

Report (2018)

During the year 2018, the Department of Political Science organized a series of events, talks and activities. On 17th January 2018, the Delhi School of Transnational Affairs organized its first Ambassador Series Lecture by Ambassador G Parthasarthy on 'India's Foreign Policy and Security Challenges' at the Convention Hall, Vice Regal Lodge. Twelve students of the Department along with faculty members attended the event.

The Annual Department Day "Politik" was held on 24th January, 2018, which focused on the theme 'Women and Work in India: Issues and Challenges.' Ms. Renana Jhabvala, Chairperson of SEWA Bharat was invited to discuss and share her views on the subject. The discussion was chaired by Dr. Minoti Chatterjee, former Principal of Kamala Nehru College. The event commenced with an interview documentary compiled by the students around the question of women and work. Informal events included a play by the students of the department and inter-college competitions like slam poetry, poster-making competition and quiz. The department organized a book discussion on 31st January 2018, on the book 'Sex-Selective Abortion and the State Policies, Laws and Institutions in India', authored by Dr. Bijaylaxmi Nanda, Professor of Political Science, Miranda House, University of Delhi. The panel for the discussion had Prof. Sanghamitra Acharya (Director at the Institute of Dalit studies), Mr. Narendra Kumar (Publisher of the book and the Founder Chairperson, Har Anand Publications) and Dr. Shobhana Warriar (Associate Professor, Department of History, Kamala Nehru College).

The Orientation for the students of the first year was held on 23rd July 2018 to familiarize them with the course structure, internal assessment requirements, teachers and the departmental activities. On 27th July 2018, the department organized a Book Discussion by Dr. Tarangini Siriraman on her recent publication 'In pursuit of Proof: A History of Identification Documents in India'. The department organized a Panel Discussion on 'Climate Change: Impact and Policy Solutions' on 6th September 2018. The panel for the discussion comprised Mr. Rakesh Kamal (Clean Energy Policy and Programs Consultant, the Climate Reality Project), Mr. Arjun Srihari (Head, Marketing and Strategic Alliance, OV Energy) and Mr. Abhishek Sood (Program Associate, Energy Policy Institute, University of Chicago, USA).

On 2nd October 2018, the United Nations Office in Delhi organized a public lecture on 'Global Challenges and Global Solutions' which was delivered by Antonio Guterres, the present Secretary General of the UN. Thirty students along with faculty members attended the event. The Department organized a talk on 8th October 2018 on 'The Crisis of Democracy: Some Comparative Perspectives' by Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. On 12th October 2018, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Suthar of Centre for Political Studies, JNU, delivered a lecture on 'BRICS: Problems and Prospects'.