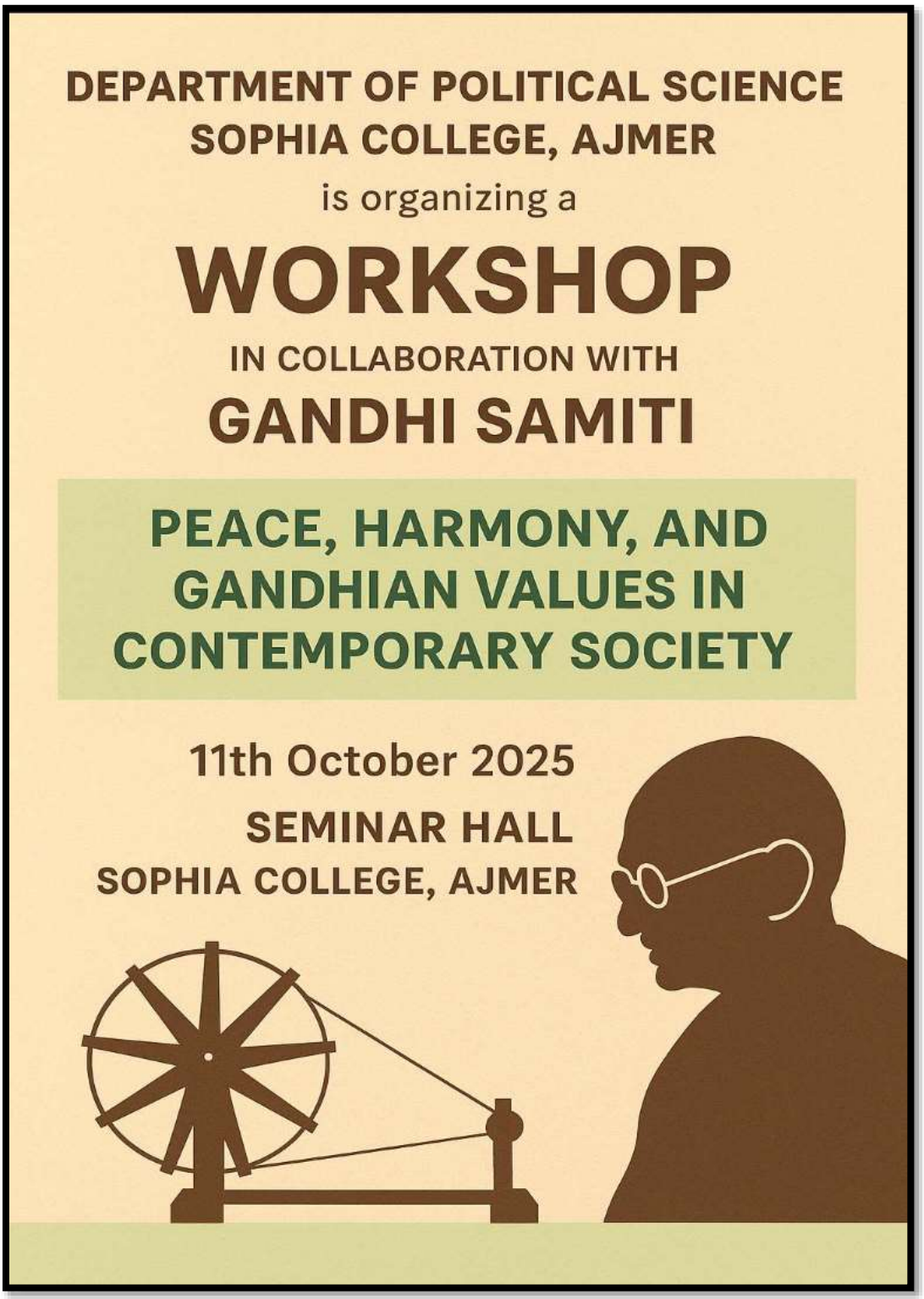
SOPHIA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

International/National Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshop

2025-26

National Workshop on Peace, Harmony, And Gandhian Values in Contemporary Society



Name of the Activity: National Workshop on Peace, Harmony, And Gandhian Values in Contemporary Society

Date: 11th October 2025

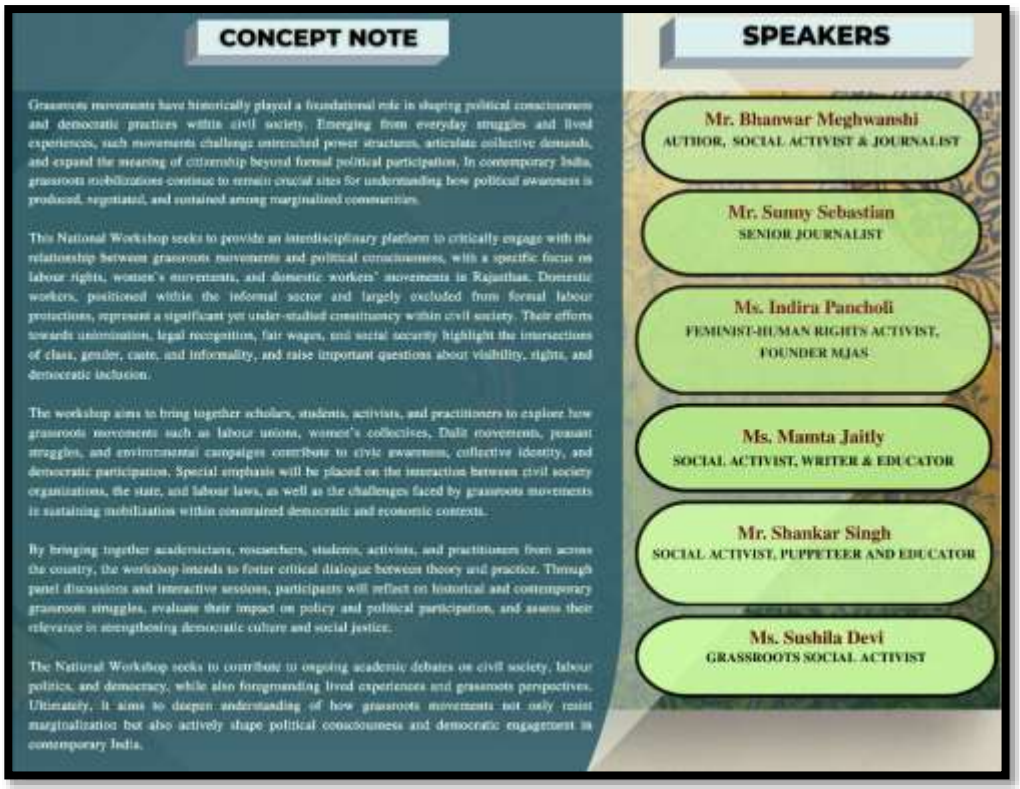
No. of Students (Attended the event) – 105

