POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-22

ACTIVITY 1

NEP TRAINING PROGRAM

For the effective implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, an Orientation Program was conducted by the IQAC for the Faculty of the institute. The Professors were efficiently made aware with the outline and aim of the New Education Policy and were trained to give effect to it.

ACTIVITY 2

DEBATE COMPETITION

A debate competition on the topic 'Indian health infrastructure's role in corona global pandemic' was conducted by the department of Political Science and Public Administration on 16 July 2021, open to the students of all department. The main aim of the debate competition

was to give an opportunity to the students to express their opinions, gain confidence and spread awareness among others. The competition was held through online medium.

More details:
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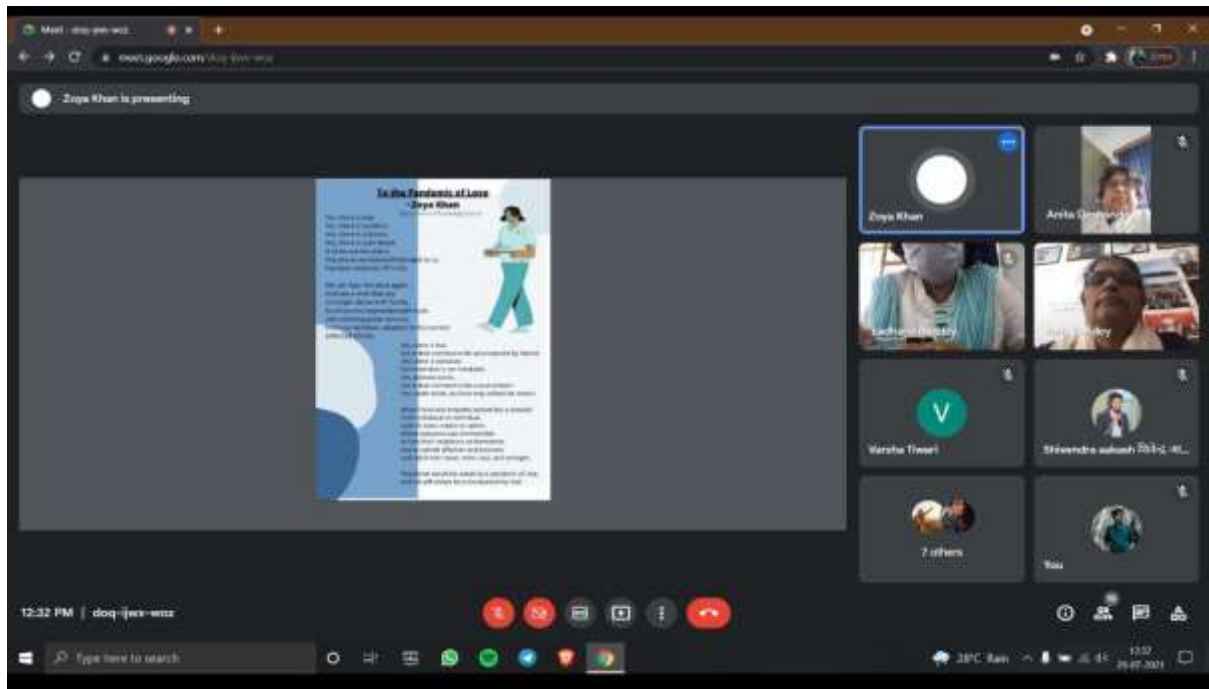

ACTIVITY 3

SELF WRITTEN POEM COMPETITION

Self- written poem competition was organized by the department of Political Science and Public Administration among the students on 20th July 2021 through online platform, aiming to spread awareness for COVID control through literary and cultural activities. The topic of the poem was 'protection from COVID pandemic.'

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ACTIVITY 4

ONLINE TALK BY Dr. SUMIT HOWLADAR

Realizing the need to inquire into the layered methodology of the role of social media, an online talk with an eminent Professor, Dr. Sumit Howladar of Krishna Chandra College, Burdwan was conducted on 28th October ,2021 on the topic 'Role of education in a social media driven post-truth sociey.'

