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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's an overwhelming occasion to express my heartfelt happiness to announce the achievements and innovative initiatives taken up by our UG Department of Political Science in versatile fields which are in turn translate the status of NSS College, Pandalam, as a benchmarking Higher Education Institution in Kerala. The transcending and savvy academic and extracurricular activities of the department like Student Action Committee, Enhancing Advanced and Slow Learner (EASL) Programme, Let's talk English, Innovative Teaching Strategies, ICT Training, Campus Beautification, Social Intervention, EcoB'Day, Beyond Classrooms etc deserve special appreciation and attention. It's an exalted victory of an individual department of our college to achieve international memberships in the 'United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs' (UNDESA) and Water Supply Sanitation and Collaborative Council (WSSCC). I extend my utmost wishes to the department of Political Science all the success for their ensuing endeavours which will in turn propel the academic visibility and triumph of NSS College, Pandalam.

Dr. B. Gopakumar
Principal

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Established in the year 1950, the Department of Political Science stands as one of the earliest departments of NSS College, Pandalam, stands as an epitome of quality education with contemporary topics as course materials. The department produced various exemplary academia and civil servants during the course of 68 years of its glorious tenure. Though it has Under Graduate course only, the wide spectrum of activities and subjects included in it makes it outstanding and contemporary. The Choice Based Credit and Semester Scheme added more diversity to the course by adding distinguished current subjects with the course and it became immensely relevant and conspicuously contemporary in many respects. Modules on Human rights in India, Introduction to Public Policy Analysis, New Social Movements, Globalisation and Political Systems and Cyber Politics are some of the relevant examples in this regard. It is also significant to point out that the Department offers an open course on 'Human Rights and Duties' to other UG Programmes in the college. Department of Political Science has always played a vital role in assimilating the novel trends in different areas of the subject so as to evolve innovative themes to be conflated to frame bespoke modules or courses to satiate erudite Political Science students.

As a social science department the Department of Political Science focuses to develop the student community as social scientists, social engineers, and nation builders. Devoid of limited available resources it aims to create eminence through assisting the students to step into multifarious activities through making them avid readers, creative partners in peer teaching and ICT enabled teaching learning processes. The tie-up activities with Institute on Parliamentary Affairs, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Achutha Menon Study and Research Centre make the department vibrant and contemporary which enable the students to engage with diversified activities which will capacitate them to understand the concepts with more understanding.

The grades of students in academic activities are constantly observed by the department and continuous effort to empower the skills of the students is done based on their individual capacities and talents. Formal remedial

coaching and tutorials are provided adequately. Peer teaching through class group leaders and Student Action Committee (SAC) members are conducted constantly to keep the weak students updated with their topics. The dissertation for the third year graduates is being looked by the department a serious venture to inculcate social responsibility among students.

It is also to be noted that the department could conduct national seminars, state level seminars, training programmes etc, with the aid and help of various agencies. The Department library consists of relevant books related to different Modules and it has been made compulsory to the students to take those books to make detailed notes and references. There is a good collection of books on different branches of the discipline preserved in the central library of the college.

VISION	Emerge as Centre of Excellence in Political Science Discipline
MISSION	Empower and enhance the youth to be active contributors in nation building process
GOAL	To develop critical catalysts in global politics

OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the Department is to evolve competent youth power inducted with empirical knowledge on the subject of Political Science which will enable them to analyse the contemporary world scenario so that they may develop flair of executing it in the practical life scenario.

The specific objectives are

1. To strengthen the students in theoretical aspects of multifarious braches of Political Science course included in the syllabus.
2. To capacitate the students to analyse the empirical knowledge in contemporary scenario to deepen their assimilating capacity.
3. To provide a large platform for the youth to identify their talents and explore those in variety of fields besides academic.

4. To evolve a strong, balanced, creative and efficient citizens out of degree students.
5. To empower the students to identify their future with prospective roles with a view to engage in the development of India.
6. To render assistance in understanding the pivotal role of youth in transcending the society and State with strong national ideas and principles.
7. To channelize the innovative aspirations of students to do realistic research works in connection with their discipline to identify real life time situations of theories.
8. To encourage students engage in activities related to environment, literature, ICT, Leadership, communication skill development, team work and better social interactions.

FACULTY PROFILE

The Department of Political Science is strengthened with two permanent faculties with excellent academic background and extensive experience handling the routine academic activities efficiently. The department is also assisted with two Guest faculties with excellent background engage in the all round activities.



