

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is a moment of pride for me to present the 9th issue of the newsletter 'Grammar of Politics'. Political Science Department is one of the largest departments of Kalindi with about 1200 students and 20 teachers. I am pleased to see that they have worked so actively and enthusiastically throughout the year and organized many activities despite the ongoing pandemic. It proves the presence of cooperation and commitment amongst all the members of the department may it be students or teachers.

I am sure the department will continue working enthusiastically in the future also and many more such issues will be there.



All the best!



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#### TIC'S MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate the team Politeia, Political Science Association of Kalindi College, Delhi University for showing yet again their commitment, dedication, and sincerity that led to the successful publication of its newsletter 'Grammar of Politics' despite the pandemic Covid 19. This newsletter is a reflection of their hard work, team spirit, and good planning in organizing various collective activities mirroring their future aspirations. Student life is about learning to walk the rough road, to fall and rise again to become resilient. I believe that our students too have in the process, learned many things which will be of great use in their future endeavors. I wish them the best for a bright future in whatever field they choose to fulfill their dreams.

#### STUDENT ADVISOR'S MESSAGE

Hearty congratulations to the students of the Department of Political Science on coming out with yet another newsletter 'Grammar of Politics' by overcoming all challenges amidst the pandemic. It is now more than one year that the students have not come to the college and there has been the absence of a physical interface between students and teachers. However, it is a matter of satisfaction as Students' Advisor of the year that the momentum and enthusiasm continue among students in organizing quite a good number of events throughout the academic session 2020-21. The office bearers have availed all the possible ways to utilize the virtual platform to organize the number of curricular and extra-curricular activities that have enhanced the knowledge of the students in multiple areas. I appreciate the efforts put forth by the newsletter team for this digital publication. The newsletter has come out to be commendable.



Dr. Nivedita Giri

Best wishes and keep up the good work!

# **POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE 2020-21**

#### **October 02, 2020**



# **Gandhi Award 2020**

Gandhi Study Circle, Kalindi College was conferred Gandhi Award, University of Delhi for promoting Gandhian values among the youth and fraternity in Colleges and Departments of Delhi University through various activities and programs. This award was given on October 2nd, 2020 in all three categories:

Principal - Dr. Anjula Bansal

Teacher Coordinator - Dr. Sangita Dhal (Convener, Gandhi Study Circle) Student - Miss. Garima Ahlawat (Roll No- 18527001)

#### **India Media Literacy Network**



#### **December 08, 2020**

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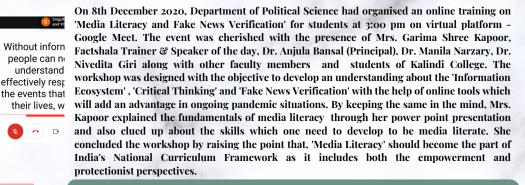
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#### **January 11,2021**



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#### National Webinar on Inspiration and Success Story of a Civil Servant

On 11th January 2021, Politeia had organized a very interactive, informative, and motivating virtual webinar with Indian Civil Servants on Google Meet to inspire young aspirants with their success stories. The program commenced at 4:00 pm with the presence of Dr. Manila Narzary (TIC, Political Science Department), Dr. Nivedita Giri (Student Advisor, Politeia), Principal, Dr. Anjula Bansal, and two Special Guests - Mr. Shriram Ambarkar, IPS and Mr. Satish Mohan, IAAS.



The program was joined by more than 100 participants. Both the speakers gave insights upon their strategies to crack Civil Services Exam. Their thought provoking words escorted the fact that civil services journey is a marathon race in which we have to be focused, consistent and should do smart work along with hard work like Robots.

Lastly, the event was wrapped up with a question answer session and the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Manila Narzary and Dr. Nivedita Giri.