ACTIVITY 5

ON-LINE TALK ON CULTURAL HERITAGE AND FOLK ART ON MP FOUNDATION DAY

On the occasion of Madhya Pradesh foundation day, the department of political science and public administration conducted an online talk on cultural Heritage and Folk Art on 1 November ,2021. Ms. Archana Yadav, Folk dance and Folk art expert at the institute efficiently enlightened the students on the importance of the rich art and culture of Madhya Pradesh. Performances were also held through the online medium.

Detailed report:
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ACTIVITY 6

SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION

Department of Political Science and Public Administration organized a slogan writing competition on the occasion of International Child Rights Day (20th November 2021). Topic for this slogan writing competition was 'Child Right Protection and Awareness'

Details about the participants;

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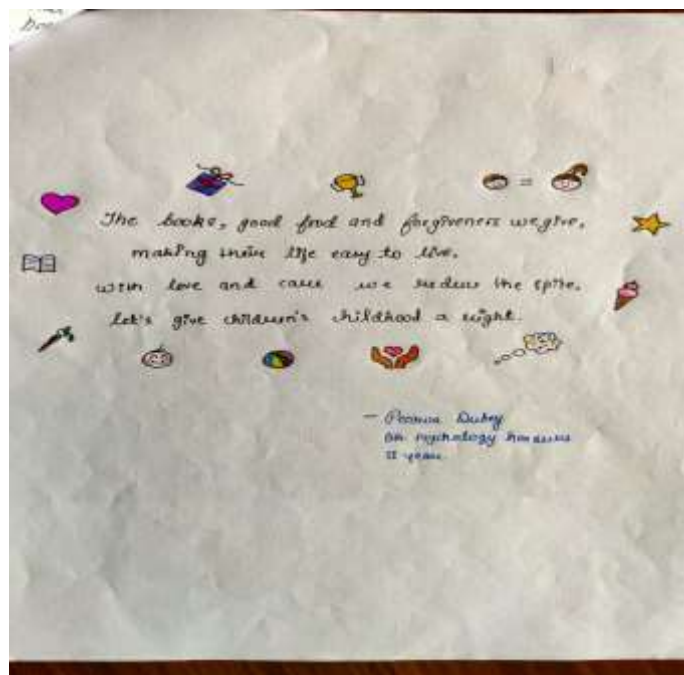
ACTIVITY 7

QUIZ COMPETITION

On the occasion of Constitution Day (26th November) as well as continuing the celebration of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", Department

of Political Science and Public Administration conducted a quiz competition on the topic "Indian Constitution and its development", among the students of our Institute.

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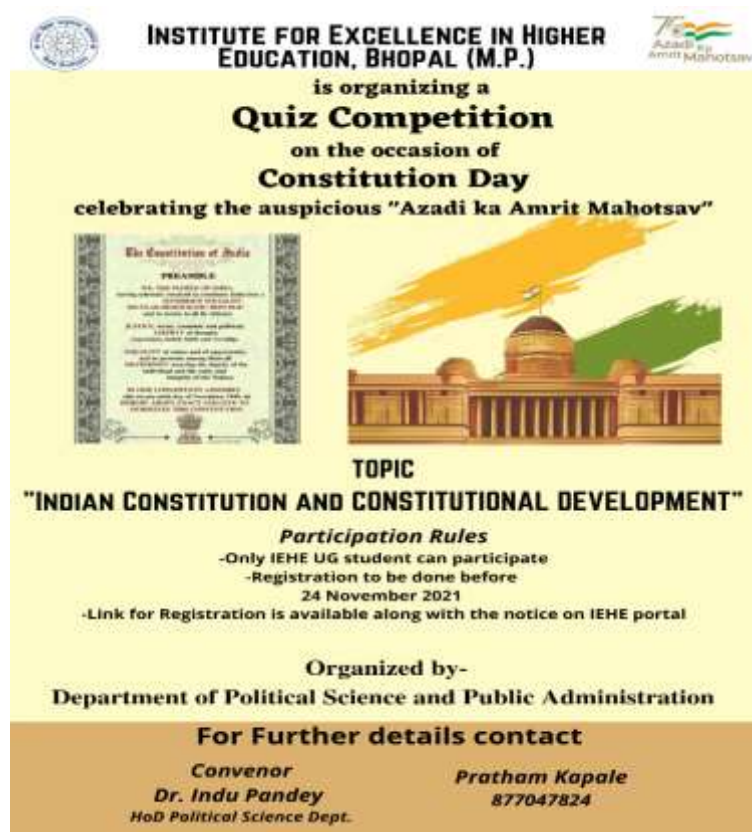
ACTIVITY 8

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

With the motive of spreading awareness about the human rights among the students, Political science department organized on the spot essay writing competition on the occasion of International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2021. The event sought an activity fulfilment

given on the spot based on general knowledge and information about this historical important day .