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Alumni of University of Kerala, the illustrious and pioneer academic institution in the State, he entered in service as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, NSS Hindu College, Changanacherry in the year 2006. He also served as Resident tutor to the Government Post Metric Hostel, Changanacherry and performed as drawing cum dispersing officer of the institution while performing his role as Assistant Professor at NSS College, Changanacherry. He has been transferred to NSS College, Pandalam in August 2011. Functioned as the Coordinator of 'Walk With a Scholar Programme' (WWS) of the college for two years. He has served as Question paper setter for MG University and Fathima Matha National

College (Autonomous) Kollam. A brilliant academician and a profound scholar in versatile disciplines, he secured NET qualification in three related subjects - Political science, International and Area Studies and in Human Rights. Presently he is serving as the State Vice President of a National Teachers' Organisation. He has individual membership in AWID, an international, feminist, membership organisation committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights.



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An acclaimed academician with prestigious accolades since his graduation, Mr. M P Shibu renders his service in the Department of Political Science since 2012 when he joined service at VTM NSS College Dhanuvachapuram, Thiruvananthapuram. Second Rank holder of BA Degree in Political Science from Kerala University he secured Gold Medal from V. T. M. NSS College as College topper in 2004. By being an NCC 'C' Certificate holder he has showed his talent in extracurricular activities too. As a bright student he had won Second Rank for his PG degree from Kerala University besides achieving Dean E. McHenry Prize for being the Best Male Student in the University in 2006. An alma mater of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, the privileged academic institution in India, for MPhil studies at the Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies he is pursuing his research at the same centre on the topic, 'State, Media and Securitisation'. He is Associate Editor, Journal of Social Discourse, Society for Social Science Research (SSSR), Thiruvananthapuram. He served as Programme Officer, National Service Scheme at VTM NSS College Pandalam. Presented a paper on "Inequality, Insecurity and Securitisation in the Neo-Liberal World" at the International BISA conference, London, UK, conducted from 17-06-2015 to 19-06-2015 which was Funded by British International Studies Association, UK. A profound academician with a strong knowledge on the subject he is an expert in Critical Security Studies and Media in democratic societies. Serving as the Mentor of Walk with the Scholar programme in the institution he guides and grooms the advanced learners towards a bright future. As an exploratory researcher he has individual membership in AWID,

an international, feminist, membership organisation committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights.



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Krishnendu M S, has completed her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Political Science from the prestigious academic institution in Kerala, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. As an exponent of classical dance forms of Bharathnatyam and Kathak she has been associated with a notable institution named 'Kalakshethra' at her hometown and made her niche in the dance field. An enthusiastic scholar and a brilliant academician, she chose to switch over to teaching in Higher Education Institution after clearing the UGC NET exam in December 2018 and joined at Department of Political Science in NSS College Pandalam. A luminous persona she aspires to achieve Civil Service and working hard to get through the ensuing Examination with Politics and International Relations as major topics.



Dr. Lekha G

Experienced social scientist and a Research Consultant with a PhD in Political Science from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, focused on Research and Development in the academic and NGO Sector. Demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry as research head and skilled in Non-profit Organizations as a social scientist with a flair research experience in multidisciplinary areas like Decentralised Administration, Sustainable Development, Policy Analysis, Sustainability, ICT and Strategic Planning. As an accomplished researcher she has secured membership in various international organisations and research institutes like Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, United Nations Volunteer, Global Development Network, Climate and Development Knowledge Network, Say No to Violence and Water and Sanitation Collaborative Council.

PROGRAMMES

The Department of Political Science has a spectrum of activities bespoke for students focused on their overall development including academic excellence, creative talent, technological skills, Leadership and environment sustainability. The academic year starts with the Bridge Course for the first semester students consist of interactive sessions on versatile topics conducted by experts from different walks of life. Enhancing Advanced and Slow Learner (EASL) Programme to identify advanced students and weak students to plan and execute the teaching learning strategies. This is a semester wise activity.

