

Electoral Literacy Club

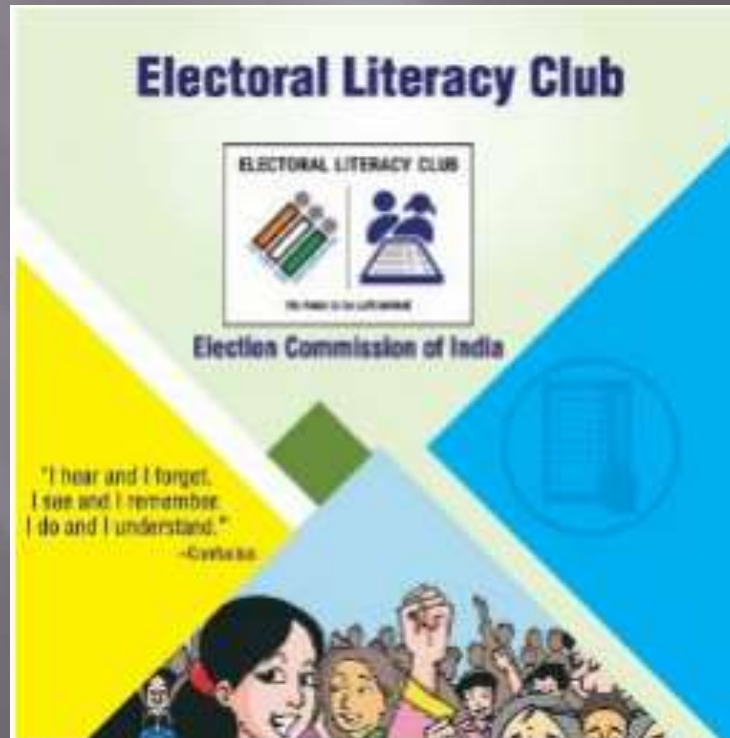


On 3rd of November 2023, the students of the Department of Political Science at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya came together to create the Electoral Literacy Club. The aim of the club is to create awareness and educate people about their electoral rights and duties.

Events in session 2023-2024

Establishment :

The Electoral Literacy Club successfully held elections under the expertise of the parent body and nodal officer of ELC, Dr Ashish Kumar Sonkar allocating key positions:the President , Vice President , and other important roles. The process ensured active student participation, promoting democratic values and leadership skills. The elected representatives were expected to enhance political awareness and civic responsibility within the institution.



Objectives

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) are designed to enhance the understanding of electoral processes and democratic practices among citizens, particularly students. Some key objectives of ELC:

- 1. Promote Electoral Awareness: Educate** members about the electoral process, including how elections are conducted, the significance of voting, and the roles of various electoral institutions.
- 2. Encourage Informed Voting: Help** members understand how to make informed choices during elections by providing information on candidate platforms, party policies, and the importance of evaluating electoral promises critically.
- 3. Foster Democratic Values:** Cultivate a sense of responsibility and civic duty, emphasizing the importance of participating in the democratic process and understanding one's rights and obligations as a voter.
- 4. Develop Critical Thinking:** Encourage members to critically analyze election-related information and media, helping them discern fact from misinformation and understand the implications of various electoral outcomes.

5. Engage in Civic Activities: Organize and participate in activities that promote voter registration, educate others about the voting process, and create awareness about the importance of electoral participation.

6. Build Leadership Skills: Provide opportunities for members to take on leadership roles within the club, plan and execute events, and engage with the community on electoral issues.

7. Facilitate Discussion and Debate: Create a platform for open discussions and debates on electoral and political issues, helping members develop their argumentation skills and understand different perspectives.

8. Support Electoral Integrity: Educate members about the importance of fair and transparent elections, and encourage practices that support electoral integrity and prevent malpractice.

9. Empower Youth: Specifically target younger demographics, such as students, to ensure they are well-informed and motivated to participate in future elections as active and knowledgeable voters.

10. Promote Inclusivity: Ensure that all voices are heard and that diverse perspectives are represented in discussions and activities related to electoral literacy.

These objectives aim to build a more informed, engaged, and responsible electorate, ultimately strengthening the democratic process.