Objective: To foster the values of peace, non-violence, and harmony among students. Providing a platform for interaction with eminent Gandhian thinkers and practitioners. Encourage interdisciplinary understanding of Gandhian ideas in the context of modern society.

Description: The Department organized a National Workshop on "Peace, Harmony, and Gandhian Values in Contemporary Society" in collaboration with Gandhi Samiti. The workshop featured distinguished Gandhian scholars, activists, and practitioners who delivered insightful lectures on the contemporary relevance of Gandhian thought. The sessions focused on themes such as non-violence, conflict resolution, social justice, and sustainable living, drawing connections between Gandhian principles and present-day global and local challenges. The workshop provided an interactive academic platform for students and faculty to engage in meaningful discussions and reflections.

S.No	Name	Designation	Contributed in the event as a-
1.	Shri Anant Bhatnagar	Author, Social Activist & Journalist	Guest Speaker
2.	Ms. Shefali Martins	Journalist & Social Activist	Guest Speaker
3.	Mr. Parag Mandley	Writer and Gandhian	Guest Speaker
4.	Dr. Persis Latika Das	Associate Professor, Sophia College	Guest Speaker

National Workshop on Grassroots Movements and Political Consciousness in Civil Society



Name of the Activity: National Workshop on Grassroots Movements and Political Consciousness in Civil Society

Date: 20th & 21st February 2026

No. of Students (Attended the event) – 240

Objective: To understand the role of grassroots movements in shaping political consciousness and democratic participation. To create awareness about labour rights, domestic workers, and civil society engagement. To encourage critical thinking and active citizenship among students.

Description: The Department organized a two-day National Workshop on "Grassroot Movements and Political Consciousness in Civil Society" on 20–21 February 2026. The workshop featured lectures, panel discussions, film screenings, and interactive sessions by activists, journalists, and scholars. Key discussions focused on labour rights, domestic workers' issues, RTI, gender concerns, and the role of technology and media in activism. The workshop provided students with practical insights into grassroots movements and promoted awareness about democratic participation and social responsibility.

S.No	Name	Designation	Contributed in the event as a-
5.	Bhanwar Meghwanshi	Author, Social Activist & Journalist	Chief Guest
6.	Sunny Sebastian	Senior Journalist	Valedictory Guest
7.	Shankar Singh	Social Activist, Puppeteer and Educator	Guest Speaker
8.	Mamta Jaitley	Social Activist and Educator	Guest Speaker
9.	Indira Pancholi	Human Rights Activist, Founder MJAS	Guest Speaker
10	Sushila Devi	Grassroot Social Activist	Guest Speaker

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घरेलू व प्रवासी श्रमिकों को बताए उनके अधिकार

सोफिया कॉलेज में जमीनी आंदोलन और राजनीतिक चेतना पर राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला

कासं/अजमेर। सोफिया कॉलेज के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग द्वारा नागरिक समाज में जमीनी आंदोलन और राजनीतिक चेतना विषय पर दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला आयोजित की गई। कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को सामाजिक आंदोलनों, श्रमिक अधिकारों तथा लोकतांत्रिक भागीदारी के व्यावहारिक पक्ष से परिचित कराना रहा। प्रथम दिन सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता भंवर मेघवंशी, शंकर सिंह व सुशीला देवी ने घरेलू व प्रवासी श्रमिकों के अधिकारों से अवगत कराते हुए मजदूर आंदोलन, न्यूनतम वेतन संघर्ष तथा लोकभाषा-कठपुतली जैसे जनमाध्यमों की भूमिका पर विचार साझा किए। डिजिटल असमानता और वंचित वर्गों की तकनीकी चुनौतियों को रेखांकित किया। दूसरे दिन हाईस्कूल्स लव टेक्नो व एम.जी.ए.एस. की बालिकाओं द्वारा निर्मित लघु फिल्मों का प्रदर्शन हुआ। इनमें शिक्षा, कृषि और तकनीक में महिलाओं के संघर्षों को दर्शाया गया। इंदिरा पंचोली ने ग्रामीण बालिकाओं के अधिकार व नागरिक चेतना पर व्याख्यान दिया। ममता जेटली ने कार्यस्थल पर यौन उत्पीड़न निरोध पर जागरूकता और सुरक्षित वातावरण की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। कार्यक्रम में विद्यार्थियों, शोधार्थियों, शिक्षकों एवं सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं की सक्रिय भागीदारी रही।

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कार्यशाला में सामाजिक आंदोलनों और लोकतांत्रिक भागीदारी पर चर्चा

राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला में शामिल हुए वक्ता।

अजमेर | सोफिया कॉलेज में राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग द्वारा नागरिक समाज में जमीनी आंदोलन और राजनीतिक चेतना विषय पर दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला संपन्न हुई। इसका उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को सामाजिक आंदोलनों, श्रमिक अधिकारों और लोकतांत्रिक भागीदारी के व्यावहारिक पक्ष से अवगत कराना था। प्रथम दिवस में सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता भंवर मेघवंशी ने घरेलू और प्रवासी श्रमिकों के अधिकारों पर प्रकाश डाला।