I. BRIDGECOURSE

Department conducts a week long bridge course as an introductory session for the students enrolled to pursue the course. It is conducted in the beginning of the First Semester like an ice breaking session to induct an understanding about the course, acquainting the functioning of the institution, available opportunities in sports, arts, extracurricular activities, and the wide spectrum of fields where the student can perform and achieve tremendous success. This is an attempt to bring the students into a comfort zone when they are entering into a new environment. They are inducted with multifarious topics which will enable them to adapt with the course and the institution. The course has been designed to engage the students in direct classes, interactive sessions and culminate with cultural programme. It also aims to employ strategic method to identify advanced and slow learners during the course of the session so as to draw out an effective teaching learning plan of action for the students for the ensuing years. It is a week long programme conducted at various days as per time schedule. It consists of Motivation Class, Communicative English, Introduction to Political Science, Career Guidance, Choice Based Credit System, Media and Mass communication, Cyber Alert and Sustainable Environment Development

1. *Motivation and Personality Development*

This is an attempt to inspire the students who have entered the institution for higher studies from schools and are new to the environment. The session is framed to focus on enlightening the students towards a prospective academic term were they can enjoy diversified sections of activities which will enable them to accomplish

immaculate empowerment. This will be an interactive session with psychological approach to understand and analyse the enrolled students and their talents. The duration of one session shall be one hour. Personality Development denotes enhancing and grooming one's outer and inner self to bring about a positive change in their lives. Each student has a distinct persona and that can be developed, chiselled and refined. The process includes boosting one's confidence, improving communication and language speaking abilities, widening one's scope of knowledge, developing certain hobbies or skills, learning fine etiquettes, and manners, adding style and grace to the way one looks, talks, walks and overall imbining oneself with positivity, liveliness and peace.

2. *Communicative English*

Students enrolled for the course may be coming from different medium of instructions – English/Malayalam. Due to the location of the institution in a semi rural area, majority of the students are coming from Malayalam medium schools. Students have a tendency to pursue their higher studies in Malayalam due to the flexibility of syllabus. Keeping in view of building a prospective future of the students and to capacitate them to face challenges while pursuing a career it is essential to promote the students to communicate in English. This session will be a new step for the students to shed their inhibitions and clumsiness in communicating in English. Through this programme it is also intended to inspire the students to stick on English as medium of instruction.

3. *Introduction to Political Science*

Political Science is a significant and relevant course which will benefit the scholar to pursue Civil Service career and similar prestigious career options. This is an exclusive course which will impart information on Indian polity, understanding of government system, Citizenship, Rights, Duties, Indian Constitution, Election process and government systems around the world. Decentralised administration as per 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Indian Constitution enabled our local self government institutions to carryout local administration with a systematic order. In order to enjoy the benefits of it, people should understand their powers provided constitutionally. The lethal growth and malicious spread of terrorism and anti national activities are major threats to national safety and security and unfortunately these are

vital alarming challenges to every nation today. This is also intended to imbibe national spirit and patriotism among youth which is fading away due to various reasons. India is a country with multiple cultures, religions and languages, following varied customs and traditions but united with the spirit of nationalism instigate patriotism which is the essence of India. This session will infuse the students with values and essence of nationalism and thereby facilitate them to play their role as responsible citizens of India.

4. Career Guidance

Education aims to capacitate an individual to contribute in the society in a wider perspective. Getting a job is one of the aims of education. Lack of proper career guidance is always a hurdle for the students to aspire for a job suitable for his/her talents or taste. It is significant to empower the students before pursuing the degree course to target a prospective career they can aim.

5. Choice Based Credit System

The education plays enormously significant role in building of a nation. There are quite a large number of educational institutions, engaged in imparting education in our country. Majority of them have entered recently into semester system to match with international educational pattern. However, our present education system produces young minds lacking knowledge, confidence, values and skills. It could be because of complete lack of relationship between education, employment and skill development in conventional education system. The present alarming situation necessitates transformation and/or redesigning of education system, not only by introducing innovations but developing "learner-centric approach in the entire education delivery mechanism and globally followed evaluation system as well.

Majority of Indian higher education institutions have been following marks or percentage based evaluation system, which obstructs the flexibility for the students to study the subjects/courses of their choice and their mobility to different institutions. There is need to allow the flexibility in education system, so that students depending upon their interests and aims can choose interdisciplinary, intra-disciplinary and skill-based courses. This can only be possible when choice based credit system (CBCS), an internationally acknowledged system, is adopted. The choice based credit system not only offers

opportunities and avenues to learn core subjects but also exploring additional avenues of learning beyond the core subjects for holistic development of an individual. The CBCS will undoubtedly facilitate us benchmark our courses with best international academic practices. The CBCS has more advantages than disadvantages. (Excerpts from CBCS Guidelines of UGC)

