

Departmental Report
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

Preliminary information

I Department profile Faculty: names, designation, years of experience

Department of Political Science

Head of Department : Dr.PAUL ROZARIO, MA. M.Phil., PhD, Associate Professor,
 26 years teaching experience

Faculty of Department : MS. SHAHANAZ SHAIKH, MA. M.Phil., Assistant Professor,
 12 years teaching experience

Total number of students: UG :136/ 124+103+53= 280.

II Courses/Papers taught

Class	Sem	Paper No.	Course Title	Course Credits	Course Codes
FYBA	1	I	Principles and Concepts Of Political Theory	3	SBA POL 101
FYBA	2	I	Political Values And Ideologies	3	SBA POL 201
SYBA	3	II	Indian Political System : The Constitutional Framework	3	SBA POL 301
SYBA	3	III	Public Administration	3	SBA POL 302
SYBA	3	I	Gandhism In Its Present Context – I (Applied Component)	3	SBA APC 301
SYBA	4	II	Indian Political System : Indian Political Process	3	SBA POL 401
SYBA	4	III	Indian Administration	3	SBA POL 402
SYBA	4	II	Gandhism In Its Present Context – I (Applied Component)	3	SBA APC 401
TYBA	5	IV	Politics of Modern Maharashtra	4	SBA POL 501
TYBA	5	V	Western Political Thinkers	4	SBA POL 502

TYBA 5	VI	World Politics	3.5	SBA POL.503
TYBA 6	IV	Determinants of Politics of Maharashtra	4	SBA POL 601
TYBA 6	V	Indian Political Thinkers	4	SBA POL 602
TYBA 6	VI	Indian Foreign Policy	3.5	SBA POL 603

III BOS composition

Members of the BOARD OF STUDIES (Political Science)

Chairperson of the Board of Studies (Head of Department):

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One expert to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, from a panel of six persons, recommended by the College Principal:

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Experts from outside the College whenever special courses of studies are to be formulated (If desired):

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1. Ms. Harini Calamur,
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One postgraduate meritorious alumna to be nominated by the Principal.
The Chairman, Board of Studies, may, with the College Principal approval, co-opt:

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Other members of staff of the same faculty

IV Dates of BOS meetings

SEMESTER I - October 11, 2022

SEMESTER II - June 12, 2023

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

1. Title of the activity/event : Talk on 'Democracy and Social Structures'

Date : September 19th, 2022;

Number of staff members involved : 2

Guest/Speaker: Mr. Floyd Gracias

The Political Science Department (B.A) of Sophia College Autonomous, Mumbai organized a talk for the students and faculty from the various departments of the institution on 19th September 2022, in the AV hall at 11:35 am. The talk was about 'Democracy and Social Structures' and began at 11:50 am due to unforeseen issues. Junior College faculty - Mr Ivan John and Senior College faculty - Ms Simi Susan joined the talk as well.

The guest speaker for the one hour session was Mr. Floyd Gracias - currently serving as the counsel at the Supreme Court of India. He is also serving as a counsel at the Bombay High Court. He is the Chief Academic Consultant and Advisory Board Member at LexDukos. He is also the proprietor at Lex Gracias. His long list of specializations include constitutional law, media law, property law, environmental law among many others. Advocate Gracias was assisted by Ms. Vinnisha Cuthino. Srishti Chawla, the TYBA Class Representative, addressed the group and introduced the esteemed guest speaker after which the talk began.

Advocate Gracias conducted a resourceful session that mainly focused on Law and how it is interrelated with various other subjects like History, Economics, Sociology, etc. He explained the concepts through various examples which made it interesting and easier to understand. The session was very interactive and inclusive allowing everyone to engage with the guest speaker. Many questions were asked by the attendees and answered by Advocate Gracias, leaving the students with an imprint of his great experience in the legal sphere. He made reference to some landmark Supreme Court judgements such as the Gopalan Case (1950) and the Maneka Gandhi case (1978) which hold great significance to the Indian polity and hence are of importance to the students of Political Science. He guided and motivated the students to further study these landmark judgements. An insightful discussion on the Constitution of India was followed. Various Sources of Law and Concept of Power were also elaborated upon. The importance of the Preamble to the constitution with special emphasis on the terms Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity was discussed briefly.

To conclude, the Political Science lecturer, Ms. Rishika Robert, profusely thanked the esteemed speaker, his assistant - Ms Vinnisha Cutinho, The Lex Gracias Team, the respected

Principal - Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil, Vice Principal - Dr. Rashna Poncha, The Head of the Political Science department - Ms. Shahnaz Shaikh, the technical staff and the hard working class representatives and students, especially the class of TYBA - Political Science and the audience for ensuring the smooth running of the event.



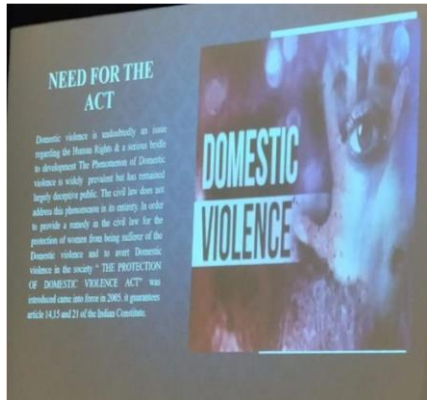
2. Title of the activity/event : Talk on 'Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005'

Date : November 25th, 2022

Number of staff members involved : 2

Guest/Speaker: Adv. Nirmala Samant Prabhawalkar (former Mayor of Mumbai) and Mr Anant Deshmukh.

