayatri Ahuja, the founding editor of Politoscope. The Chief Editor and Deputy Editor, Vanshika (3rd year) and Avni Chawla (2nd year) and the Incharges of the Design Team, Aditi Nayak (3rd year) and Drina Joseph (3rd year) shared their thoughts and the challenges faced during the making of the Magazine. They also thanked the professors for their guidance and support. Members of the Editorial Team and the Design Team also shared their experience while working on the magazine. The program ended with the Teacher-in-Charge, Professor Sushila Ramaswamy expressing her thoughts on the Magazine and praising the Magazine Team's efforts.





16. 2nd May 2023 - Farewell Party for the Batch of 2022-23

The Association organised the farewell party for the Batch of 2022-23 on 2nd May. The programme was marked by various activities like a ramp walk on the red carpet, games and performances by the first and second year students. Tiles of Ms. Sunshine, Ms. Know-It-All and Ms. Charming were awarded. The third year students also performed a dance medley. The highlight of the day were the performances put up by the professors. It was a day filled with nostalgia and joy.