6. *Media and Mass communication*

Mass communication is the exchange of information through newspaper, magazines, books, journals, television, radio and internet among large number of people instantly. It is a strong medium of communication imparts information regarding different and important matters of government to the public on various occasions. It is a relevant mechanism during natural disaster or such critical situations to safe or rescue people in distress. Mass communication is the best way to announce health programmes like polio vaccination time, precaution on epidemic outbreak, security measures to be taken during emergency situations etc. It plays a vital role in educating people on the importance of hygiene, education, waste management, environment protection so on. It has positive and negative impacts on people. It is an amazing means to transfer information to wider public. Sometimes people may understand the meaning of information in a different way and it may create tension in society. Many negative thoughts are circulating around through mass media and it may destroy the peace and security of nations. Many times wrong people may use media to interfere the privacy of individuals and causes unnecessary problems. Mass media and communication is an absolute and powerful means to create patriotism among citizens of a country through spreading heroic deeds of soldiers and martyrs. It's up to the person who uses it properly

7. *Cyber Alert*

The global digital business as well as the digitalization of the functions and structures of the society provides a lot of benefits to the government, business, customers and the citizens. However, the increasing applying of information and communication technology is transforming the society into an unknown ground of the continuously evolving cyber world. Information in the cyber world is vulnerable to various security threats. Therefore, the security aspects of information as well as the security of the technology structures and systems holding

and containing information have become a major issue. However, due to the existing high cyber potential and interconnection, some of the new kinds of actors of the cyber world will emerge and attract people at least for a while. For example, some of the online shopping and social media providers have succeeded well and political and religious groups have been able to recruit followers by communicating their message in the cyber world. These emergent global actors will bring a lot of cultural issues with a variety and even divergence of values to compete in the minds of people (Courtesy: Tuija Kuusisto and Rauno Kuusisto, *Cyber World as a Social System*).

8. Sustainable Environment Development

Environment and development are very critical areas to be studied in the present scenario of environmental problems and sustainable development. Due to the unscientific and unethical exploitation of en. be the main target for this. UN policy of Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 and its Indian relevance shall be given stress while taking this class. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

II. Enhancing Advanced and Slow Learner (EASL) Programme

It is essential to identify the two different sections of students before starting each semester. This will enable the faculty to devise bespoke Teaching – Learning strategy suitable for each category. This will also help the faculty to identify innovative mechanisms to enhance the capacity of the students with practical learning systems. This system involves multidimensional programmes to identify and understand different skills of students. This includes tests on Listening, writing, comprehending, speaking, articulating talent searching and evolving remedial schemes.

Greater scores or grades are not the criterion to recognise the talent of a student. There are various unexplored talents are hidden in every student which may not be identified so far. Categorising students on the basis of their grades and marks in the subjects are the system prevailing in schools. Schools are focussed to get cent percent results to retain their status in the education sector so as to attract more students to their institutions.



But beyond the marks and grades every student has a skill which shall be identified to nurture to enhance her/his learning skill.

Political Science Department at NSS College, Pandalam has adopted an elaborate system for Advanced and Slow learners and applying it at each semester to understand their progress and improvements so as to devise different methods to enhance them accordingly.

Objective

Identifying the learning abilities of the students and capacitating the slow learners to imbibe the subject and empowering the advanced learners to excel their talents.

EASL Programme

The programme consists of Listening Tests, Writing, Rhetoric and Fine Arts. This will not be based on the Grades they possess at each semester exams. But while categorising the Slow and Advanced Learners, Semester Grades will also be considered to identify poor students need extra attention.

1. Listening

IGCSE Cambridge English Listening for Grade 8 pupils will be applied for understanding the listening and understanding ability of the students. As the students are learning English from their Pre KG classes, the department decided to test the listening skill of them devising the English language recordings to identify listening skill and its progress. It is also aimed to improve the language skill of the students for their prospective future requirements.

At each semester they have to attend the tests.

Test

- Listen four short conversations
- Duration of each conversation will be less than one minute
- They will hear each conversation twice
- Write the answers on the sheets provided
- Discussing the answers
- Clarifying the doubts

2. Writing

IGCSE Cambridge English for Grade 8 paper will be used to identify and understand the writing skill of students. There will be three different types of writing activities shall be provided to accomplish. Comprehension, Form Filling, Letter writing

a) Comprehension

This is to understand the level of assimilating the passage in given time, recognising the topic narrated, identifying the answers for the questions given.

