

MEHR CHAND MAHAJAN DAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, CHANDIGARH

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

REPORT 2019-2020

1. Annual Report

a) University Toppers

The academic year 2019-2020 began with a high note for the Department as the students secured top positions in the Panjab University Political Science (Hons) Examinations 2018-2019. SaviArora of BA III Political Science Hons secured 3rd position in Panjab University, MeharKaur secured 4th position and Neetu secured 10th position in the University. MeharKaur also secured 2nd position in Panjab University Sixth Semester Examination 2018-2019.



SAVI ARORA

MEHAR KAUR

NEETU

b) Participation in Inter-College Competitions

The Department participated in the Inter-College Competitive Exam on the Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi 'My Experiments with Truth' organized by the Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies, Panjab University on 25th September 2019 in Panjab University. In order to shortlist the names of the participants the Department organized a preliminary round on 19th September. 46 students participated in the preliminary round, 6 were shortlisted for the event to be held on 25th September 2019 in Panjab University. Ashwathi of B.A III Political Science Hons won the second prize in the Inter-College Competitive Exam.



Two students of the Department participated in an **Inter-college Debate Competition** held at DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh on 7th November 2019 on the theme **‘NRC (National Register of Citizens of India) is mandatory for the development of the country’**. The students were selected on the basis of a preliminary round at the college level in which 15 students participated. In the Inter-college Debate competition, Monisha of BA III Political Science Hons. bagged First prize and Daanish of BA II Political Science Hons won Third prize.



c) Department Activities

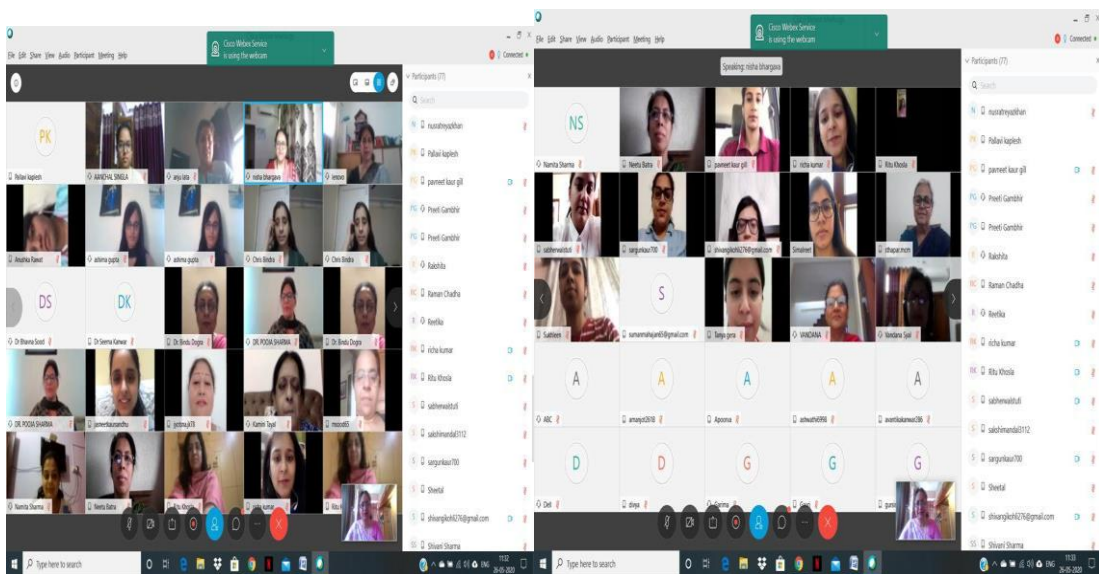
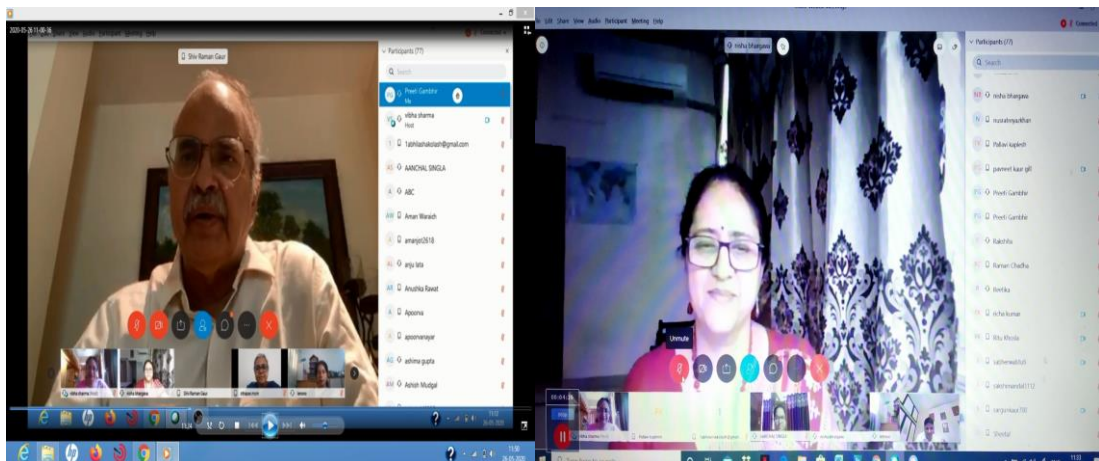
The Department celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 5th October 2019 by organizing a **Paper Reading Competition** on the Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi **‘The Story of my Experiments with Truth’**. 35 students participated in the competition. Reetika of B.A III, Ashwathi of B.A III and Chandini of B.A I won First, Second and Third prize respectively. Shreya of B.A I bagged consolation prize.