Details of the participants are as followed ;

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ACTIVITY 9

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB 2021-22

In order to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out college activities, service projects, planning events that contribute to college spirit and community welfare, the student council was constituted by Political science department for the year 2021-22. The Political Science club consisted of President, Vice President, secretaries of different posts and executive members .

ACTIVITY 10

SPECIAL SESSION ON CONTRIBUTION OF GANDHI'S

Department of political science organized a lecture on 'Gandhi's contribution to Indian political thought' on 21st January 2022 through both the online and offline mode. The speaker of this special session was Shri Anshul Trivedi . Students from different fields joined this session with great enthusiasm.

More details ;

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ACTIVITY 11

Oath taking ceremony on the occasion of "12th National Voters' Day" 25th January 2022

Oath taking ceremony was organized on the occasion of "12th National Voters' Day" at Institute of Excellence in Higher Education Bhopal. The main objective of the swearing-in ceremony is to make every citizen of the country aware of voting and especially the duty of voting among the youth. To make sense. In this oath ceremony of the polling day, the Director of the Institute, Dr. Pragyesh Kumar Agrawal administered the oath. All the academic, non-academic staff and students of the institute should be present on this occasion.

ACTIVITY 12

DEBATE COMPETITION ON NATIONAL VOTER'S DAY

On the occasion of National Voter's Day, a debate competition was conducted on 25th January 2022. The objective of the competition was to create awareness about electoral rights and its role in democracy. Sixteen participants effectively presented their views in favour and

against the topic of the competition - <u>Democracy can be protected only with the right to vote.</u>

Honourable Jury Members of the Competition were - Dr. Sadhana Pandey, Dr. Sonam Goyal and Madam Anu Thakur. The competition was coordinated by Purva Srivastava, Cultural Head, Department of Political Science, under the guidance of Dr. Indu Pandey, Head of the Department of Political Science. Dr. Anita Despande presented the opening speech with inspirational thoughts and Dr. Sadhana Pandey concluded the competition with remarks and best wishes.

Participants detail ; https://drive.google.com/file/d/17QfOS_-nQDSGzCUFnEjpf0ebIMN8bfj8/view?usp=sharing

Competition result ; https://drive.google.com/file/d/17QfOS_-nQDSGzCUFnEjpf0ebIMN8bfj8/view?usp=sharing

ACTIVITY 13

VISIT TO ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

A programme was held on 4th March 2022 at the Election Commission of India. Ten students from 2nd and 3rd year attended the programme with Dr. Sadhana Pandey. The programme included a brief information about Election Commission of India (ECI) and State Election Commission, along with a historical description of Indian electoral

system. Students participated in the three - tier quiz on the spot itself, bagged by gold and silver batches under the National Voter's Day contest organised by the ECI followed by introduction and guidelines regarding contest was imparted by the officials of Election Commission of India.

ACTIVITY 14

ANKUR SCHEME PLANTATION

Madhya Pradesh government is inviting MP Ankur Scheme 2022 on Vayudoot App, a mega tree plantation drive in which all those people who participates and plant trees would get Pranvayu awards. Under the Ankur Scheme, Department of Political Science Registration, uploaded a picture while planting the sapling and taking care of it .

ACTIVITY 15

Online Lecture under MoU with RCEUS, LUCKNOW
Speaker: Himanshu Chandra, Addi. Director, RCEUS,Lucknow
Topic: 'Smart City': An Idea Revolutionising the process of Urbanisation
23/03/22, Google Meet

The moderator began with the introduction of the Speaker and how he has contributed to the field of planning and development. After the introduction Mr. Himanshu Chandra was invited to begin with his lecture with the use of PPT.

The speaker explained how 'smart city' is headed towards informative societies and network facilitation. The idea behind such a project is to make urban spaces economically and politically viable and sustainable in the long run. He gave different names that have been used across countries for 'smart city'. To name a few: global society (Sasskia Sassen), Network Societies (M.Castell), Wireless Cities (Sukumar) and others.