The time and method of answering the test will determine the transition of student at each semester.

b) Form Filling

This is to identify the capacity of the student to extract exact information from a given matter. This will help them to complete various forms and formats at various situations like at Bank, Employment, Higher education, applications etc

c) Letter writing

Writing letters at various levels is essential for everyone. This exercise will test the students' letter writing ability to understand their ability to convey the message, giving proper salutations, appropriate formats etc. Exercise on writing Emails also shall be given with or without themes.

The results shall be discussed and analysed in the same session and doubts will be cleared with proper explanations.

3. Rhetoric

Oratory or expressing ideas via writing are gifted talents of students. Extempore and debate/GD session shall be conducted to explore the oratory skills of the students.

a) Extempore on a contemporary topic

This will help to understand the approach of the student on contemporary subjects. This will reveal the level of student in reading newspapers, books or watching news. This will also shows the involvement of the student in important matters.

b) GD/Debate on a critical social issue (Non controversial)

Group Discussions or Debates on significant problems, social issues, public needs etc shall be put before students for debate or discussion. This is an important strategy to understand the approach and attitude of political science students towards public matters. It is essential for political science students to connect the subject with the contemporary world scenario, issues, incidents and happenings to study the subject intensely.

4. Fine Arts

It is not viable to check the qualities and talents of students through language and subject basis only. Some students are gifted with enormous potential in art and related talents. The department will channelize the potential of such students through providing them ample opportunities to express their talents through artistic talents. The department has started a handwritten student weekly as a platform to exhibit and express their literary and artistic talents.

Evaluation

Evaluating the students based on EASL shall be considering various points on Understanding, Analysis, Focus, Attention and Time.

III. STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE (SAC)

Every Class under the Department of Political Science shall have a Student Action Committee (SAC) to execute the Plan of Actions drafted by the Department. Every SAC shall have a Coordinator and the coordinator will conduct the meetings of the class SAC and discuss the subject. A Chief Coordinator, from the 3rd year class, shall be in charge to integrate and coordinate the three SACs. The Chief Coordinator shall be the link with the department for common programmes conducted with the active involvement of three classes together. For other class level programmes, the class SAC Coordinator will be the link with the Department. This will enable the three classes (1st, 2nd and 3rd Year) of the Department may interact each other and communicate their ideas together. This system will help to implement the programmes without any dispute or deterrence. This may also watch on the problem makers in each class and the department can interfere in time to sort out issues. The SACs will act as active support mechanism to the Department to maintain discipline and integrity among students of the Department. All activity oriented programmes of students shall be implemented through the SACs.

Each SAC shall be constituted by the students with the guidance and suggestions of the Department. The SAC shall consist of majorly the Advanced Learners identified by the department through the EASL. It shall also consist of students which may reflect a cross section of the student population in the class. The SAC has to play a vital role in the development and empowerment of the students. It will act as a peer tutor, peer counsellor etc.

Vision

Empower students beyond limitations and evolve them as Enlightened Leaders

Mission

Capacitate students through student faculty synergy to coordinate and integrate department activities.

Objectives

- Emancipation of students through giving an elaborate platform to dispel their limitations in academic and other activities.
- Empower them as responsible citizens.
- Inculcate Leadership skills among weaker sections of students
- Instigate administrative capability among students
- Orient them to be self disciplined, ethical, self reliant and empathic
- Induce the values of coordination, integration, team work and responsibility

IV. ENDOWMENT LECTURE



Prof. Ananthapadmanabha Pillai Endowment Lecture Series shall be conducted annually to commemorate the late Professor and his contributions to the department. Renowned speakers from acclaimed academic and research institutions shall deliver lectures on contemporary and relevant subjects.

V. ECOB' DAY

Students shall be gifted with a plant or tree sapling or seeds of flowering plant to celebrate their birthday in an eco friendly way. This has been started to motivate the students to plant trees and to make them feel happy that the department celebrates their joyful day in an environment friendly way. SAC at each class will be in charge of this. This is an initiative of the department to inculcate environment friendly attitude among students as well as to induct them with an inspiration towards building an environment sustainable world.