The Parent Body

1. Prof. Rachna Srivastava- Principal
2. Prof. Niharika Lal- NAAC Coordinator
3. Prof. Poonam Pandey- IQAC In-charge
4. Prof. Indu Upadhyay- Student Advisory Committee
5. Dr.. Ashish Kumar Sonkar- In-charge of Dept of Political Science
6. Dr. Anu Singh
7. Dr. Saroj Upadhyay
8. Dr. Gautam Bharti
9. Ms. Praveera Sinha



Prof Rachna Srivastava, Principal



Department of Political Science

Elected Body of Electoral Literacy Club (2023-24)

- 1. President-** VAISHNAVI -MA Final- Pol Sci
- 2. Vice President-** PRAVARSHI SINGH- MA Prev- Pol Sci
SALONI- MA Prev- Pol Sci
- 3. Secretary-** SHWETA DIXIT- MA Final- Pol Sci
RIYA- MA Final-AIHC
JAHNAVI- BA III- Hindi (H)
KAJAL- BA III- Pol Sci (H)
- 4. Treasurer-** AADYA TIWARY- MA Prev- Pol Sci
KOMAL KUMARI- MA Final- Pol Sci
TRIPTI TIWARI- MA Final- Pol Sci.
- 5. Reporter -** AAROHI SHARMA- MA Prev- Pol Sci
TRIPTI- MA Prev- Philosophy (H)
RAKHI KUMARI- BA III- Pol Sci (H)
ANSHIKA SINGH- BA III- Pol Sci (H) .
- 6. Press Release-** SAIYEDA FATMA - MA Prev Pol Sci
SWASTI SINGH- BA III- Pol Sci (H) .
- 7. Council Members-** Saumya, Aastha Singh, Ayushi Pandey, Priyanka Roy,
Vanessa Chaturvedi, Jyoti Kumari, Neha, Nandani Verma

Event 1: Debate on Israel vs Palestine Issue

Date: 2nd November, 2023

Venue: Seminar Hall, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya

Organised by: Department of Political Science and Electoral Literacy Club

Attendees: Nodal Officer of ELC, Parent Body, students and members of ELC

On Nov 2, 2023, The Department Of Political Science in collaboration with ELC at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya organised a thought-provoking debate competition on the Israel-Palestine issue. The event saw active participation from students across various years, who presented well-researched arguments on this complex and sensitive topic. The debate was judged by a distinguished panel of experts comprising Dr Anshu Shukla, Dr Supriya Singh and Dr Kalpana who carefully evaluated the participants based on their content, delivery and engagement with the topic. Winners: 1st Position: Aadya Tiwary and Saloni from MA PREVIOUS Political Science 2nd Position- Saiyeda Fatma from MA PREVIOUS Political Science 3rd Position - Kajal from BA 3rd Year Consolation Prize: Akansha Singh from MA PREVIOUS Political Science The event was a success, fostering analytical thinking and encouraging students to engage deeply with contemporary global issues.

वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता



जज-लॉर्डे ट्रिपेटी, सायलसी ; वसी कन्या महाविद्यालय, में इलेक्टोएल लिटरेचरे क्लब के सभ्यमान में राजनीति विभाग द्वारा इजराइल-फिलिस्तीन संघर्ष पर वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इसका विषय था - "Eye for an eye how far is it justified?कार्यक्रम की शुभ-आगत प्राचार्या प्रो. रचना श्रीवास्तव के उद्घोषन से हुई। उन्होंने इजराइल फिलिस्तीन संघर्ष

के विषय में बताते हुए कहा कि किस प्रकार इस संघर्ष में दोनों पक्षों को आम जनता की चर्चला वा सम्मना करना पड़ रहा है। उन्होंने आगे बताया कि ऐसी परिस्थिति के समाधान के लिए किसी तीसरे पक्ष की भूमिका का होना अनिवार्य है। यह संघर्ष सं.रा.सं. के संघर्ष समाधान की भूमिका पर भी सदिह पैदा करता है। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि शीत स्थापना इस परिस्थिति का अंत

