

## **Political Science Society (Avaam) 2016-17**

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The Political Science Department organised elections of its students' body – Avaam- on 13th August 2016, and organized a bilingual essay-writing competition, and a painting competition on the topic of "Azaadi @ 70". A panel discussion on "Democracy and National Security Debates in India" with Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Dr. Uma Chakrabarty, Mr. Gautam Navlakha, Mr. Rahul Pandita and Mr. Babloo Loitongbam was organized on 16th September. The movie "Accused" was screened on 29th September. In October, a panel discussion on "Liberty, Equality and Justice for Women in India" was organised where Prof. Page 13 of 27 Anupama Roy, Prof. Imrana Qadeer and Dr. Mary E John spoke about women-centric issues. On 24th October 2016, a talk by Prof. CSR Murthy from JNU and Dr. Saumita Basu from SAU was organized to mark the UN Day. On 4th November 2016, an RTI workshop was conducted by RTI activist Mr. Afroz Alam Sahil. A documentary was also shown. A talk by Prof. Dibyesh Anand of the Westminster University, UK was organized on the topic "(Dis)placing Tibet: Narrative of Chinese sovereignty and nationalism". On 4th February 2017, a discussion on "Politics of News: Exploring Dimensions of Making and Unmaking of News in India." was held between Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Abhay Kumar Dubey, Anand Pradhan, Prof. Urmillesh, G Sampath, VikasPathak, SaurabhDwivedi, Prof. Apoorvanand, and Prof. Madhulika Banerjee. On 16th February 2017, Prof. Rajeev Bhargawa spoke on "Religious diversity and secularism in the Indian Constitution". On 18th February 2017, discussion on "Politics of Religion in India" with Prof. Shamsul Islam and Ms. Shabnam Hashmi was held. On International Women's Day, a panel discussion on "'Normalising Patriarchy in 21st century India' with Ms. Ritu Menon, Prof. Rajni Palriwala and Prof. Rachana Johri, was organised. On 27th January 2017, a discussion on "Animal rights in the cultural context with special reference to Jalikattu" was held. On 10th February 2017, a discussion on "Trump's foreign policy" was held. On 3rd March 2017, a discussion on a recently released movie "Jolly LLB-2" was held. On 21st March 2017, a panel discussion on "Reconceptualising 'Security' in International Relations" was organized with Prof. Navnita Behera, Dr. Ashwani Kumar Sharma, and Prof. A.K. Ramakrishnan. On 23rd March 2017, a discussion with Prof. Zoya Hasan, Professor Emeritus, Centre for Political Studies, JNU was held on the topic "Post- Assembly Elections: What Lies Ahead for India's Democracy?" The annual inter-department fest, "Abhivyakti" was held successfully on 7th April 2017.