# **Republic Day Program**

On 25th January 2021, Saraswati Park of Kalindi College witnessed the celebration of the 72nd Republic Day at 11:00 A.M. with the presence of Principal Dr. Anjula Bansal as the Chief Guest, Faculty & Staff Members, and students attended the program in Hybrid Mode (Virtual as well as Physical). The National flag was hoisted by the Principal, and followed by the National Anthem. The program moved forward with an incredible display of parade by the NCC cadets and the speech by the Principal, Dr. Anjula Bansal.

Last but not the least, the hour-long ceremony culminated with the vote of thanks given by Dr. Nivedita Giri, Student's Advisor of Politeia- Political Science Department of Kalindi College, and with the beautiful message to create a New Atmanirbhar Bharat.

#### **February 16,2021**



#### **International Webinar Series on Contemporary Global Issues**

Politeia started a series of International Webinars from 16th February 2021. The 1st webinar was embellished with the presence of Dr. Harsh V. Pant (Professor of International Relations, Department of Defence Studies, King's College London, United Kingdom), Dr. Veena Kukreja (Head of Political Science Department, University of Delhi), Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh, Dr. Manila Narzary along with other faculty members and student researchers of Universities of India and abroad.

On the topic "India's Foreign Policy: New Directions" both the guest speakers gave insights upon India's foreign policy which envisages to widen its sphere of influence, enhances its role across nations, and makes its presence felt like an emerging superpower. They also explained how the year 2021 presents a bunch of challenges and opportunities for India, in pursuit of fulfilling foreign policy objectives. For instance, the rise of China and its influence in India's neighborhood is a cause of worry for India and it's foreign policy decisions. The speakers also threw light on the fact that, "In shifting the balance of power in the South Asian region, India needs to tackle foreign policy challenges and leverage opportunities carefully."



#### February 18,2021







March 10, 2021





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### **International Webinar on Sino-India Relations**

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On 18 February 2021, Politeia organized 2nd International Webinar which was accompanied by Prof. Daniel S. Markey, (Senior Research Professor in International Relations, John Hopkins University, Washington DC, USA) and students from all over India along with the Faculty Members. He was called upon to speak on the Topic "China and Geopolitics of South Asia".

In his speech, Prof. Markey gave an overview on, "How China's behavior has changed and how it has shifted its attention from Eastern Horizon to Western one. He made the audience aware with the two ground realities i.e., Pakistan becoming a major part of China's foreign policy, and India & Pakistan's conflict will not be going to resolve in next ten decades. He also discussed India-China changing relationship in recent years and Emerging of China as a dominant external economic player across the South Asian region. In the end, the floor was open for the questions from the audience, which were answered by Prof. Markey in a very generous way.

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March 5, 2021

# **International Webinar on Iran's Nuclear Energy**

On 5th March, 2021 at 4:00 PM, Politeia has earnestly organized 3rd webinar of its International series on Contemporary Global Issues on virtual platform - Microsoft Teams.

Prof. Charles Freilich, (Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel and Columbia University, New York, USA) joined the webinar as the Guest Speaker on the topic "Iran's Nuclear Program". He, firstly, explained that the Iranian interest in nuclear technology is not new and dates back to the 1950s. He also expounded how the American security system is developing in the Middle East to contain Iranian military activities & how it is becoming the major threat to the Iranian regime. Along with this he elucidated the factors behind growing Iranian nuclear power. Lastly, he ended his talk by untangling the consequences of Iran's nuclear program for the Middle East and international community. Also, explained how nuclear terrorism is emerging as the biggest and the most dangerous consequence of it. The remarkable session became interactional with the O/A.





March 12, 2021





**International Webinar on Africa in an Emerging World** On 10th March 2021, Politeia, Department of Political Science, Kalindi College organized its 4th International webinar on "Africa in the Emerging World Order" was accompanied by Prof. Stig Jarle Hansen, (Head of International Relations Program, Norwegian University of Life sciences, Akershus, Norway) as the Guest Speaker. The event was embellished with the presence of Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh & Dr. Manila Narzary along with faculty members,

researchers and students from various universities as participants.

