

## **DEPARTMENT PROFILE**

- The Department of Political Science was established in 1973. Since its inception, the Department of Political Science, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College is working fervently to provide quality-based learning in the discipline of political science. The department is rich in academic potential comprising a distinguished faculty, committed to academic excellence, research and teaching.
- The Department of Political Science holds various activities throughout the semester to maintain a balance between academic and extra-curricular activities in order to give the students exposure. Talks on important political issues, debate competitions, quiz competitions, poster making, creative writing, extempore sessions, career counselling workshops, etc. are some of the activities which are carried out throughout the semester. Such atmosphere fosters interest in the minds of students and encourages them to think and analyze on the application of theories in practice.
- Number of Teaching Posts: 8

### **Faculty**

- Prof. Gopinath Pillai
- Dr. Gurdeep Kaur
- Dr. Deepak Sharma
- Dr. Indrajeet Singh
- Dr. Archana Sharma
- Dr. Bineet Kaur
- Dr. Bhavna Sharma
- Dr. Ramneet Kaur

### **Programmes Taught**

- B.A. (Hons.) Political Science
- All the Political Science courses in B.A. Prog.
- All the Generic courses related to Political Science for All Hons. students

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Core Courses**

- C1 Understanding Political Theory
- C2 Constitutional Government and Democracy in India
- C3 Political Theory – Concepts and Debates
- C4 Political Process in India
- C5 Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics
- C6 Perspectives on Public Administration
- C7 Perspectives on International Relations and World History

C8 Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective  
C9 Public Policy and Administration in India  
C10 Global Politics  
C11 Classical Political Philosophy  
C12 Indian Political Thought – I  
C13 Modern Political Philosophy  
C14 Indian Political Thought – II

**Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)**

SEC 1 Your Laws, Your Rights  
SEC 2 Public Opinion and Survey Research

**Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)**

DSE 1 Citizenship in a Globalizing World  
DSE 2 Colonialism and Nationalism in India  
DSE 3 India's Foreign Policy in a Globalizing World  
DSE 4 Development Processes and Social Movements in Contemporary India

**Generic Elective Papers (Interdisciplinary)**

GE 1 Nationalism in India  
GE 2 Politics of Globalization/ United Nations and Global Conflicts  
GE 3 Gandhi and the Contemporary World  
GE 4 Governance Issues and Challenges

**B.A. Prog. Political Science Courses**

**Discipline Specific Course:**

DSC 1/A Introduction to Political Theory  
DSC 1/B Indian Government and Politics  
DSC 1/C Comparative Government and Politics  
DSC 1/D Introduction to International Relations

**Ability Enhancement (Elective) Skill Based:**

AEEC 1 Legislative Support  
AEEC 2 Public Opinion and Survey Research  
AEEC 3 Your Laws and Your Rights  
AEEC 4 Peace and Conflict Resolution

**Discipline Specific Elective:**

DSE 1A Themes in Comparative Political Theory  
DES 1B Democracy and Governance

**Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary):**

GE 1 Understanding Gandhi  
GE 2 Human Rights Gender and Environment

### **Civil Society**

Civil Society is the student body of Political Science. It aims at conducting intellectual academic debates, group discussions, talks, seminars, webinars on contemporary issues, which are encouraged and guided by the faculty. The office bearers include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer, Media Coordinator and Executive Members. The selection is done each year on the basis of students' skills, interests and voluntary commitment towards the society. The civil society enables in building leadership and management qualities in the students. The organization and conduction of events provides training to the students to acquire sense of accountability, efficiency and responsibility. To encourage and motivate the students, those who excel in performing their duties towards the society are given certificates and trophies on the occasion of Annual Day of the college.

### **Social Media Interaction**

The Civil Society has its reach on social media through platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. It has a YouTube channel as well where videos of the seminars/webinars are uploaded for the viewers.

### **Seminars/ Webinars/ Talks/:**

The Department keeps organizing various academically enlightening events on college level and national level such as seminars, webinars, and talks on important political and social issues. Some of the important events held in the past are:

- 'Public Policy Priorities for India in the Post Covid Era' a Talk by Prof. Rumki Basu, Head of Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia – February 26, 2021
- Webinar on 'Parliament in Democracy and the Role of an Individual Parliamentarian' by Praja Foundation – October 19, 2020
- Webinar on 'Bapu in Contemporary Times' to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti– October 5, 2020
- 'Deconstructing Gender' a Talk by Prof. Bulbul Dhar James, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia – November 6, 2019
- 'Career Options for Political Science Students' by Abhay Prasad Singh, PGDAV College, University of Delhi – September 17, 2019
- National Seminar on 'Coalition Politics in India: Bane or Boon?' – February 7, 2019
- A Talk with Kamla Bhasin organized by Department of Political Science in collaboration with Gender Sensitization Committee – February 22, 2018
- 'Electoral Politics on Punjab: Emergence of Three Party System' a talk by Ashutosh Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'The Idea of Inclusive Development in India: Towards an Egalitarian Society and Nation' – January 12 & 13, 2017

## **Interactive Programmes**

The department keeps organizing various interactive events for the students. These include debates, quizzes, round table discussions, orientation and workshops. An inter-college debate 'Taqreer' on "Judicial Activism: A Boon or Bane?" was held online on March 12, 2021. A Workshop on Urban Governance and Complaint Management System in collaboration with Praja Foundation was held on October 23, 2019. The department keeps organizing orientation programmes which enable the students to have better understanding on the course and future opportunities by interacting with the faculty and other experts on the subject.

## **Internships of students**

The department encourages the students to take up internships and projects in the field of politics so as to get exposure in the practical world. Various students have been associated with prestigious institutions and held important posts as interns. A few are listed below:

- Gurpreet Singh (Batch 2015-18) was the Campus Ambassador, SVEEP Programme, Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi during 2017-18; he also Interned at Office of Gram Panchayat Kashirampur, Government of Uttarakhand during December 2016.
- Manik Singh (Batch 2018-2021) is the Founder and President of Project CLAP (Creating Leaders for Policy and Activism); has held the position of Political Strategist at MLA Shalimar Bagh (Delhi) from January 2020 to February 2020; he has also been a Public Relations Intern at FXII Enhance Pvt Ltd. from November 2018 to January 19.
- Jasraj Singh (Batch 2020) has interned in the Campaign Management at Indian Youth Congress from May 2020 to June 2020.

## **Evaluation and Assessment**

A continuous process of internal assessment for evaluation of the performance of students is undertaken by the faculty. The assessing procedures usually include written assignments, projects, class tests, internal exam, viva, and presentations. Such evaluation from time to time enables the teachers to assess the learning capacities of their students.