Mr. Chandra went on to explain the usage of internet as crucial to interacting with the city. He gave relevant examples for explaining this such as Ola, Uber, Google Maps, etc. Here the idea is to manage all the basic amenities through such digital platforms which in turn reflect on the creation of smart city. He emphasised on the point that smart city is the one that make better choices.

Since the 74th Amendment Act there have been changes made in the administrative capabilities and more emphasis has been laid down on creating smarter ways to deal with the problems cropping up in the urban spaces. He mentioned SPV (Special Purpose Vehicles) which are acting as vehicles of change in the administration. He also gave a comparative analysis between ULB system and SPV system and spoke about the need to keep financial sustainability as a parameter in decision making.

He explained that under the smart city project there are options to also appoint private CEOs under the Company Act 2013. This will help in overcoming the lethargy and laid back attitude of functionaries under the public sector. He gave example of Indore and Bhopal and how the two cities are embarking on their path towards becoming successful smart cities. His session gave relevant examples as and when required making the technical parts seem easy. There is a new concept of smart parking which is functioning well in Connaught Place, delhi and is being replicated elsewhere.

The use of smart techniques have revolutionised many administrative functions and improvised systems such as Public transport services/ Traffic Management Control centre (TMCC), Traffic Information

System, Smart Street, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossing System, Common Mobility Card (being working well in Kochi where one card is used for all payments). The techniques have helped in tracking water supply augmentation and also seek distribution management. In the water management sector various efforts have been undertaken such as waste water management, smart manholes, municipal waste management through GPS enabled vehicles, smart bins and others. Bhopal has set up an example of using street lights with energy efficiency techniques which is being imitated elsewhere. The workload has been shifted on online platforms to make it more accessible to people such as e-nagarpalika. Tourism industry is also benefitting out of these smart techniques as these platforms help in enhancing avenues for travel.

ACTIVITY 16

Online Lecture under MoU with AIGGPA , Bhopal

Department of Political Science & Public Administration organized Online Lecture under MoU by Supriya Pathak (Research Associate, AIGGPA) on 24/03/2022, Google Meet. Topic of this lecture "Acculturizing Students with Monitoring & Evaluation of Public Policy at grassroot Level"

The Speaker started with an explanation of what is the meaning of good governance and why is it important in today's scenario. It helps in resource management promoting the concept of welfare state in our country. This concept came in the backdrop of projects of World Bank which was fine tuned for Indian context.

Ms. Supriya Pathak became a member of AIGGPA through a programme 'CM's Young Professionals for Development Programme'. Under this programme young minds are inducted into the field of policy making and implementation reviewing is undertaken. There are multiple schemes which are run by the government such as Aayushman Bharat, CM Helpline, Aatmanirbhar bharat and others which are part of their review.

She pointed out that her curriculum from undergraduate helped her in understanding the field. She mentioned that new papers such as Public Personnel Administration, Developmental Administration, e-governance and other papers taught in the Department are very relevant in the field.

She discussed her experience on field and added how NRLM and self help groups by women are efficient and most worthy of praise. She discussed the work of Anganwadi women workers and how they streamline the Poshan Scheme. She has been part of a study on street vendors in rural areas focusing on their problems and what can be done to resolve the same.

She pointed out that in her profession the concept that runs is that field will have problems but count them only when you have a solution. Problem solving attitude is important in public policy.

She emphasized on the need for feedback from ground so that policies can be improved upon. Feedbacks are converted into reports which are either scrutinized by the honourable Chief Minister or by the Administrative Heads in order to create effective policies.

She concluded by inviting any student or faculty to her field and also explained that AIGGPA can be approached for job as well as internship opportunities. She expressed her willingness to help any member of IEHE with preparation for civils or for AIGGPA.

ACTIVITY 17

ONLINE LECTURE

Dr. Reema Sharma (Assitt. Prof., Govt. P.G.College,Bina)
Topic: Making of Indian Constituent Assembly
On 25/03/2022, google meet

She started by first acknowledging that Constituent Assembly was a symbol of sovereignty and self-determination to be led by the people of India. She quoted Sir Ivor Jnennings who gave three situations for the creation of nation: a great social revolution, nation throw off its foreign yoke and when nation is created by fusion of smaller political units. The Constituent Assembly was constituted by indirect elections which had a set pattern of proportional representation with single transferable vote system.