लभ्य होना चाहिए। इसके बाद राजनीति विभाग की निबिवा सुधी प्रवीण सिन्हा ने इजराइल फिलिस्तीन संघर्ष को ऐतिहासिक पृष्ठभूमि से सभी शिक्षक-शिधिकाओं और छात्राओं को अवगत करवा। इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में छात्राओं के दो समूह थे। छात्राओं का एक समूह इजराइल का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहा था एवं छात्राओं का दूसरा समूह फिलिस्तीन का। फिलिस्तीन के समर्थक समूह के मुख्या चिन्नु थे कि इस पूरी परिस्थिति में इजराइल अत्याचार का परिचय देने हुए विद्योर्षों को जमान ले रहा है और साथ ही हमस को खत्म करने के लक्ष्य के पीछे यह आराज में राजाष्ट्री पर कब्जा करना चाहता है। वहीं इजराइल समर्थक समूह का यह कहना था कि इजराइल एक प्रजातांत्रिक और शान्तिप्रिय देश है। इजराइल अपने अस्तित्व और लोगों की सुरक्षा के लिए काम कर रहा है और हमस जैसे

अतर्कवादी समूह को भुजना राजा के लोगों के गैर-जिम्मेदारता निर्णय को दिखाता है। इस अवसर पर निर्णयक सफल में डॉ. अंशु सुभला, डॉ. सुप्रिया सिंह और डॉ. कल्पना थीं। इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता में इजराइल समर्थक समूह को दो छात्राओं ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। एम.ए. प्रथम वर्ष की कु. अरका तिचारी एवं कु. सलीनी। फिलिस्तीन समर्थक समूह की कु. मैयदा ने दूसरा स्थान प्राप्त किया। बी.ए. तृतीय वर्ष की कजल ने तीसरा स्थान प्राप्त किया सहकता पुरस्कार एम.ए. प्रथम वर्ष की कु. अकर्मता को प्राप्त हुआ। कार्यक्रम का संचालन एम.ए. द्वितीय वर्ष की छात्र वैष्णवी ने किया। कार्यक्रम का सम्पन्न डॉ. अशीष कुमार सोनकर ने अपने उद्घोषन से किया। इस दौरान डॉ. अनु सिंह, डॉ. सरोज तारावध, डॉ. नीलम भारती के अलावा महाविद्यालय के अन्य वरिष्ठ शिक्षक-शिधिकाएँ उपस्थित रहे।



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Event 2:- Lecture on C.B.Macpherson

DATE - 6th , NOVEMBER, 2023 DAY - MONDAY

TIME - 02:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.

THEME- Department of Political Science of V.K.M. organised a lecture for their students on "LIBERAL POLITICAL THEORY OF C.B. MACPHERSON" by Professor. Vishwanath Mishra, Dept. of Political Science, AMPG, VARANASI.

The lecture was organised by the Dept. of Political Science at the seminar hall (room no. 16) of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (VKM), Kamachha, BHU at 02:00 p.m. in which students of Political Science including M.A final , previous and B.A. 3rd year were part of it as the listeners.

The program was initiated by the wise words of our Guest of Honour Prof. Rachna Srivastava, Principal of V.K.M. She welcomed and felicitated our Guest Speaker, Prof.Vishwanath Mishra, who has done a marvellous work in the field of Political Science especially in International Relation and currently he is Professor at ARYA MAHILA PG COLLEGE ,Varanasi for the same .He has a specialisation in "liberal Political Theory of C.B. MACPHERSON".

He began the lecture by talking about Machperson's childhood and the impact of World War over his thoughts that 'How technology is governing the society and what will be its consequences in future' which is his main subject of his analysis. Further he talked about various kinds of democracies that exist in the world i.e., Protective, Defensive, Representative, Constitutional and Developmental democracy. He gave the view point of Machperson and according to him the best of democracy can be Developmental cause it tries to increase the associational capacity among individuals. He even talked about John Rawls' Theory of Justice and Hannah Arendt's concept of Labour work and action. And with this he concluded his lecture.

