

Aryabhatta College

Department of Political Science

(Annual Report for the Academic session 2019 to 2020)

- 1) **Name of Teacher in Charge:** Dr. Rashmi Rai
- 2) **Brief details of Faculty members**

Professor Manoj Sinha

Manoj Sinha has a PhD from University of Delhi. His areas of specialization are Public Administration, Indian Political Thought and Gandhian Thought. He is also the Principal of the college since November 2014 till date. He has been the UGC observer for State Eligibility Test (SET) for many years and served as UGC/VCs nominee-member for different committees. He has published his research articles extensively in many Refereed/ peer reviewed journals and authored and co-authored many books.

Dr. Rajendra Dayal, (Associate Professor)

Rajendra Dayal is a senior faculty member and has a PhD from University of Delhi. He has written two books, Constitutional Democracy in India: Institutions at Work, and Introduction to Political Process in India (ed), published papers, contributed to IGNOU course material, and supervised research. His areas of interest are Political Theory, Indian Government and Politics, and Public Policy.

Dr. Tripurari Sharan (Associate Professor)

Tripurari Sharan has been teaching in this college since 1992. He has done M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. from the University of Delhi. His areas of specialization are the United Nations Organization and Politics of Globalization.

Dr. Satish K Jha (Associate Professor)

Satish k jha has done M A and M Phil from Delhi University and PhD from Centre for Political Studies, JNU. His areas of specialization are Indian Politics and Comparative Constitutionalism, Comparative Political Theory, Modern Indian Intellectual Traditions and India's Foreign Policy. His papers and articles have been published in Journals like EPW, Mainstream, Gandhi Marg, etc. and in many edited books.

Dr. Rajiv Kumar Ranjan (Assistant Professor)

Rajeev Ranjan has done his Ph. D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University. His areas of interest are international organization, international health, international politics and political philosophy.

Dr. Shiv Poojan Prasad Pathak (Assistant Professor)

Shiv Poojan Prasad Pathak has been teaching in Aryabhata College since 2015 and also working as a Research Fellow at Jammu Kashmir Study Centre, New Delhi. He has completed his M. Phil/ PhD from JNU and graduation and post-graduation from university of Allahabad. His research area is Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Devki Nandan (Assistant Professor)

Devki Nandan has done his M.A. and M. Phil. from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has been teaching at Aryabhata College since August 2015. He specializes in International Relations, Foreign Policy, and Globalization. He has also published articles in different journals.

Dr. Rashmi Rai (Assistant Professor)

Rashmi Rai has done her Ph.D. from Lucknow University. Her area of specialization is state politics with special reference to politics in Uttar Pradesh. She has interest in political processes in India, Indian government and politics and political theory. She has received JRF of UGC. She is recipient of gold medal in post-graduation for securing highest marks in Lucknow University.

Mr. Anand Saurabh (Assistant Professor)

Anand Saurabh has been teaching in Aryabhata College since 2015. He is also an Affiliated Fellow with Developing Countries Research Centre (*dcrc*), DU. Before joining Aryabhata College, he taught in the School of Liberal Studies and Undergraduate Studies at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) for around six years. Anand holds a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Political Science from Hindu College, DU. His M.Phil. Dissertation looked at the appraisal of deliberative democracy and its feasibility in multicultural and multilingual societies (Department of Political Science, DU). His research interests are in development studies, public health, Indian politics and research methodology. He has published articles in academic journals and edited books.

Dr. Tungnath Maur (Assistant Professor Ad-hoc)

Tungnath Maur has done M A and Ph.D. from Department of Political Science, BHU, Varanasi. His areas of specialization are International Relations and Indian Political Thought. He has published articles in peer reviewed Journals.