पैनल चर्चा में भंवर मेघवंशी, शंकर सिंह और सुशीला देवी ने मजदूर आंदोलन, आरटीआई, न्यूनतम वेतन संघर्ष और लोकभाषा-कठपुतली जैसे जनमाध्यमों की भूमिका पर विचार साझा किए। शंकर सिंह ने डिजिटल असमानता और वंचित वर्गों की तकनीकी चुनौतियों को रेखांकित किया। द्वितीय दिवस में गर्ल्स लव टेक और एमजेएएस की बालिकाओं द्वारा निर्मित लघु फिल्मों का प्रदर्शन किया गया, जिनमें शिक्षा, कृषि और तकनीक में महिलाओं के संघर्ष को दर्शाया गया।

इंदिरा पंचोली ने ग्रामीण बालिकाओं के अधिकार और नागरिक चेतना पर व्याख्यान दिया, जबकि ममता जेटली ने कार्यस्थल पर सुरक्षित वातावरण और पीओएसएच जागरूकता पर जोर दिया।

सोफिया कॉलेज, अजमेर में दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला संपन्न

(आधुनिक राजस्थान) अजमेर। सोफिया कॉलेज (स्वायत्त), अजमेर के राजनीति विज्ञान विभाग द्वारा 20-21 फरवरी 2026 को नागरिक समाज में जमीनी आंदोलन और राजनीतिक चेतना विषय पर दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य विद्यार्थियों को सामाजिक आंदोलनों, श्रमिक अधिकारों तथा लोकतांत्रिक भागीदारी के व्यावहारिक पक्ष से परिचित कराना था। प्रथम दिवस – सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता भंवर मेघवंशी ने घरेलू व प्रवासी श्रमिकों के अधिकारों पर प्रकाश डाला। पैनल चर्चा में भंवर मेघवंशी, शंकर सिंह व सुशीला देवी ने मजदूर आंदोलन, ऋछु न्यूनतम वेतन संघर्ष तथा लोकभाषा-कठपुतली जैसे जनमाध्यमों की भूमिका पर विचार साझा किए। शंकर सिंह ने डिजिटल असमानता और वंचित वर्गों की तकनीकी चुनौतियों को रेखांकित किया। दिवस का समापन पत्रकार शेफाली मार्टिन्स के विचार-विमर्श से हुआ।

द्वितीय दिवस – गर्ल्स लव टेक व एम.जे.ए.एस. की बालिकाओं द्वारा निर्मित लघु फिल्मों का प्रदर्शन हुआ, जिनमें शिक्षा, कृषि और तकनीक में महिलाओं के संघर्ष को दर्शाया गया। इंदिरा पंचोली ने ग्रामीण बालिकाओं के अधिकार व नागरिक चेतना पर व्याख्यान दिया। ममता जेटली ने कार्यस्थल पर यौन उत्पीड़न निरोध (POSH) पर जागरूकता और सुरक्षित वातावरण की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। समापन सत्र में वरिष्ठ पत्रकार सनी सेबास्टियन ने लोकतंत्र में मीडिया की भूमिका व जिम्मेदार नागरिकता पर विचार रखे। कार्यशाला में विद्यार्थियों, शोधार्थियों, शिक्षकों एवं सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं की सक्रिय भागीदारी रही। आयोजकों ने आशा व्यक्त की कि ऐसे संवाद समाज में समानता, अधिकार चेतना और सक्रिय नागरिकता को बढ़ावा देते रहेंगे।

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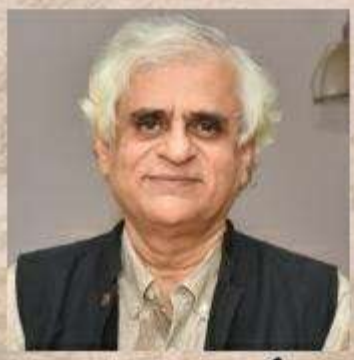
ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON



P. Sainath
(Indian Columnist and Writer)

P. Sainath is an accomplished Indian columnist, Rural Reporter, and a renowned author. He is known for his extensive writing on rural India, particularly focusing on poverty, structural inequities, caste discrimination, and farmers' protests. Sainath has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award and holds over 40 global and national awards for his reporting. He was the first reporter to win Amnesty International's Global Human Rights Journalism Prize in 2000. In 2014, he founded the People's Archive of Rural India (PARI), an online platform addressing social and economic inequality, rural affairs, poverty, and the impact of globalization in India. He also widely respected as the Father of Rural Journalism.

LAST HEROES, THE: FOOT SOLDIERS OF INDIA

Hyper commercialisation of media means there are now two schools of journalism, one is pornography
-P. Sainath

