

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE, DELHI UNIVERSITY
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The year 2016-17 has truly been an extremely dynamic and prolific year for the Department of Political Science, Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University. The session began with elections for the office bearers in August under the conscientious supervision of Ms. Tanuja Sachdev, Teacher-In-Charge of the Department. The office of President was held by Rashi Sharma with Aishwarya Titus elected as the Vice President for a term of one year.

The Department chose to start the term by stering of FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION through an assembly presented by the 2nd years on August 8th. Following this were the much-awaited Freshers' celebration based on the theme COACHELLA held on August 31st with the thorough engagement of the seniors in welcoming the fresher students to the department and o the college. Ms. Political Science and Ms. Coachella were chosen after rounds of auditioning and an intra-department voting. Ms. Damini Kain brought pride to the Political Science family by winning the inter-college fresher title of Ms. Talented.

On September 5th, students of all 3 years put their best foot forward in organising the Teachers' day celebrations by arranging for thoughtful gifts and lip-smacking refreshments for the teachers. The students of the department were also successful in putting up a series of well-coordinated cultural programs and collectively thanked the teachers for their unsullied service to the department and the college.

The second Assembly of the session took place on September 12th on the misconceptions regarding Teenage Suicides by the 3rd years. On September 19th, the students of the department got a real insight on, "South Asia as a Region" by Prof. Emeritus S.D. Muni. With great zeal and enthusiasm, the department invited the Asmita Theatre Group on September 27th to perform amongst their most celebrated plays, COURT MARTIAL as a curtain raiser to the annual fest which was to be held in exact 1 month from this date. The Curtain Raiser received an overwhelming response with over 3500 seated audiences and many more awaiting their entry into the college's Multi-Purpose Hall.

The department also conducted 2 seminars on "How to crack professional interviews" and "Careers in IAS" on the same day of October 19th. Following this was the radically successful food sale on October 20th conducted by the department. The stall was a part of the annual Diwali mela- Sparsh. This sale was called "Grab the Grub" and boy, the students did grab it!

The All India Political Parties' Meet (AIPPM), a pan-India conference held on October 26th and 27th, as a part of the academic fest, which saw students as political representatives. It was a mock academic simulation of a thought of meet of the various political parties of the country. The agenda for the 2 day discussion was "Caste: Beef ban Politics; and asserting the hierarchy in the society".

The annual Academic Festival of the Department, Politologue'16 took place on October 27th. This festival saw the participation of over 300 people from various colleges across Delhi spread across the 8 events which ranging from Slam Poetry, Online Photography Competition, a one minute Karo Rajneeti competition, to a Throne's Quest treasure hunt, a Film Review competition and Poster Making.

The students of the Political Science department, in their black and white self-designed T-shirts, worked relentlessly with the aim of making this an academic-cultural event. Participants took back great lessons of politics, learnt in the most fun and enjoyable ways, along with many goodies and prizes.

An assembly by the 1st years took place on January 9th on the sudden policy of “Demonetization” adopted by the government in the later dates of November. An educative talk by the eminent Sociologist Ms. Ambar Ahmad on “Un/Covered Bodies: Women and the Politics of Dress” in which she threw a spotlight on the influences of dresses in the society which left everyone in awe and the speaker made efforts to address various questions raised by the students. The Annual College Sports day took place on the March 9th, in which the Department of Political Science was victorious in races and team competitions.

On March 24th 2017, an informal chat session was organised with Hannah Cockburn, Head of Political and Bilateral Affairs for the UK High Commission in New Delhi. This event which took place in the Hall witnessed a thrilling conversation on India-UK Relations.

The final assembly of the year took place on April 10th, a light-hearted presentation by the first years on eve-teasing and the Anti-Romeo squads. The Academic and Cultural term came to an end on the April 21st where the 1st and 2nd year students along with the teachers bid adieu to the Class of 2017.