

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
SHIVAJI COLLEGE
(UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)**

**DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES
(2024-2025)**

The Department of Political Science, Shivaji College offers students ample opportunities and adequate exposure for their involvement in activities beyond the traditional classroom setting. The Department with its society of students (Democrats) organizes educational seminars, special lectures, educational tours and competitions such as essay writing, conventional debates, poster making competition, etc. to enhance students' skills, awareness and knowledge.



❖ A Report on 78th Independence Day Celebration: Movie Screening

Shivaji College's Department of Political Science hosted the 78th Independence Day with a movie screening in Jijabai Auditorium-I on August 16, 2024. The show started at 1:00 PM and focused on nationalism and India's struggle for independence. The documentary highlighted the evolution of nationalism and the sacrifices made by freedom fighters. The teacher-in-charge, Dr. Bishnu Satapathy, thanked the Principal, Prof. Virender Bhardwaj and underlined the importance of students in a democracy. The programme was concluded with the interactive session on nation-building, collective duties and patriotism, followed by vote of thanks by Teacher-in-charge, Dr. Bishnu Satapathy to the Principal Prof. Virender Bhardwaj.



Learning Objectives:

To increase students' knowledge on the rise of nationalism and India's freedom movement. It aimed to stimulate contemplation on democratic ideas and cultivate a sense of patriotism among students.

Learning Outcome:

The programme developed a sense of patriotism and dedication to nation-building as a result of their increased understanding of India's freedom struggle.



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◆ **A Report on the 300th Birth Anniversary of Mata Ahilyabai Holkar**

The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Women Development Cell, Shivaji College, organized a special lecture on Mata Ahilyabai Holkar's 300th birth anniversary on 17.10.2024 at 11 AM in Jijabai Auditorium-I of the College. A lamp-lighting ceremony and a speech by Principal Prof. Virender Bhardwaj kicked off the event. The keynote address was given by VHP General Secretary Shri Vinayakrao Deshpande, who stressed upon Ahilyabai's leadership, progressive ideas and social accomplishments. The vote of thanks was offered by convenor of WDC, Dr. Ritu Madan. The event also included poetry-writing and art competitions focusing on women's empowerment.

Learning Objective:

To motivate students by showcasing Mata Ahilyabai Holkar's outstanding leadership and dedication to social justice. It aimed to foster artistic expression about women's empowerment.

Learning Outcome:

Students gained an appreciation for Mata Ahilyabai's leadership, progressive vision and contributions to society while also engaging in creative activities that reinforced the importance of women empowerment.



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❖Report on UN Day Celebrations

On October 24, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Shivaji College, celebrated United Nations Day in the Jijabai auditorium-I. In his opening remarks, Principal Prof. Virender Bhardwaj emphasized the UN's responsibility in advancing peace and security, particularly in the context of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Prof. Shantesh Kumar Singh (SIS, JNU) in his keynote lecture on "The UN in the 21st Century: Navigating Global Challenges & Opportunities" emphasized the importance of the ancient Indian ideals of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." The national anthem and a formal Vote of Thanks from the Department's TIC marked the end of the ceremony.

Learning Objective:

To enhance students' understanding of the UN's role in global governance, its challenges, the need of structural reforms in the global institutions and the relevance of the Indian ideals in promoting a harmonious world order.

Learning Outcome:

Students developed a thorough knowledge of UN's global role and the relevance of Indian values in promoting international peace and cooperation.



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❖A Report on Programme: “Culture of Integrity in Nation’s Prosperity”

On November 14, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Shivaji College, organized a programme on the theme “सत्यनिष्ठा की संस्कृति से राष्ट्र की समृद्धि” (“Culture of Integrity for Nation’s Prosperity”) as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week. The event took place in Room 111 at 2:00 PM and included faculty presentations that focused on transparency and its importance in the development of a country. In an oath-taking ceremony, 92 students and faculty members pledged their dedication to honesty and accountability in the governance. The programme concluded with attendees singing the National Anthem and the department's TIC giving a Vote of Thanks.

Learning Objective(s):

To inculcate principles of honesty, openness and responsibility in students and educators alike. It aimed to increase understanding of the importance of morality in national development and governance.

Learning Outcome(s):

Students recognized the vital role of integrity and ethical conduct in governance, fostering a sense of responsibility and commitment towards promoting transparency and accountability in public life.



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❖ A Report on Constitution Day Celebrations

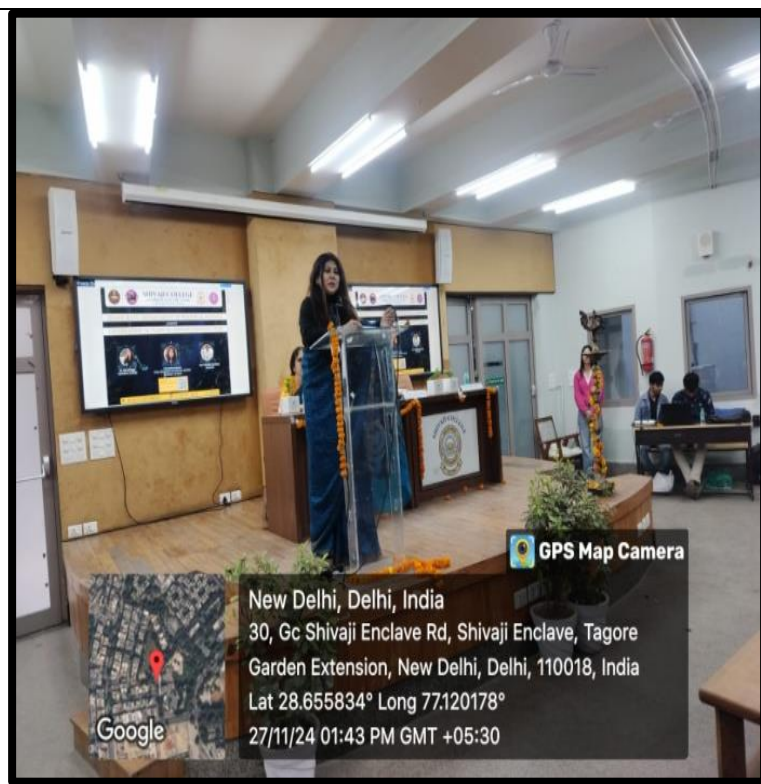
On November 27, 2024, the Department of Political Science organized a Conventional Debate and a Special Lecture to commemorate 75 years of the Indian Constitution. The debate, titled "Judicial Activism poses a challenge to governance" was followed by a lecture of Prof. Rekha Saxena (HoD, Dept. of Political Science, DU) on "Celebrating 75 years of the Indian Constitution" in which she discussed the Constitution's core principles and contemporary relevance. The event came to a closure with a vote of thanks from TIC Dr. Alka Mudgal.