EVERYBODY LOVES A GOOD DROUGHT

ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSON

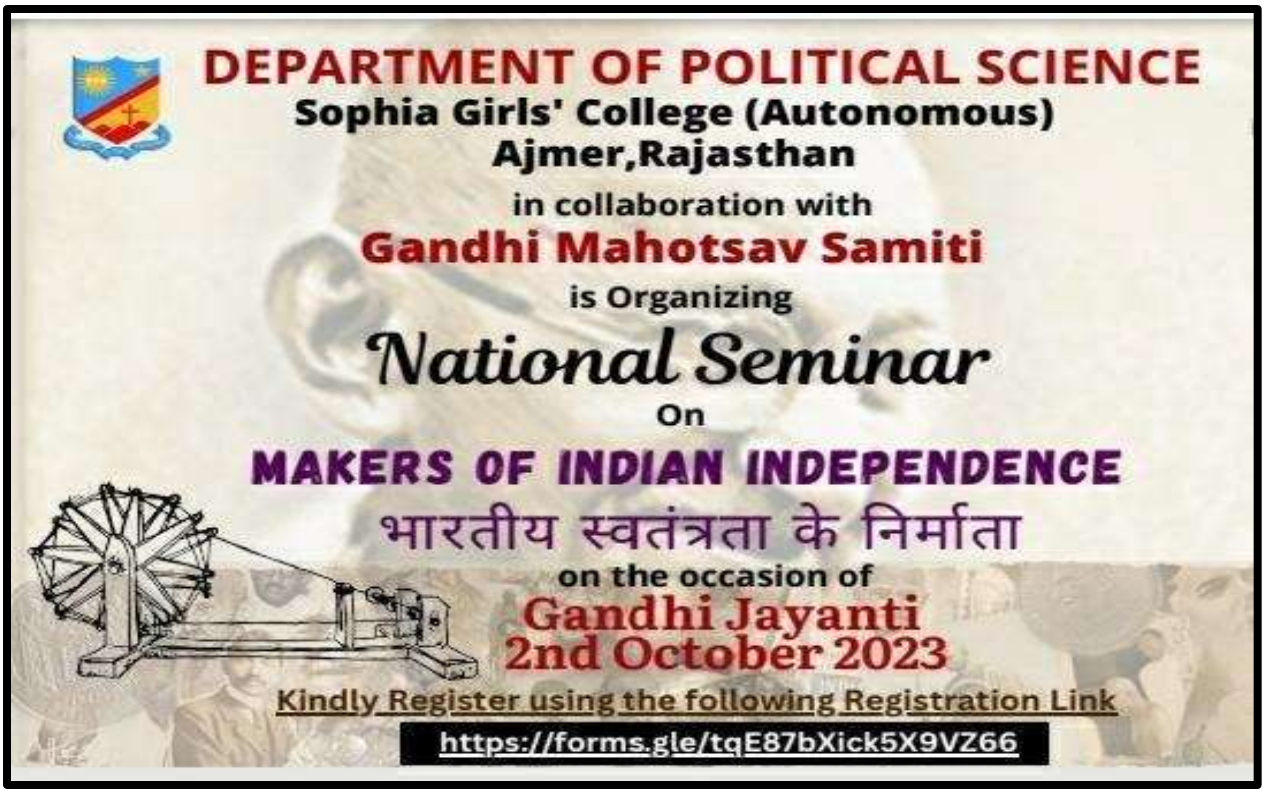
Shobharam Gehervar

At 97 Shobharam Gehervar is one of India's last living freedom fighters from Ajmer. He is an avowed Gandhian and a huge admirer of Ambedkar.

Kavita Srivastava

(NATIONAL SECRETARY
PEOPLES UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTY)

Kavita Srivastava is a full-time human rights activist working to protect people's democratic and constitutional rights and to work towards justice in instances of violations of people's rights. The most prominent social injustice and violence committed against people by the state is widespread hunger amidst people and the denial of food and employment to the poor. She has been promoting, collectively with other social groups, nonviolent ways of ensuring justice to survivors of atrocities committed due to gender, class, caste, religious group or nationality. Her accomplishments include work with the women's movement in Rajasthan, which has initiated laws against widow burning and national guidelines against violence against women.



NAME OF THE ACTIVITY- NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MAKERS OF MODERN INDIA

DATE : 3RD OCTOBER 2023

VENUE:AUDITORIUM, SOPHIA GIRL'S COLLEGE, AJMER

LEVEL :NATIONAL

NO. OF STUDENTS: 414

OBJECTIVE:

Seminar and quiz were organised on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. These events were conducted to commemorate the life and contributions of the Father of our nation and to educate students about India's national movement.

DESCRIPTION: Celebrations of 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were concluded through National Seminar on the theme Makers of Modern India conducted by Department of Political Science and Gandhi Mahotsav Samiti. Key note Speakers included eminent personalities such as Ramon Magsaysy awardee and Columnist Sir P. Sainath, freedom fighter Shri ShobharamGeharwar and Human rights activist Kavita Srivastava. Insights were shared on deep rooted exploitation and impacts of British colonialism. The role of youth in rediscovering Indian History was also emphasised.

भारतीय स्वतंत्रता के निर्माता
on
3rd October 2023
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous)
Ajmer, Rajasthan
National Seminar
MAKERS OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE
2nd October 2023

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2022-23

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer is an 'A+ Grade' accredited Institute by NAAC (UGC) and is affiliated with Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer.

Since 1959 the College has been imparting quality higher education through its dedicated and conscientious staff with high academic credentials and a diversity of courses. To inculcate scholarly excellence and make globally competent citizens, the Institution offers Generic, Skill Enhancement, Vocational & Diploma Courses for students.

The College and MHRD recognized Institutional Innovation Cell which has helped inculcate entrepreneurial skills among students. The college also offers Cambridge English Level Certification, Diploma in French from the French Embassy, ISRO & DST sponsored programs under its aegis. As an initiative, for Institutional, Social and Environmental Responsibility, the College has developed a 'Sustainable Environment' by developing Biogas, and Water Harvesting Systems and is one of the fully solar-electrified campuses in Rajasthan.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1959, the Department of Political Science aims at creating political awakening and enlightening young minds with holistic Political education.

In 2017, the Department also introduced a Post-Graduate course that aims at cultivating proficient scholars. Through academic courses and activities, the Department gives a platform to explore diverse political spectrum.