She gave the historical journey of reaching to the making of the Constituent Assembly after a long negotiation with the British. She explained in detail the arduous work of getting different ideologies represented in the Assembly. This assembly was unicameral and was

later adopted as the lower house of our Parliament. She also discussed how the situation evolved within the Assembly after the Partition.

The Assembly comprised of many committees such as major, minor and drafting. All these committees were headed by stalwarts who led the national movement at different stages. The Constitutional draft was completed in 2 years, 11 months and 18 days with 12 sessions of 165 days.

ACTIVITY 18

WORKSHOP ON RTI
Collaboration with RCVP Noronha, Bhopal
28/03/22, Offline mode
Hall 4, Attendance- 120
The moderator Dr. Promod Chaturvedi gave an outline of various online trainings being organised in this direction. He appealed that the idea is to convert problem into opportunity. He explained this by giving examples from Madhya Pradesh such as Kabadi.com (Anurag Asati), Urban Greens (Piyush) and Jabalpur's students earning lakhs from vermicompost where concerns of the society were picked up innovatively and used as employment platforms.

Dr. Chaturvedi then explained about the role of RTI. RTI was brought under Congress led UPA I where in the parliament the then Prime

Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh called RTI as the 'second freedom of India'. The system of administration was opaque before 2005 leading to corruption and lack of accountability. Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) started with the RTI campaign. The workers wanted to get a copy of the muster rolls and when it was denied the organisation launched a campaign aiming transparency. He also cautioned that the Act should be used for constructive purposes and not for blackmailing authorities. He also pointed one basic and crucial difference between RTI and other Acts. RTI is the only act which penalises the system. It is the only Act which has time bound resolution of the asked details.

Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj took over and explained the need for such a workshop. He explained the Act through the use of PPT. He started with the origin and aim of the Act and why it is crucial for citizens to access it. He also explained that the Act provides facilitation via Public Information Officer (PIO) in case an information seeker is illiterate.

Dr. Bhardwaj mentioned various acts which have been continuing since the British and have been changed recently.

He explained that Rajiv Gandhi saw the problems in the system and tried to change it by restructuring the system but the final structure could only be brought after a campaign led by MKSS (1994) which later got picked up by Anna Hazare against corruption. The term 'grassroot' has been used by leftists and had been picked up in determining the target groups.

The workshop aimed at acquainting students with the who should be approached when filing an RTI, whom do you address your application, which language is used for writing the application, who cannot use RTI to seek information, process of response after filing of RTI, in case of disagreement whom can the appeal be addressed to, exemptions for applicants belonging to BPL families, what is the timeline for receiving response, which information can be sought in terms of time period, can complaints be made via RTI and other such crucial questions were taken up in detail. He also spoke of provisions where a third party can seek information as well beginning with the explanation of who is 'third party'. He also discussed list of absolute exemptions from the Act which are mentioned in chapter 6.

ACTIVITY 19
NPTEL ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

An orientation for SWAYAM NPTEL online courses was held on **20, 21 and 22nd January 2022.** The session was attended by the students of Political Science Department. Thirty -Three students from 2nd Year enrolled for Introduction to Political Ideologies: Contexts, Ideas and Practices and three of them registered for examination.

Achievers of the Department

Monika Dwivedi cleared Combined Defence Services Exam 2021

Monika Dwivedi

Supriya Pathak Selected a member of AIGGPA through a programme 'CM's Young Professionals for Development Programme'

Sakshi Katiyar –   cleared UGC- NET with JRF Exam 2020

Durgesh Sarathe - cleared UGC- NET with JRF Exam 2020

Ankita Jethani - cleared UGC- NET Exam 2020

Ritik Tiwari -   cleared UGC- NET Exam 2020

Sagar Pandey-   cleared UGC- NET Exam 2020

Lipi Nagayich cleared UPSC Mains Exam 2020

Supriya Pathak,

Anusha Dhiman &

Supriya Jat cleared M.P. PSC Mains exam 2020

All these students preparing for Interview.

The Department of Political Science & Public Administration and the entire Institute Family prays to God for the success of these students and gives them their blessings.

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