Learning Objective:

To deepen students' comprehension of the Indian Constitution by investigating its guiding ideals, historical underpinnings and changing significance.

Learning Outcome:

Students were made aware of constitutional principles, judicial activism and the relevance of the Indian Constitution.



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❖ A Report on a Special Lecture on “Indian Republic at 75: Challenges and Prospects”

On January 23, 2025, the Department of Political Science celebrated Republic Day with a special lecture on "Indian Republic at 75: Challenges and Prospects". Following the principal's introductory remarks and lamp-lighting ceremony, Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, the chief guest and keynote speaker, talked about the prospects and challenges facing the Indian Republic. Following an interactive session, the National Anthem and a Vote of Thanks by the department's TIC, Dr. Mudgal, marked the end of the event.

Learning Objective:

To give an outlook on how the Indian Republic has changed over the past 75 years by critically examining recurring issues and prospects for the future.

Learning Outcome:

Students actively engaged with prospects and limitations faced by the Indian Republic, fostering a deeper understanding of constitutional values and democratic resilience.



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❖ A REPORT ON THE LECTURE: "Friends: India's Closest Strategic Partners"

The Department of Political Science, in association with CPRF- a think tank and Shivaji College Students' Union, successfully organized a Keynote Lecture on "Friends: India's Closest Strategic Partners," which was delivered by Professor Sreeram Chaulia (Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs & Director General, Jindal India Institute, O.P. Jindal Global University) on 25th February 2025 in college's Chanakya Sabhagar, Shivaji College. The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony followed by Principal Dr. Virendra Bhardwaj giving a welcoming address, emphasizing the value of scholarly debates on India's foreign policy.

Learning Objective:

To foster students' understanding of India's international relations and develop an understanding of contemporary global geopolitics.

Learning Outcome:

Students developed a comprehensive understanding of India's foreign policy with its strategic allies, gaining insights into India's evolving role on the world stage.



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❖ A Report on the Educational Trip to the Parliament (28th February 2025)

The Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies organised a one day Seminar on "Constitution: a Living Document, the journey of democracy, challenges and new dimensions" at Balayogi Auditorium of PLB, Parliament Complex on 28th February 2025. Teachers and around 30 students of Shivaji College participated in this informative and educational trip. Beginning with the lectures by experts from different fields like Additional Solicitor General Vikram Banerjee, Supreme Court's advocates Rishi Anand, Dr. Pawan Duggal etc., the programme was followed by interactive session and speeches of members of Parliament Ms. Bansuri Swaraj, Sh. Ravi Shanker Prasad and Shashank Mani Tripathi. Students and teachers got an opportunity to visit to the new Parliament building also.

Learning Objective:

To improve students' understanding of the Constitution of India, democratic procedures and the functioning of the Parliament.

Learning Outcome:

Students gained valuable insights into constitutional laws and parliamentary proceedings, fostering a deeper appreciation of civic engagement and governance.



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❖ A Report on Women's Day Celebration (05.03.2025)

The Department of Political Science marked an International Women's Day on the topic "Political Participation of Women in India" on 5th March in room no. 111 where TIC, Dr. Mudgal and faculty members of the Department delivered lectures. Students also contributed by reciting heartfelt poems, emphasizing the strength and achievements of women. The event also held meaningful discussions on gender equality and women empowerment.

Learning Objective:

To create awareness among the students about the role and significance of women's participation in politics and promote awareness on gender equality.

Learning Outcome:

Students gained insights into the challenges and progress related to women's political involvement and developed an appreciation for gender-inclusive democratic practices.



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❖ A Report on seminar (17.04.2025)

On April 17, 2025, at 11 AM, the Department of Political Science, Shivaji College, organised lectures at the Chanakya Sabhagar on "Soft Power and the Indian Diaspora: A Strategic Asset in Foreign Policy" & "Contemporary Trends in India's Foreign Policy." The event's traditional lamp lighting ceremony and inauguration by Principal Prof. Bhardwaj was followed by Prof. R. S. Yadav's lecture on the new trends in India's foreign policy and emerging global alignments and Prof. Ajay Kumar Dubey's thorough analysis of the strategic role of the Indian diaspora in global diplomacy. The Teacher-In-Charge gave a vote of thanks to wrap up the programme.

Learning Objective:

To understand the role of soft power in foreign policy and explore current trends in India's foreign relations.

Learning Outcome:

Students gained insights into India's evolving foreign policy and the strategic importance of its diaspora in global diplomacy.





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