Students interact with different area experts and resource persons through seminars, conferences, lectures, and workshops organized by the department and in collaboration with other research institutes.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Patron
Prof. Sr. Pearl
Principal

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Prof. Jyoti Chandel

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REGISTRATION FEES (BY 25th MARCH)

Academicians – 1500/-
Research Scholars – 1000/-
Students – 750/-
On-the-Spot Registration – Rs 500 + Registration Fees
Contact by 7th April for Accommodation (extra charges applicable)

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SOPHIA GIRLS' COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), AJMER

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TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
On
Human Rights & Climate Change

April 17th & 18th , 2023

Organized By
Department of Political Science, Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

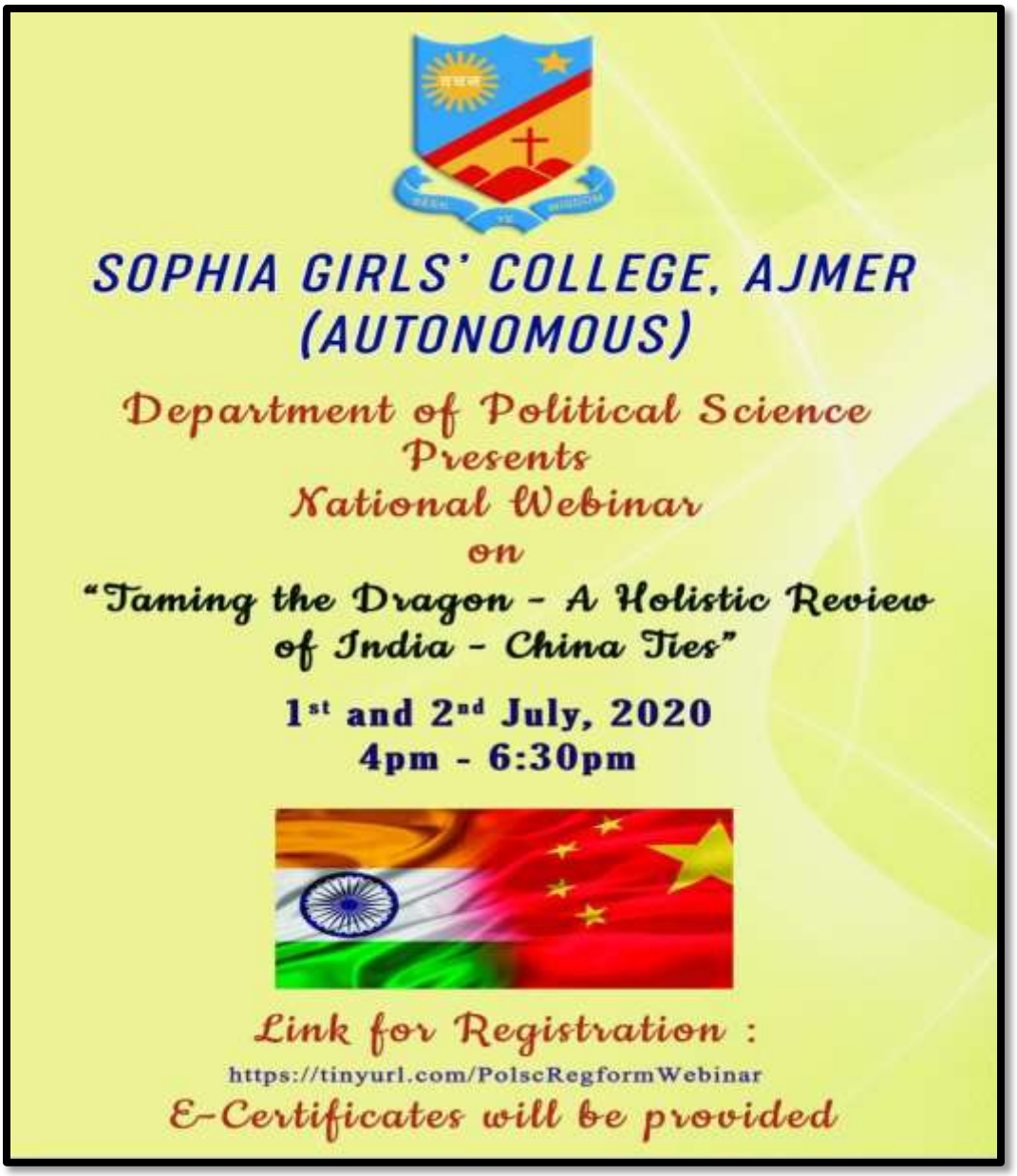
Website:
https://sophia.college/

Address: - Sophia Girls' College, Mirshali, Jaipur Road, Ajmer 305001

Date of the Activity- 17th to 18th April, 2023
Level - International
Venue - Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer
Title of the Event - Two-Day International Conference on Human Rights & Climate Change
No. of Participants - 203
Description –
Department of Political Science organized a Two-Day International Conference on Human Rights & Climate Change on 17th & 18th April, 2023.
Objective –
The primary goal was to provide students with an opportunity to gain a broader perspective on the issues of Human Rights & Climate Change. Students got the opportunity to get acquainted with the long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns have undeniable effects on the effective enjoyment of human rights, posing a serious risk to the fundamental rights to life, health, food and an adequate standard of living of individuals and communities across the world.

2020-21

National Webinar: Taming the Dragon (India-China)



About the Webinar

The Global World Order is changing, and increasingly hinging on Asia as its axis. Both India and China want a share in it. In this context it is important to access the India-China diplomacy stand-off in South Asia. The recent Galwan military face-off also stands testimony to the heightened tensions between the two nations. It is not just a question of boundary alone, a lot more is at stake. There are multiple aspects to the India - China story, the economic debate around India - China ties, the geo-political dynamics of an overly aggressive China and its impact on the region and the world needs to be debated, analyzed and understood.

The Webinar aims to explore these dimensions, understand various perspectives and evaluate the ups and downs, highs and lows and the changing dynamics between the two Asian Giants.

Objectives of the Webinar -

- To understand the historical underpinnings of the India - China story.
- To evaluate the strategic, economic and political dimensions of the Indo - China ties.
- To examine the need of 'Keeping the Peace.'