3. Student Strength

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
60	58	48

4. Details of publication work by the faculty members

5. Participation of faculty members in seminars/workshops ,etc

Name of teacher	Title of paper	Title of seminar	Organizer	National/ International	Year	Chair/ Participant/ Lecture/
Dr. Shiv Poojan Prasad Pathak	“Angad Feat: Diplomatic Feat in Indian Epics	Indic’s Perspective of International Relations	organised by GBU Greater Noida		2019	Paper presented
Dr. Shiv Poojan Prasad Pathak	“The Seventy Years of Indian Constitution : The Analysis of Impact”	in Round Table Conference on Constitution Day	Dr Ambedkar International Centre New Delhi		25 November 2019	Lecture

- ❖ Prof. Manoj Sinha delivered a lecture on “**Practical Approach to Motivational Techniques in Academic Institutions**” in an Orientation Program (OR-98) on the theme “**Desh: Dhristi, Disha Aur Vikas**” organised by Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE), University of Delhi, UGC-HRDC on 14-01-2020.

- ❖ Prof. Manoj Sinha was Invited as a Speaker in the **Education Technology Conclave** organised by The Indian Express Pvt. Ltd. and delivered a talk on **“Adoption of Technology in Government Educational Institutes”**, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, NOIDA on 13-12-2019.

- ❖ Prof. Manoj Sinha Delivered a lecture on **“Academic Leadership (Issues and Challenges)”** in 115th Orientation Programme organised by Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU) (UGC-HRDC) on 27-11-2019.

- ❖ Prof. Manoj Sinha was the Resource Person in the Two-Day International Conference on **“Gandhi Across the Boundaries”**, organized by Gandhi Study Circle, Ram Lal Anand (RLA) College, University of Delhi and Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Delhi held on 24 October, 2019.

Name of teacher who attended Refresher Course/ FDP /Orientation	Title of the program	Duration (from – to) (DD-MM-YYYY)
Dr. Rashmi Rai	Refresher Course in Human Rights and Social inclusion	from 25-07-2019 to 07-08-2019
Shiv Poojan Prasad Pathak	3 Weeks Orientation Programme on “Indian Perspectives of Education” Conducted by UGC-HRDC, University of Delhi, 2019	June 28, 2019 to July 18 2019
Anand Saurabh	Two Weeks Refresher Course in Indian Philosophy, Thought and Thinkers (IDC)	17-09- 2019 to 30 -09- 2019

6. Achievement of Students including their participation in various societies

Tanmay	National	Participation certificate	2019	Aryabhata College
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Kapoor	Seminar			
Shweta jain	Boxing	Bronze medal	2019	DU
Himanshu Goel	Student Council	Certificate of recognition	2019	Aryabhata College, DU

7. Co-curricular Programmes conducted by the Department

The department of Political Science organized an orientation programme on 20th July, 2019 of newly admitted students of B.A (Honours) Political Science.

The Department organized a seminar on Restoring of Democracy in Kashmir on 3 September 2019 in Reading hall of Aryabhata College. An eminent social worker Shri Shriniwas was the guest speaker.

The Department organized a seminar on the topic-"ADR Mechanism In India: Shaping the Future of Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice" on 23 September ,2019.

The speaker for the seminar was Mr. Dinesh Dayma , Assistant Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

In the seminar, Mr. Dinesh focused on Nature of Indian legal system and Alternative Dispute resolution mechanism. His contention was that today justice delivery system in India is on twisted road at the one end failure of formal law- Courts resulting in backlog of cases, and on the other end ADRs fails to get much need public support, under this circumstance it is essential to rethink on the new ways out for coming generation. Therefore, it is essential in this context to understand the various forms of ADRs, their development, and mode of working of ADRs so as to assess it pros, cons and applicability to the pluralistic Society of India.

National Seminar-

The Department of Political Science organized a Two Days National Seminar on "Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir: History, Politics, Economics and Culture" on 25-26 September 2019 with support of UGC. The primary objective of the conference was to enhance understanding about the region and politics surrounding it. It encourages scholars from the field of Academics, Law, History and Defense to come and share their views. Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir is historically, legally and culturally a part of India and due to its geo-political and geo-strategic location it attracts the attention of all neighboring states and big powers. The

conference has also discussed the state sponsored terrorism and fuelling fundamentalism by the state of Pakistan. Separatism, secessionism and sectarian violence were the important challenges and part of discussion.