The Political Science Department (B.A) of Sophia College Autonomous, Mumbai took



eight TYBA Double Major students for a talk at the YRC



Centre on 25th November 2022, 1:30 pm. The talk was about 'Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005, 2005' and began at 2:15 pm.

The speakers for the session were Adv. Nirmala Samant Prabhawalkar (former Mayor of Mumbai) and Mr Anant Deshmukh.

A resourceful session, it mainly focused on the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005, 2005 and how it is interrelated with various other provisions in the Indian Constitution. The talk began with a recitation of the Preamble and a short awareness video on Sharad Pawar Fellowship that students were keenly interested in. Students were encouraged to make note of the same for future perusal. At 2:30 pm, Mr

Anant Deshmukh began his session on Fundamental

Rights and duties enshrined in our constitution. Shortly after, Adv. Nirmala Samant began her lecture. She stressed on citizenship issues and CAA, spoke extensively about DPSPs, cooperative society and tribals. She further spoke of religious freedom, elections among other topics she touched upon. Moving on, she presented an extensive and elaborate case study/ research to enhance her explanation on the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005. While she put forth points on the need for such an Act, she spoke of Domestic Violence, Gender injustice, physical and emotional abuse and its impact - relative and subjective. She discussed provisions of the Act and how one can move the court in the same context.



The session ended with an enriching question round, where Adv. Samant took questions from the audience. Before closing, Adv. Samant thanked the students present and listening.

To conclude, the event was a success as it also allowed students to interact one on one with Anganwadi Workers, understand problems they face and demands they try to place at the

government's disposal. They were also in the presence of several law students and employees of the YRC Centre. Many opportunities for employment, fellowship and internships were made known to students as well.

2. FIELD TRIPS DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT:

Title of the activity/event : Visit to Mani Bhavan - Gandhi *Sangrahalaya*

Date : January 16th, 2023

Number of staff members involved : 1

The Political Science Department (B.A) of Sophia College Autonomous, Mumbai took fourteen Political Science students from across all classes - FYBA, SYBA and TYBA, for a visit to Mani Bhavan on 16th January, 2023, at 11:30 am. Mani Bhavan is a Museum on Gandhi.



The students began by taking a walk in the rich Library of Mani Bhavan and proceeded to read several newspaper cuttings on the birth of the Civil Disobedience and Non Cooperation Movements. We proceeded on the first floor as we took a look at the early life of Gandhi, his relationship with several other Indian (e.g. Subash Chandra Bose) as well as world leaders (e.g Adolf Hitler) and authors (e.g. Leo Tolstoy) of that time, through letters and then headlines. Students could see what we discussed in our lectures in classes and connected with academics on a deeper level. Later, we also had the privilege to look at original posters used during the early years of independence depicting the importance of Gandhian Philosophy. It was an important move as it helped understand the sociology of the times as well. Several pictures of Gandhi with friends, family and eminent leaders were also looked at. We moved to the second and the final floor as

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we observed the beauty of the real spinning wheel Gandhi had once spun *Khadi* clothes on. His daily-use cutlery and other products were also set on display.

An interesting part of the visit was to go through an innovative gallery of small sculptures that presented several important stages and landmark events symbolic of the Gandhian era. Students observed the sculptures at length as they evaluated the scenes, critically and otherwise and added to their knowledge as they engaged in a lively discussion with their peers throughout.

The session ended with an enriching discussion on the visit and our takeaways from the same.

3. Special pedagogical tools used, other than the lecture method

Talks by Experts as Guest Speakers and Visits to Relevant Institutions as mentioned above.

Use of LCD laptop and Social Media, such as WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube to share and discuss issues and content such as Documentaries, News reports, Interviews etc. in class during lectures and also after lecture hours, online.

4. Any special programs conducted for either /both slow learners and advanced learners.

NIL

5. Mentor Mentee programs conducted by the department.

NIL

6. Research Papers Presented

NIL

7.. Research Grants Received

NIL

8. Research Guide for PhD students

NIL

9. National or International awards/fellowships received.

NIL

10. Department/ lecturers having research projects funded by Government (include RUSA), Non-Government agencies, college during the year.

NIL

11. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted during the year.

NIL

12. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), during the year.

NIL

13. Workshops/seminars/ Conferences conducted on Gender related issues (IPR), during the year.

NIL

14. Extension activities carried out in the neighborhood sensitizing students to social issues for their holistic development.

NIL

15. E-content development.

NIL

16. Capacity Development and Skill Enhancement activities organised for improving students' capabilities; like Soft Skills, Language and Communication Skills, Life Skills (Yoga, Physical fitness, Health and Hygiene) & Awareness of Trends in Technology.

NIL

17. Guidance/coaching for competitive examinations and career counselling offered to students.

NIL