Webinar Committee

Patron

Dr. Sr. Pearl

Principal

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Convener

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Our Esteemed Speakers

Prof. Amitabha Ray

Distinguished Professor (Retd.)
Gurudas College, Kolkata
Keynote Speaker - Inaugural Session

Prof. Anup Kumar Sinha

Chairman-Bandhan Bank
Distinguished Professor (Retd.)
IIM, Kolkata
Chief Guest- Valedictory Session

Dr. Alok John

Coordinator -Mother Veronica Excellence & Innovation Centre
Patna Women's College, (Autonomous)
Topic : Strategic Viewpoint on Indo - China Relationship

Dr. Preeti Tak

Assistant Professor- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade ,
New Delhi
Topic : Changing Geo Political Dynamics : India's role in the New Order

Dr. Snehil Kacker,

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Lady Shri Ram College for Women , New Delhi
Topic : Peace is not a choice but a Necessity:
Challenges and Possibilities

Dr. Shiraz Ellis

Assistant Professor - Department of History
Mayo College , Ajmer
Topic (Day 1) : India-China Tensions - The current situation and its History
Topic (Day 2) : The Geo-Political aspects and International Implications

Date of Activity -1st and 2nd July, 2021

Level -National

Venue -Google Meet Platform

Title of Event -Taming a Dragon- A Holistic Review of India-China Ties

Number of Participants -797

Resource Person –

S.No	Name	Designation	Affiliating Institute/ University	Contact Details	Contributed to the event as a-
1.	Prof. Amitabh Ray	Distinguished Professor (Retd.)	Gurudas College, Kolkata	amitabha50ray@gmail.com	Keynote Speaker- Inaugural Session
2.	Prof. Anup Kumar Sinha	Chairman Bandhan Bank and Distinguished Professor (Retd.)	IIM, Kolkata	aksinha@iimcal.ac.in	Chief Guest- Valedictory Session
3.	Dr. Alok John	Coordinator	Mother Veronica Excellence and Innovation Centre, Patna Women's College (Autonomous), Patna	alok.amm@patnawomenscollege.in	Resource Person
4.	Dr. Preeti Tak	Assistant Professor	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi	dr.preetitak@gmail.com	Resource Person
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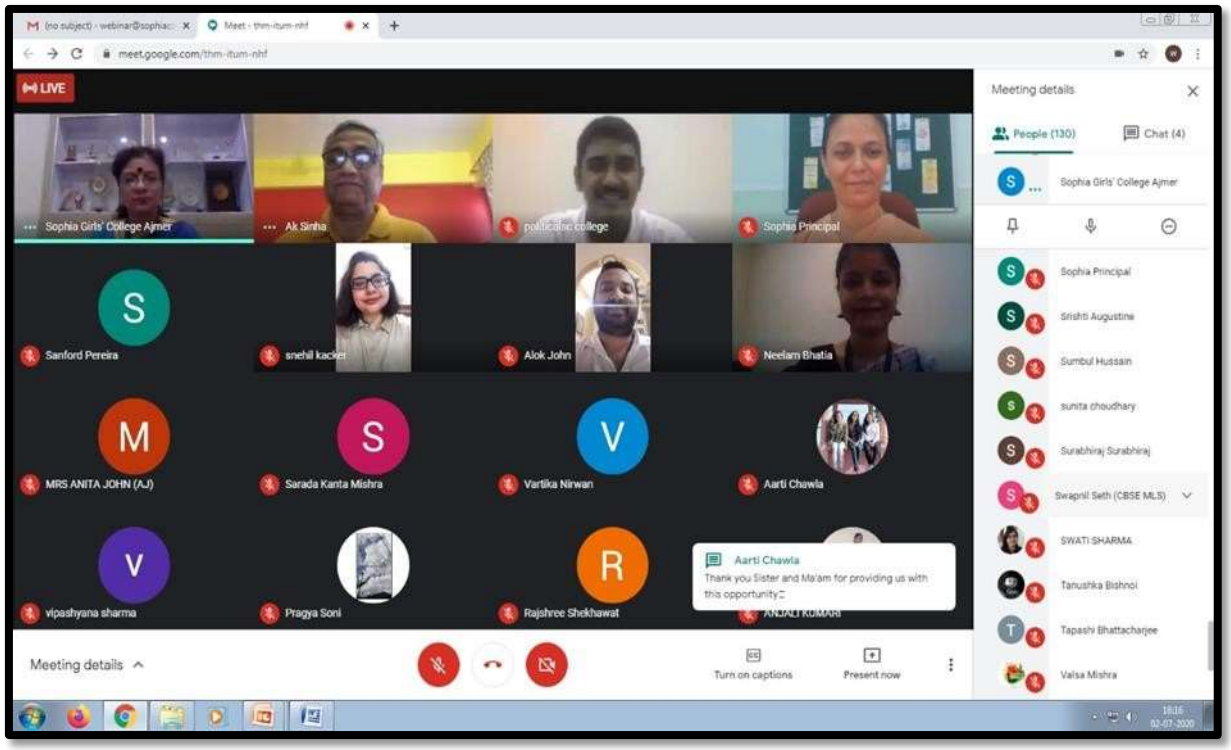
Description -

The resource persons for Taming a Dragon- A Holistic Review of Indo-China Ties shared their expertise on the following topics:

1. Dr. Alok John - A Strategic Viewpoint on Indo-China Ties
2. Dr. Preeti Tak - Changing Geo-Political Dynamics: India's role in New Order .
3. Dr. Snehil Kacker - Peace is not a Choice but a Necessity: Challenges and Possibility
4. Er. Shiraz Ellis - India and China Tensions: The Current situation and History
   -The Geo-Political Aspects and International implications

Learning Outcome –

National Webinar provided intellectual insights into the contemporary issues. The Technical Session enlightened the participants about historical underpinnings of Indo-China relations and Geo-Political tensions between India and China. The Webinar also helped the participants to explore ups and downs, highs and lows, and changing dynamics between two Asian Giants.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1. International Workshop on Human Right

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Ajmer, the "Heart City of Rajasthan" is situated in a shallow plain area with a picturesque landscape surrounded by the ancient Aravalli Range. It attracts thousands of tourists every year to visit the famous Brahma Temple, Pushkar and Dargah Sharif.

