

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**ARYABHATTA COLLEGE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**



**REPORT (2015-2016)**

## ACADEMIC SESSION 2015-2016

The Political Science Society had its Annual Diary full with multiple events happening throughout the academic session 2015-2016.

- The Society kickstarted its calendar by organizing a day-long session on **‘Nehru and Modernity in Contemporary India’** by Mr. Dhananjay Roy, Central University, Gujarat, on 9th September 2015.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, a talk by Dr. Ashok Kumar Sareen, Associate Professor in Economics, was organized on the theme- **‘India’s Development Path in The Era of Neo-Liberal Economic Policies and Its Impact’**.
- The following month saw yet another engaging session on a contemporary issue titled **‘Samajik-Arthik Sambandh me Jammu-Kashmir’ (Jammu and Kashmir in the Context of Socio-Economic Relations)**.
- Like every society, the Political Science Society too hosted a two-day intercollege festival- **CONFLUENCE**.
- Aiming to do something different, the Society held a book discussion on **‘Swatrantyotar Bhartiya Rajniti’** on 27th February 2016.
- The Society closed its yearly activities by successfully hosting a two-day National Seminar on **‘Political Leadership in Independent India: Challenges and Emerging Issues’** in March 2016. The seminar was essentially an attempt to engage critically with the issues, trends and challenges which are occurring in the Political leadership of the biggest democracy in the world. It is often said that India is a distinctive case of democracy where the traditional indicators of democratic governance are either fractured or manipulated. Nevertheless, because of democratic handling of diversity by Political Leadership in India perhaps potentially it can be a model of democracy for what is popularly known as “Third-World countries”. Here, the role of Political Leadership becomes extremely important that how and in what manner the leadership can guard and maintain the governance and democracy. Keeping this idea in mind, the seminar through its various sessions tried to engage with the various theoretical and analytical categories to understand the challenges and emerging trends in the practice of leadership in India. The seminar not only tried to unfold the theoretical debates surrounding the idea of Political Leadership but also the contemporary challenges that can be very helpful in understanding the transformations within the idea of Political Leadership. The seminar went on

for two days and had six sessions besides the inaugural and the valedictorian ones. The inaugural session opened with the keynote address by eminent Political scientist Prof Peter D'Souza of CSDS and concluded with a round table and valedictory address by Dr Chandan Mitra, editor of the Pioneer newspaper and a member of the Rajya Sabha. The two days seminar was attended by large number of teachers and students and was marked by intense engagements among scholars working on Indian society and politics. The students and the faculty of the college got refreshed about new ideas on the theme of the seminar and exposed to scholarly debates and discussion.









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**CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE NATIONAL SEMINAR ON**  
**POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN INDEPENDENT INDIA: CHALLENGES AND EMERGING TRENDS**

(SUPPORTED BY UGC)

**DAY 1: 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 (9.00 AM ONWARDS)**

**INNAUGURAL SESSION**

**KEY NOTE ADDRESS:**

**PROF. PETER RONALD DESOUZA**

**SYMBOL, STYLE & SUBSTANCE OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP:  
REFLECTIONS ON SIX DECADES OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS**

**SHRISUMIT CHAKRAVARTY**  
**PROF. SALIL MISRA**  
**DR. AJAY GUDAVARTHY**

**NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL:  
PATTERN OF MOBILIZATION AND LEADERSHIP**

**PROF. ANUPAMA ROY**  
**PROF. ASHUTOSH KUMAR**  
**DR. DHANANJAY RAI**  
**DR. NEELANJAN MUKHOPADHYAY**

**POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN FEDERALIZING INDIA**

**PROF. S.K. CHAUBE**  
**PROF. M.P. SINGH**  
**PROF. P.K. CHAUBEY**  
**PROF. L.N. SHARMA**

**DAY 2: 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 (9.30 AM ONWARDS)**

**INDIA & THE WORLD: LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES**

**PROF. APS CHAUHAN**  
**PROF. SWARAN SINGH**  
**DR. RAJIV NAYAN**

**POLITICAL LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DISCOURSE IN INDIA**

**PROF. ARUN KUMAR**  
**PROF. SURAJIT MAZUMDAR**  
**PROF. MANOJ PANT**  
**DR. SWAGATO SARKAR**

**POLITICAL COMMUNICATION & LEADERSHIP: EMERGING TRENDS**

**DR. M.N. THAKUR**  
**PROF. ANAND PRADHAN**  
**SHREE MANISH TIWARI**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON POLITICAL LEADERSHIP:  
TRENDS & CHALLENGES**

**PROF. UJJWAL KUMAR SINGH**  
**PROF. ANAND KUMAR**  
**PROF. BADRI NARAYAN**  
**DR. GOPAL JEEPRADHAN**  
**SHREE URMILESH**

**VALEDICTORY ADDRESS: DR. CHANDAN MITRA,**  
**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT & CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING BODY,**  
**ARYABHATTA COLLEGE**

**CONCLUDING REMARKS: DR. MANOJ SINHA,**  
**PRINCIPAL, ARYABHATTACOLLEGE**

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**CONVENER: SATISH K. JHA**

