Electoral Literacy Club (2018-19)

Sensitization Programme on voting

21-08-2018: As per the directions of Election Commission, New Delhi an Electoral Literacy Club has to be composed in the college. This was again highlighted and stressed in the two-day training programme attended by Dr. Madhu Gupta and Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma on 9th and 10th August, 2018. The training programme was conducted by the Election Department, Chandigarh in GMSSS-33. Material for sensitising the students was provided in the form of kits and it was also suggested that the college will have to get some material made for the purpose of generating awareness through its own funds.

Following the guidelines a Sensitization Programme was organised on 21st August, 2018 in Room No.-16 in which more than three hundred students participated. The programme began with the recitation of Chunaav Pathshala Geet which was sung by all the students. The Nodal Officers screened a short film for the students. The film was aimed at creating awareness regarding electoral process and also the various guidelines for the new voters. They were also briefed about the enrolment process, change in particulars like address, name etc., and the significance of election process in a democracy.

The students were asked to give their names for organising and participating in the activities of the ELC. The same received a huge response and many applications were received to this effect.

Visit to Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Chandigarh

28-08-2018: An Academic visit to Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Chandigarh was organised. 35 students of M.A. Public Administration and Political Science Honours visited the Legislative Assembly. This was a first-hand experience for the students as they are already studying State Legislature in their syllabus. The students attended the Second Session of the Assembly and watched the proceedings. They were highly delighted to see the discussions and interactions between the treasury benches and the opposition on diverse issues concerning administration, regulations, welfare and society. The highlight of the visit was that the students watched live debate on an Enquiry Report which was tabled in the Assembly recently.

Constitution Day

26-11-2018: The Constitution Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by the staff and students. An Awareness Generation and Sensitization Programme on the significance and salient features of Preamble of the Constitution was organised. The teachers and students read the Preamble of the Constitution aloud and affirmed their faith in the principles enshrined in the Constitution. Various components of the Preamble viz. Socialism, Secularism, Democracy, Sovereignty, Fraternity and Justice etc. were explained in detail. On this occasion, a Quiz on the genesis of Indian Constitution and various provisions therein was also organized which attracted keen participation from staff and students.

The Nukkad Natak on the theme of 'Election and Voting' was enjoyed and applauded by the audience. The play was presented in a comical and satirical form and thus the students could understand the message easily.



National Voters' Day

25-01-2019: The 9th National Voters' Day was celebrated by the staff and students. 'Prashasnika', the Society of Departments of Public Administration and Political Science in collaboration with NSS units of the college organised a series of events. The commemoration invited a wide participation of students of all the streams.

Prof. Nirupama Luthra, Vice-Principal of the college administered a pledge to the faculty and students to uphold the democratic traditions of the country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections. They pledged to vote fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement. Students of all the streams also took the pledge in their respective classrooms.

Students reflected upon the importance of the day in the Paper-reading Competition. They highlighted the significance of voting and voters' rights, and motivated the youth to choose the candidate with sincerity. The creative and imaginative potential of the students was on display in the Poster-making Competition. The presentations covered wide areas such as free and fair elections and voting, rights of the citizens, role of the Election Commission; and generated awareness amongst the students. The Interactive Quiz related to various provisions of Election Commission, election and voting was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. The members of Electoral Literacy Club of the college also put up a stall for registration of new voters.

Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervour. Mr. Kanwar Iqbal Singh, Dean and Prof. Nirupma Luthra, Vice-Principal of the college unfurled the national flag.

Students expressed their views on the significance of freedom in the contemporary context and the progress of India in last seven decades. Group songs and solo songs by the students of Music Department made the atmosphere nationalistic. Group dance by the students of Dance Department stirred a spirit of patriotism.

Addressing the students on this occasion Dr. Madhu Gupta, from the Department of Political Science emphasised that the Indian constitution is a living document and adapts to the changing needs of the hour. She stressed that the feeling of nationalism and patriotism should not merely be ornamental, rather they should be understood in their true spirit. She urged the students to be innovative, original and dream big to help India soar new heights.