Prof. Hansen elucidated the fact that Africa is the world's second-largest continent both in terms of land & population. He precisely mentioned, how Africa has the opportunity to reshape the world, how its economy is impressively emerging, and how Covid- 19 has changed the picture for it. He also comprehended the importance of the river Nile, in the growth & development of Africa. Through PPT, Professor justified the point that Africa will be in more profit if it is befriended with America rather than China. He concluded his speech by giving insights upon the emerging interests of foreign actors in Africa like – Turkey, UAE, Qatar, Russia, & EU.

#### International Webinar on Demystifying the Belt and Road Initiative

Politeia organized its 5th Webinar of International Series on the topic, "Demystifying The Belt and Road initiative " on 12 March 2021 and received Prof. Rafiq Dossani (Director, Center for Asia Pacific Policy, Professor, Pardee Rand, Graduate School, Rand Corporation, California, USA) as Guest Speaker. The session began at 4:30 PM through a virtual platform- Microsoft Teams, with the presence of Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh, and Dr. Manila Narzary along with faculty members & students of various Indian & Foreign Universities.

Prof. Dossani highlighted that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is the world's largest development finance initiative whose founder is China, and also invested more than 80 billion US\$ in 70 participating countries since its launch. Moreover, he delineated the fact that China is not provided the finances for the development projects but also aided its building by state-owned Chinese firms which also differentiate this initiative from other typical foreign aid initiatives. He explained the importance of this initiative by stating that BRI focuses not only on achieving global connectivity with China, but also helps in meeting the need for infrastructure at national levels. He also gave some examples - Pakistan Economic Corridor, Mombasa - Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway, etc. Lastly, by discussing the public policy issues of the BRI initiative, he unfolded the gains of China and the host country and thereby, concluded his lecture by quoting, "Infrastructure is the key to long term development".

#### International Webinar on Politics and Religion in Middle East

On 18th March 2021, Politeia had organized its 6th International Webinar on Global Contemporary Issues and Prof. Hassan Abbas, (Distinguished Professor of International Relations, Near East South Asia Centre for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC, USA), joined as the speaker of the day and delivered a lecture on "Politics & Religion in the Middle East Today: Policy Implications for the Biden Administration."

Prof. Abbas firstly settled the stage with a brief introduction of the topic in which he discussed the Impact of Covid-19, the current Energy Crisis, and its impact on the economy on Middle East. Further, Prof. Abbas illustrated the fact that the Middle East has a vast, complicated yet glorified history unfolded various reasons which paved the way for the religious influence in the politics of the Middle East. Out of which Islamic revolution, proxy wars between the countries, combating terrorism are the most important one. With this he sketched out the motivating factors behind the interest of USA in Middle East, for example, maintaining the free flow of energy, countering terrorist organizations, etc. Lastly, he talked about the USA administrative policies, under the leadership of two Presidents of the USA - Donald Trump and Joe Biden.

# POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE 2020-21

#### March 26,2021



## International Webinar on Leveraging Soft Power to Realize National Interests

On 26th March 2021, Politeia had organized its 7th webinar of the International Webinar Series, on the Topic "Leveraging Soft Power to Realize National Interest: Reflections on India's Foreign Policy Since Independence". Prof. Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra, (Director, Mahatma Gandhi Centre, Hindu University of America, Florida, USA) was the Guest Speaker. The event started at 4:30 PM on Microsoft Teams, with the presence of Dr. Naina Hasija, (Principal), Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh, and the TIC Dr. Manila Narzary along with more than 145 participants. While announcing the lecture, Prof. Mahapatra kept his focus on 3 major areas i.e., What are soft power and cultural diplomacy?; What are India's soft power assets?; and India's soft power and cultural diplomacy in action. He delineated the fact that "Soft power alone won't suffice, but its combination with hard power would galvanize India's rise as a global power".