The Department organized one day **Webinar** on 26th May, 2020 on the theme **‘Mobilising State and Citizens against COVID 19: Lessons from India and Lessons for India’** under the aegis of IQACTo reflect upon India’s fight against Corona Virus . Shri. Shiv Raman Gaur, Director of Higher Education, DAV College Managing Committee Delhi presided as Chief Guest and spoke on India’s timely response to the pandemic. He highlighted the fact that millions of people died worldwide due to the pandemic, the Indian Government’s decision to impose country

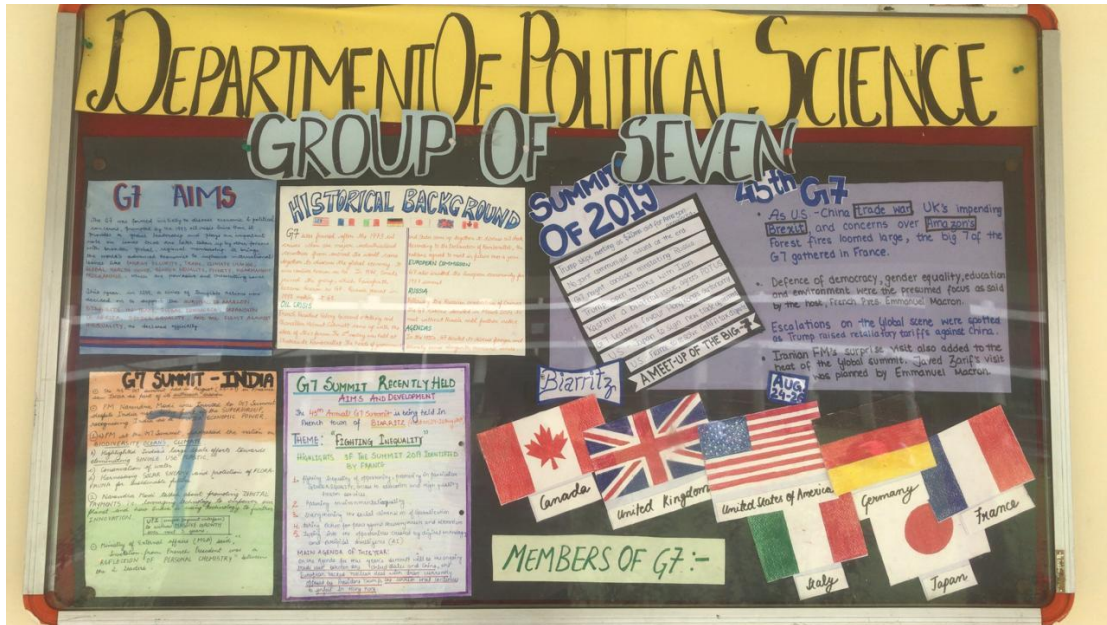
wide lockdown at an early stage was an extremely wise step as it helped in averting the danger of community transmission of the disease. From quick disaster management response to the launch of ArogyaSetu app, Shri Gaur outlined various government initiatives that paid dividend in effectively controlling the spread of COVID 19 besides the important lesson in disaster management that response time is of essence. A total of 98 participants including students, faculty and non teaching staff attended the lecture appreciating the initiative.