Visit to Parliament and Mughal Garden-

The Department of Political Science has successfully organized an educational trip for students and faculty members, a visit to Parliament and Mughal garden on 11 February 2020 to provide them the wider social, political and linguistic interrelationships of how 'democracy' and 'education' are understood and how 'democracy-comes-into-being' in the specific context of education.

Film Screening-

The Political Science Society of Aryabhata College organized the screening of the movie "Article 15" in the seminar room of the college successfully on 24th January 2020. The screening witnessed the participation of a large number of students along with faculty members. The movie screening was followed by a discussion on the issue of Caste system and the ways in which the system discriminates the lower caste community that was again nicely portrayed in the movie.

Invited Lecture-

The department of Political Science, Aryabhata college organised a webinar on: Gandhi and Sustainable Development in Present Context by Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra. Dr. Mishra is a distinguished Gandhian scholar and writer. Presently, he is the Editor of Sulabh India and Senior Vice-President Sulabh International Social Service Organization, New Delhi. He has authored/ edited more than 30 books and published more than hundred research paper. In this webinar, the main focus was on the ideas of Gandhi on Sustainability and Development. "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need but not any man's greed." According to the speaker Gandhi's basic aim was to have an all-round development of the society that included human development along with socio-economic- political development. Gandhi envisages a healthy society based on harmony and dialogue, where the ideas of equality and justice are translated in the lives of teeming millions. Dr. Mishra brings light to the concepts of **'Sarvodaya'**, **'Swaraj'** and **'Gram Swaraj'**.

Webinar-

The department of Political Science, Aryabhata college organised a webinar on: Covid Emergency: Re - Imagining Education on 27th May 2020 Wednesday, by Dr. Sanjeev Rai. Dr. Sanjeev Rai, is an expert on education in conflict, teachers' development and developmental issues concerning children. Currently working as an Adjunct Professor, with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India and visiting faculty, National Law University-Delhi

He has worked earlier with Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, Kabul, Education Above All Foundation, Qatar and with Save the Children, UNICEF, CARE and Aga

Khan Foundation in India. Dr.Rai has been awarded with young achievers award, 2018 by Alumni Association of Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi.

8. **Library Budget sanctioned for the Department:** Rs. 90,000

9. **(Strength ,Weakness , Opportunities, Challenges) SWOC Analysis of the Department**

Strength:

the college has emerged as frontline institution in the south campus with political science department continuing to hold on to its reputation as premier department of the college due to result of the students and teaching and research ability of the faculty members. The department has seen a very wide catchment area for students, with large number of students coming from distant place, the gender balance of the class is another positive of last few years. The enthusiasm and involvement of students and faculty in the departmental activities hold out hope for the future.

Weakness:

The infrastructure is major concern at the moment. Although the upcoming multi-storied building is going to mitigate the pressure, but still separate space for teachers to do research is not in sight. The pandemic has posed new challenges for the department with the students located in far flung areas and the online mode of teaching since March due to the lockdown. The rescheduling of the session and open book examination has added to the difficulty. Many unprivileged students facing problem of electronic gadgets to attend online classes is major reason of concern along with the digital divide.

Challenges:

The education sector is facing extraordinary situation due to the pandemic and the department is no exception. The teachers and the college administration have been in touch with the students and have tried to rise to the occasion to help the needy students. But the challenges are onerous and the resources are scarce to meet the challenges at hands. The crisis created by the pandemic has put a halt to many planned academic activities due to physical absence of students from the campus.

10. **Future Plan:**

The department wishes to recalibrate its plans and priorities in the light of the unforeseen crisis and reorganize itself for the future in a more vigorous manner so that the loss suffered by the students and the teaching community bias duly filled.