Further the Question/Answer session was continued where students raised their question like "How relevant is the right to participate in the government by Machperson and Is today's society is more mechanistic or interest based ?" At last the HOD of the Political Science Department, Dr. Ashish Kumar Sonkar gave the vote of thanks to our Guest Lecturer, Guest of Honour , the Faculty members of the Department and the students for their presence and involvement in this lecture and for being patient listeners.



Event 3- Essay Writing Competition

Date- 9th March 2024

Event- Essay Writing Competition

Venue- New Building- Room No 9

Theme- One Nation One Election

Organised By- ELC (Electoral Literacy Club) & NSS (National Service Scheme)

On March 9, with the guidance of ELC Nodal Officer, Dr Ashish Kumar Sonkar, an essay writing competition on the topic "One Nation, One Election" was held, drawing participation from students across NSS Unit 1 and 5, as well as those associated with the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC). The event was efficiently managed by Miss Saloni (MA Prev), ensuring smooth coordination and a conducive environment for participants.

The competition fostered deep engagement among the students, who found the discussions and essays both insightful and thought-provoking. The event not only enriched their understanding of a significant national issue but also provided a platform for them to express their perspectives on the feasibility and implications of simultaneous elections in India.



Event 4- Elocution Competition

Date: 18th March 2024

Event: Elocution Competition

Venue: New Building , Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya

Theme: Challenges and possibilities in implementing Uniform Civil Code

Organised by: Department of Political Science and ELC



The Electoral Literacy Club (VKM) organised an elocution competition on the topic “Challenges and Possibilities in implementing UCC” on 18th of March in new building of the college premises, in the presence of President , Vice President , other members of the club as well as the participants.

As judges, Dr.Aarti Chaudhary (AIHC, ArchaeologyDept) , Dr. Purnima Singh (English Dept), Dr.Gautam Bharti (Political Science Dept) gave their precious time to motivate the participants.


In this event participants from various departments reflected their thoughts on this crucial topic

The Winners : 1st Position: Saiyeda Fatima
2nd position: Vashita
3rd position: Shivani Pandey and Simran Kumari were felicitated by Dr.Anu Singh (Political Science Dept)

This competition proved to be a successful event as it enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the students.


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Forum of Dept. of Political Science
Electoral literacy club
 Organising a speech competition on Uniform Civil Code



Theme:-Challenges and possibilities in implementing 'Uniform civil code', considering the diverse cultural and religious landscape of India.

Date:-18 March 2024
 venue:-stage near canteen area.
 Registration is open till 18 March 2024



Event 5- Inter-college Debate on Budget 2024

Date- 08-08-24 Day- Monday

Time- 11:00am

On August 8, 2024, the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) under the guardianship of the Department of Political Science, in collaboration with Eco Talk (Department of Economics) and Ocean Shell (Department of Sociology), organized an inter-college debate program at Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya (VKM). The event saw enthusiastic participation from 18 students representing Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, D.A.V PG College, and Vasanta College, Rajghat.

The debate was graced by esteemed Guests of Honour, Prof. Vibha Joshi from Vasanta College, Rajghat, and Dr. Suman Singh from D.A.V PG College, who, along with Prof. Poonam Pandey and Dr. R.P. Sonkar from VKM, served as the judges for the competition.

The program commenced with a welcome note from ELC Nodal Officer Dr. Ashish Kumar Sonkar. And the opening statement was thrown to the participants by the Principal, VKM, Prof Rachna Srivastava. The event was efficiently hosted by Pravarshi Singh (M.A. Final Year), Divya Tiwari (B.A. II Year), Vaishali Pandey (B.A. II Year), and Akansha (B.A. II Year). The debate was structured into three rounds, each focusing on different themes, including the impact of the new tax regime on the middle class, How MSMEs with skill India is making any difference for the youth and how the health structure, education and infrastructure is affected by the sufficient allocation of funds in the union budget 2024-25.

The winners of the debate were:

- First Place: Ansh Yadav (DAV PG College)
- Second Place: Ram Dev Saw (DAV PG College)
- Third Place: Samishtha Singh (Vasanta College For Women)

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Miss Aadya Tiwary, Student Representative and President (2024-25) of the ELC, who congratulated the organising committee of teachers and students for their dedication and hard work in making the program a success.