# A Workshop on Digital Citizenship and Civic Participation for Gender Equality

On the topic "Digital Citizenship & Civic Participation for Gender Equality", Politeia, Department of Political Science, Kalindi College, in collaboration with Centre For Social Research (CSR) and Twitter India had organized a Workshop on March 30, 2021, with the renowned Indian Journalist Ms. Faye D'Souza. The workshop was organized to empower young women in their engagement in the civic dialogue on social media and also influence policy development on issues of digital gender equality.

With Faye, 125 plus participants joined the event. The event was also live on YouTube and other social media handles of CSR. The session was conducted by a representative of CSR. Firstly, they explicated the importance of getting online, the power of connecting, and women's participation & voice of change. Then, explained the basics of using Twitter, the security and safety of individuals on it. Lastly, by setting forth the Twitter rules, the host handed over the stage to the Guest Speaker Ms. Faye D'Souza and she shared her experience of using Twitter App. She also dealt with the question "using social media with the fear of getting trolled or targeted" and encouraged girls of Kalindi Colleg to get online and be the voice of change. In closing, CSR on their official Twitter page (CSRIndia) initiated the tweet chats to encourage the participants to give a kick start to their Tweeting journey.



March 30,2021



April 9-10, 2021



#### **Regional Conference on 'Mapping Governance Innovations in South Asia'**

The Department of Political Science ,Kalindi College, University of Delhi in collaboration with South Asian Network for Governance Studies, Chittagong, Bangladesh and Department of Political Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka organized a two day regional e-conference on 'Mapping Governance Innovation in South Asia' on 9th-1oth April 2021. With key themes :-

Innovations in Local Governance in South Asia.
E-Governance and Public Service Delivery in South Asia.
Governance and Public Administration Reforms and Innovations in South Asia.

3) Governance and Public Administration Reforms and Innovations in South Asia. The Event was chaired by various Eminent personalities like as Prof. Subhash Kashyap (Former Secretary General, Lok Sabha, India and President of South Asian Network for Governance Studies), Prof. Najma Akhtar (Honorable Vice Chancellor of Jamia Milia Islamia, India), Prof. Rumki Basu (Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia), Prof. Lasantha Manawadu, (Honorable Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo), Prof. Naina Hasija (Principal of Kalindi College, University of Delhi), Prof. Nizam Ahmed (Secretary of South Asian Network for Governance Studies) along with faculty members and students of various Universities from India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. The event was turned out chefd'œuvre with the astonishing efforts of organizing committee members – Dr. Sangita Dhal (Associate Professor, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, India), Dr. Pradeep Periris (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka) and Prof. Nizam Ahmed (Secretary of South Asian Network for Governance Studies).



# International Webinar on India's East Asia Strategy



On 20th April 2021, Politeia yet organized its 8th webinar in the series of International Webinars on the topic "India's East Asia Strategy" and invited Prof. Swaran Singh (Prof. & Chairman of Centre for International Politics, Organization & Disarmament (CIPOD, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi, India), as the Opening Speaker accompanied with the Key Note Speaker, Dr. Ian Hall (Prof. of International Relations, Deputy Director (Research), Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Nathan Campus, Queensland, Australia). The webinar was hosted by the Principal Dr. Naina Hasija, Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh and Dr. Manila Narzary. The webinar was a grand success with several Indian & Foreign participants.

Firstly, Prof. Swaran Singh led the session by his opening remark on multiple ways of linking & building strategy of East Asia in which he listed the growth and development of countries like India & Japan. and their engagement with other Asian countries. The session was then taken over by Prof. Ian Hall, wherein he elaborated India's remarkable grand strategy of postindependence. He also mentioned about its membership at various multilateral forums and its entry into the East Asian Strategy by extending its economic growth policies and strengthening its ties with Singapore, Philippines, etc. Lastly, the session became noteworthy with engaging Q/A among participants and the speakers.

# April 20, 2021



# MANTHAN ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF POLITEIA 2020-21

# April 06,2021

# April 04,2021

#### Dance Competition & Poster-Making Competition

On 4th April 2021, we started our 1st day of Manthan with Dance competition in which 5 groups participated in crew and 16 participated in solo category. Participants were asked to attach the video to the registration form and both were marked separately under categories like, Costume, Choreography, Videography (as online). Dr. Nivedita Giri, Dr. Priyabala Singh, and Dr. Ritu Sharma were the judges of the event.