Registration Details:

1. All participants will have to register themselves.
2. Registration Fee 750/-
3. No Travel Allowance will be paid but meals will be provided to the participants.

Mode of Payment:

The registration fee may be remitted through:

1) Demand Draft:

Drawn in favour of Sophia Girls College payable at Ajmer. The Demand Draft should be sent by speed/registered post to the following address: Principal, Sophia Girls' College, Mirshali, Jaipur Road, Ajmer 305001 (Rajasthan)

2) Cash/Online (on website)

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

30th January - 2nd February 2020

"BEING THE OTHER: RECOGNIZING, ACCEPTING AND COMPREHENDING EXPERIENCES OF DIVERSE MINORITIES"

Organized By

Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer (Autonomous)

(Department of Political Science and History)

In collaboration with

People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL)

Concept Note

The United Nations defines Human Rights as rights inherent to all human beings regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion or any other status. These rights are envisaged to be inalienable to every human being, and to be protected by the rule of law. History is testament to the brutal acts of repression unleashed by the dominant groups on the presumed 'Other'; in the form of violence, discrimination, denial of the civil liberties etc. This makes the study of human rights especially from the perspective of the minority groups essential.

Identities, generally defined by attributes like race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation etc are lenses through which individuals see themselves, and are perceived by people. Within these identities exist the 'Other' i.e. the people whose characteristics are seemingly different and do not conform to that of the dominant group. Their 'otherness' defined mostly on the basis of their physical (race, gender, ethnicity) and personal attributes (religion, language, sexual orientation, status) leads to their exclusion from employment opportunities especially the higher echelons; denial of traditional land rights, holding elected offices; disparity in economic development and freedom of speech, mobility and opinion. While we see a rise in appeal of ethnicity and religion as more dominant modes of channelizing politics in recent times; the chasm between the dominant groups and the multiple minorities only further increases. The individuals of the diverse minority groups increasingly feel like social strangers in such a society.

This is where the academia plays an important role in its receptiveness to understanding the 'othering' of minorities and the sensitivity in comprehending their varied experiences. The workshop aims to explore the diversity of minorities and delve deep into their unique experiences of both denial of basic rights and their resistance against the dominant groups. It also aims to highlight the essence of the life of M.K. Gandhi; which was to hone the skills of truth and non-violence to uphold the human rights of various individuals i.e. eliminate poverty, expand women's rights; build ethnic and religious harmony and eliminating the injustices of the caste system. Through this pursuit, we can channelize the young scholars to develop within them, the sensibility to fathom the perspective of the minorities and work towards building an inclusive society.

"I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong"

The College

Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer (Autonomous) is an 'A' Grade Accredited Institute by NAAC (UGC) and is affiliated to Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer. Since 1959 the College has held a high reputation nationally and internationally for imparting quality higher education through its dedicated and conscientious staff with high academic credentials and diversity of offered courses.

At the Undergraduate Level, the College offers programs in B.A, B.Sc., B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.LIS, Honours in English, Economics, Commerce and Post Graduate Programs in English, Geography, Political Science, Sociology, History, Computer Science, Chemistry and ABST. To inculcate scholarly excellence and make globally competent citizens, the Institution offers Generic, Skill Enhancement, Career Development and Foundation Courses for students. The Institution envisions building its reputation at par with international standards through its worldwide collaboration and linkages with Institutes of repute. The College has an MHRD recognized Innovation Institution Cell. It offers Cambridge English Level Certification, Diploma in French from the French Embassy, Computer Certification Courses from IIT Mumbai; ISRO and DST Sponsored programs under its aegis. As an initiative towards Institutional, Social and Environmental Responsibility, the College has developed a 'Sustainable Environment by developing Biogas, Water Harvesting System and proudly boasts of being one of the fully solar electrified campuses in Rajasthan. It also has a diversity of flora and fauna on the idyllic campus. As a Girls' College the Institution is in the forefront collaborating with NGOs, Women Development Corporation and the PUCL on-gender sensitization, women entrepreneurship.

The College is located on Jaipur Road, Ajmer, Rajasthan at a distance of 1.5 Km from Ajmer bus stand, around 2.5 Km from Ajmer railway station and approximately 22 Km from Kishangarh airport.

It is connected to Jaipur by flight to Kishangarh and by road through AC bus service and rail through Shatabadi/Superfast trains.

Date of the Activity- 30th January-2nd February, 2020

Level - International

Venue - Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

Title of the Event - International Human Rights Workshop in collaboration with PUCL and BARC, Rajasthan.

Number of Participants- 107

Description -

A Four Day International Human Rights Workshop was organized by Department of Political Science and Department of History in collaboration with PUCL and BARC, Rajasthan as a part of one week SYNERGY 2020. It was an International Staff and Student Exchange Programme in which 60 students and 8 staff members from 10 different institutions participated.

Learning Outcome –

The purpose of this Workshop was to sensitize the young minds about various Human Rights issues through innovative methods by the experts which included discussions on various contemporary issues, peer learning, movies, court visits, and thana visits, etc. It also helped the students in developing values such as empathy and tolerance. The Workshop was appreciated by attendees.