Dr. Nisha Bhargava, Principal of the college too graced the occasion with her presence and expressed gratitude to Shri Shiv Raman Gaur for enlightening the staff and students with his insights. Adding that in this bleak scenario, we Indians are sanguine in the knowledge of our ancient Vedic wisdom that is based on the eternal philosophy of ‘tamsomaajyotirgamyā’, Dr. Bhargava said that our ancient practices like yoga and havan show the world the way to holistic healing and overcoming these multidimensional crises. She further asserted that the present situation demands that we awaken and enlighten humanity through ancient treasures of knowledge and expressed hope that our country’s demographic dividend will be immensely beneficial in emerging victorious from the pandemic encouraged the department to take more initiatives to organize such activities.



Wall Magazine:

The Department comes out with its monthly edition of Wall Magazine wherein the students display well-researched articles on various themes. The theme of August 2019 was 'Integration of Indian States'; September 'Group of Seven (G7)'; and October 'Gandhi Jayanti', In January the theme was National Voters Day.



2. Presentations by Students:

Daanish of BA II Political Science Hons presented paper titled 'The Notion of Nation and Nationalism in the Era of Gandhi and Beyond' at ICPR sponsored National Conference on *Mantham: Explorations into Contemporary Challenges and Gandhian Thought* held at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women on 27th November 2019.

Simranjeet Kaur of BA II Political Science Hons presented papers:-

1 'Gandhian Concept of Decentralization and its Relevance in the Contemporary Era' at ICPR sponsored National Conference on *Mantham: Explorations into Contemporary Challenges and Gandhian Thought* held at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women on 27th November 2019.

2 'Road Map to Sustainability: Health' at ICSSR sponsored International seminar Road Map to Sustainability: Environment and Health held by Sri Guru Gobind Singh College Sector 26 Chandigarh on 5-6 March 2020.

Reetika of BA III Political Science Hons presented paper titled 'Gandhian Idea of Sarvodaya: Its Practicability in the Contemporary Era' at ICPR sponsored National Conference on *Mantham: Explorations into Contemporary Challenges and Gandhian Thought* organized by ICPR held at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women on 27th November 2019.

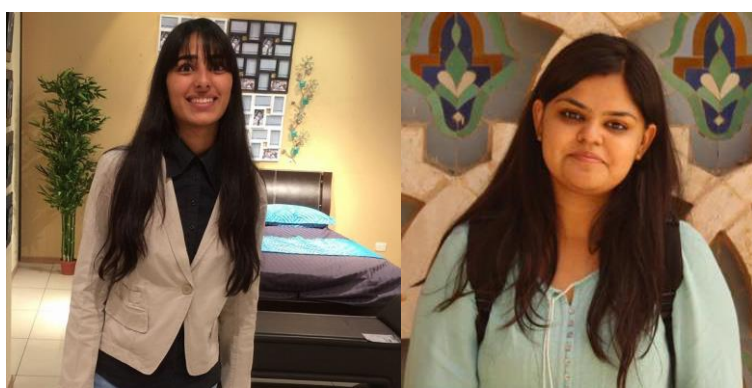
Reetika of BA III Political Science Hons presented paper titled ‘Crime that Isn’t: Story of Marital Rape in India’ in National Conference on *Crime Against Women: Issues and remedies* held at University Institute of Legal Studies, Panjab University on 24th February 2020.

.3.Student Achievers:

a) Students studying in reputed International Educational Institutes:

i) MuskanSangwan, Roll No. 7725, Masters in International Security and Terrorism, University of Nottingham, UK

ii) Shubhangi, Roll No.1075(2017-18 batch), Masters in Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies, Kings College London



b) Students who cleared UGC-NET

i) Madhu (2018 batch) cleared her UGC NET in Political Science in 2019

ii) KamalpreetKaur(2016 batch) cleared her UGC NET in Political Science in December 2019

iii) MalayakaYadav (2016 batch) cleared her UGC NET in Political Science in June 2019

iv) Neetu (2019 batch) cleared her UGC NET in Political Science in December 2019