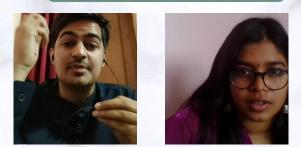
Then, at 11:00 am, we had our 2nd one hour long event of the day i.e. Poster Making Competition, through Google Meet in which several students participated. The participants were assigned the Topics - 1. Combating Terrorism and 2. Religion, to design their posters. Dr. Vineeta Meena, Dr. Vandana Rani, and Dr. Anjani Kumar were the judges for the event. The competition was also joined by Dr. Manila Narzary (Teacher-in-Charge of Political Science Department). At last, the judges gave their remarks and congratulated & thanked the participants for their great efforts.

# April 07, 2021

# **Quiz Competition**

This was the last day of our fest, in which we organized a Quiz Competition which started at 11:30 in the morning. The event was adorned with the presence of Dr. Manila Narzary along with other faculty members of the Political Science Department and student participants. The competition was organized on Google Meet and 38 students from all over India participated in it. It was an excellent & successful 3-round event which was not only interesting but also full of fun and everyone enjoyed it. Dr. Utpal Kumar, Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Sunita Meena were the judges of the event. The program ended with the warm and motivating words from the judges and Vote of Thanks by the President of Politeia, Miss. Simran Singh.

# **Debate Competition**



At 10:30 a.m. we started our day 3, with the Debate Competition on the Topic - "Should LG be considered beyond just an advisory body?" (Government has redefined the responsibilities of LG and the Delhi Government through this act) through Google Meet. A total of 29 students took part in the competition. Dr. Nisha Bakshi, Dr. Deepak Yadav, Dr. Seema Mathur, and Dr. Nitin Malhotra were the judges for the event. The debaters were enthusiastic and made their strong points for/against the house. It was an ordeal to judge and choose the best ones among all.

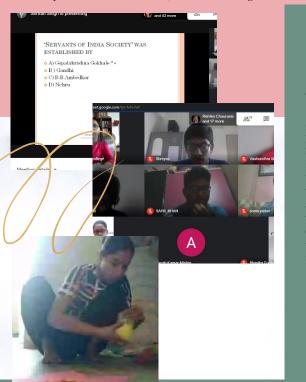


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# **Open Mic Competition**

This day was assigned to our 3rd event which is, Open Mic competition in the categories i.e., Poetry, Storytelling, Singing, Standup Comedy, etc. The competition was commenced at 1:00 pm with the presence of Dr. Manila Narzary and other faculty members of Kalindi College along with 43 students, on Google Meet. Dr. Ritu Sharma & Dr. Sandeep Kumar were the judges of the event. It was fascinating to witness brilliant performances by the participants. Each participant was outstanding and kept the audience enthralled throughout the event. In the end, the event was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Simran Singh (President), Political Science Student Union and the warm and motivating words of the Professors present.



## OFFICE BEARER OF POLITEIA 2020-21



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TREASURER III Year



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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Ms. Simran Singh** 

Working for the department was always fun and amazing, not only it made me independent but it made me strong, confident, and worth taking risks and tasks on deadline too. Being a president for Politeia was itself a much-honored position to me. It not only gives you the way to walk but wings to fly to and outshine with your rainbow colors. It was tough to manage with the team during the pandemic, not having meetings, no gathering but that didn't stop any of us from not giving our best. It would always be the best memory for me. The support teachers showed and the way they made us believe in ourselves and nonetheless believing in us is what made us who we are now. Being a president for the union is a bit time-consuming also takes a lot to put into but I'm thankful for my team and the department for putting their best in whatever we had done so far.

I wish all the student the best of luck for their shinny and bright future, and as we say for the team, "We got this, we are in this together"



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