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1. Internaitonal Conference on Water

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Name of the Activity- International Conference on "Water- A Focus on the Future and Innovation"

Date of the Activity- 24th and 25thFebruary 2020

Total number of Students- 414

Resource Persons –

S.No	Name	Designation	Affiliating Institute/University	Contact Details	Contributed to the event as a-
1	Shri Gajendra Singh	Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti	Government of India	gshekhawat@sansad.nic.in	Chief Guest
2	Shri Rajendra Singh	'Waterman of India'	Tarun Bharat Sangh	jalpurushtbs@gmail.com	The Guest of Honour
3	Dr. M Kavvas	Professor	University of California, Davis, USA	mkavvas@ucdavis.edu	Keynote Speaker
4	Shri Bhupendra Yadav	Hon'ble Member of Parliament	Government of India	bhupendra.yadav@sansad.nic.in	Chief Guest for Valedictory Session
5	Dr. Raghu Murtugudde	Earth System Scientist	University of Maryland, USA	mahatma@umd.edu	Resource Person
6	Dr. Harmeet Bhatia	Environmentalist and Director	IPG Phonetics, Boston, USA	bhatiaharmeet@ipg.gov	Resource Person

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7	Dr. Subhash Yadav	Director	Public Health, WHO, Fiji Islands	subashyadav 28@gmail.com	Resource Person
8	Ms. Vandana Pandya	SocialActivist Ahmedabad	WASMO	9925069216	Resource Person
9	Dr. Preeti Sharma	Professor	Kurukshetra University	7342301120	Resource Person
10	Prof. M S Rathore	Director	CEDS, Jaipur	8976547120	Chair – Technical Session
11	Prof. Shiv Dayal	Professor, Head of Department - Economics	MDS University	9413260045	Co- chair Technical Session
12	Shri Prahlad Pareekh	Executive Engineer	PHED, Ajmer	9414559876	Resource Person
13	Prof.Anuradha Tripathi	Professor- International Affairs Expert	Head- Dept of Political Science, SPC Government College, Ajmer	9460791146	Panelist
14	Mr. Hemant Mathur	RAS	Governmentof Rajasthan	9782118957	Panelist
15	Dr PinkyTak	Medical Officer	JLN Medical Hospital	7976960370	Panelist
16	Shri RameshYadavar	Activist and Senior Programme Officer	Participatory Research in Asia	9829547063	Panelist
17	Dr. Naseer Ahmed	Director	BARC	8769334215	Panelist

Learning Outcome & Objective of the Activity-

To explore the various possibilities of Water Management and Water Conservation in India and the world and to encourage and provide a platform to students and research scholars wherein they can explore this field to study.

Water problem happens to be a problem of multi-dimensional nature from Water Pollution to Water Politics. It will lead to realignment in International Politics and the emergence of new centres of power in the world.

The eventual outcome of the activity was the recognition of the need for the stakeholder to be well versed with latest development, strategies, techniques and application of best practices to innovatively manage this very important resource –water.

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Gandhi in Post-Liberalization India

Gandhi in Post – Liberalization India:-

Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization was steered into the Indian economic system in 1990s to boost up and link the hunched back of the country's financial system with world economy. Unfortunately even for the educated Indian laity, the term 'liberation' has only economic connotation and therefore fall short of comprehending its linkage with polity and society. The Conference aims to explore the numerous puzzling transformations with the Gandhian Lens. Post-Liberalization, India burgeoned on the path of cordoning the country from any internal or external aggression by hardening its anti-insurgency policy as well embellishing its defence forces with the latest in the global arms market. As peace talks and diplomatic missions entail time and patience, the two 'excesses' became unaffordable for the Indian State because it had to keep pace and provide an amenable and peaceful environment for the global business giants investing with super velocity and alacrity in the country Socially, the nation experienced a hike in 'wants' pertaining to everyday needs. Indian middle class, for whom owning a television, fridge and washing machine was considered luxury, not only started replacing them every three years but started planning international holidays. Changing clothes, cars and mobile sets became a veritable craze with the youngsters. Incidentally such bold and brazen India is also audaciously religious and caste conscious. Ironically, the two evils-caste system and communalism, that should have been wiped-off due to the neo-globalized Indian mindset, continue to exist, in fact, the schism is worse than before behind the facade of modernity. The sprouting of innumerable legal and illegal religious shrines, the mushrooming of god-men, the hype for going on pilgrimages, the popularity of television dramas reminiscing all the long forgotten religious rituals are few trends proving the ontological search of Indians basking in the sunlight of global materialism.

Date of the Activity - 13th -14th January, 2018

Level - National

Venue - Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

Title of the Event - National Conference on "Gandhi in Post Liberalization in India"

Number of Participants- 422

S.No.	Name	Designation	Affiliating University/College	Contact Details	Contributed in the Event as
1.	Ms. Rajni Bakshi	Senior Gandhian Fellow	Gateway House, Mumbai	9820857034	Keynote Speaker
2.	Shri Prashant Kumar	President	Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi	9999486745	Chief Guest for Inaugural Session
3.	Dr. Siby Joseph	Dean of Studies and Research	Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha	9822238341	Chief Guest for Valedictory Session
4.	Dr. Jeevan	Retd. Professor	Department of Political Science	9972496362	Chief Guest for

	Kumar		and Gandhian Study Centre, Bangalore University		Valedictory Session
5.	Prof. Naresh Dadhich	Former Vice Chancellor	VMOU, Kota	9314506667	Resource Person
6.	Dr. Nishant Kolge	Assistant Professor	Tripura University, Agartala	9862132692	Resource Person
7.	Shri Hemant Kumar	Deputy Commissioner cum Secretary	Ajmer Development Authority	9799340000	Resource Person
8.	Dr. Manoj Awasthi	Lecturer	Department of Political Science, SPGCA, Ajmer	9414253024	Resource Person
9.	Prof. Sangeeta Sharma	Associate Professor	Department of History, Rajasthan University	9413002412	Resource Person
10.	Prof. Nisha Bala Tyagi	Associate Professor	Miranda House, Delhi University	nisha.balatyagi@mirandahouse.ac.in	Resource Person

Description

The National Conference on "Gandhi in Post Liberalization" by the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and History. The Conference aimed to explore the numerous puzzling transformations with Gandhian Lens.

Learning Outcome - The National Conference was organized to create awareness regarding the Relevance of Gandhian ideas in Post-Liberalization Era. It also

emphasised on the impact on Gandhian philosophy on neo-globalised Indian mindset. Students participated with great zest in huge numbers and learnt about Gandhian ideals from through the engaging sessions taken by Gandhian scholars.

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