VI. SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION

Department of Political Science has created an FB Page associated with its FB account. All activities are uploaded and published through this page as a means of communication to public on the happenings of the department. This page serves as a social media promotion agent on all the department activities. Videos and photos of all activities shall be uploaded on regular basis. All alumni were invited to participate and promote the page and department activities. It has more than 1000 followers and fans. <https://www.facebook.com/Department-of-Political-Science-NSS-Pandalam-235133307167824/>

VII. REMEDIAL TEACHING

Department of Political Science has chalked out an intensive and multi level teaching learning system to develop the weak learners to mainstream. The selection of advanced learners and weak students will be selected by the Department on the onset of every First Semester. Continuous performance analysis of weak students and updating the advanced learners shall be done by the Department at every Semester. The Advanced Learners in each class shall be Peer Tutors for the class. The Peer Tutors will develop a Teaching Learning strategy to induct academic lessons in a viable mode among their classmates. They may bring out a Blue Print of the programme keeping in view of the attitude, levels of understanding, nature and aptitude of their classmates which will cater to the needs of all levels of students and result oriented. Slow Learners shall be given extra care and attention. Peer Tutor and Tutor in Charge will individually attend the Slow Learner. Additional support shall be provided time to time with adequate teaching learning mechanisms. Peer tutors will rigorously monitor and update the academic activities of the students under their charge.

VIII. INNOVATIVE TEACHING LEARNING PRACTICE

The Department of Political Science has evolved multifaceted teaching learning strategies to entice the students' attention to academic activities. The faculty are keen on conduct serious and extensive reading and reference before taking each class so as to persuade the students to develop and inclination towards the discipline through identifying the connection of the topic with the contemporary socio, political and economic scenario of the world. The department faculty members have adopted a vibrant and

interactive classroom teaching strategy which involves active intervention of the students in the classes rather than monotonous lecturing method. The specific activities executed to induce the teaching learning process an interesting procedure, the department has various strategies employed at different levels of the semesters.

a) Seminars

Department inspires students to conduct seminars on their topics specified in the module with a critical analysis. They are also promoted to elucidate the subjects in a contemporary perspective so that they can identify critical issues in the society in the purview of Political Science discipline.

b) Power Point Presentations

Department of Political Science foster a technology applied teaching learning process for effectual understanding of concepts with a multimedia approach. The Department has an exclusive policy to induce PPT centred teaching learning process among all students study the discipline of Political Science. Department delivers efficacious efforts to employ critical steps to conduct interactive and innovative teaching learning processes to benefit interdepartmental students with the limited technologically supported mechanisms to carry out mass level intensive Information Communication Technology enabled teaching Learning strategies. This system has received much acclaim and recognition in the institution.

c) Debates

Devoid of hectic academic schedules and limitations on getting adequate working days to complete the modules, the department rely on debates and discussions on relevant topics to be analysed by the students to understand its various concepts and multi level dimensions with the support of faculty members.

d) Senior Peer Teaching

This is another teaching learning strategy employed by the department with multi fold objectives. Advanced Learners with flair of effective teaching strategy, strong academic knowledge and exemplary analytical skill on the topic are identified from senior classes and assigned with areas of their interest to conduct classes in the junior classes. These senior students will engage classes in the presence of

the faculty in charge.

e) Usage of Social media tools

The Department has created WhatsApp groups exclusively to channelize the academic activities and useful videos to students. Email and FB accounts are also serving as academic tools to disseminate relevant information to the students. Significant academic resource materials through internet sources like Inflight, YouTube, and other MHRD websites are also using by the department faculty members to make the teaching learning process more interesting and vibrant.

IX. CERTIFICATE COURSE

As Gender Studies acquired a significant position in new academic scenario, the department decided to provide an opportunity for the students in our institution to get a certificate on the preliminary course regarding Gender. This course is widely getting recognition because of the status of women in society and multidimensional aspects regarding gender on cutting edge areas. The department has received recognition from Board of Studies of Kerala University for its Certificate Course on Introduction to Gender Studies in 2018.

X. READERS' CLUB

A Readers' Club is an initiative by the Department to inculcate reading habits among students. Due to the extra exposure of the social media and e reading materials, students are staying away from real and serious reading. This is an attempt to nurture reading attitude among students and widen their horizons of knowledge. As a supportive mechanism for this, Faculty members of Department of Political Science contribute books to the kids and have started a fiction section in the department to substantiate this initiative.

Objective

Instigate the students to take up reading English books as an interesting activity through introducing alluring paperbacks among them so that they can develop an intensive taste and aptitude towards reading and enriching their language power in English.

Activity

Once in every fortnight one day will be selected as per the convenience of the students and the department to have a discussion on the book. A vocabulary register shall be prepared by the students to enlist and save the words they have learned from the books and use in their daily conversation. The register shall be prepared by each group by hand not typed. This will enhance their language and spelling ability. The register shall be signed by the tutor concerned every fortnight immediately after the book review programme.

XI. INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) TRAINING



Significance of ICT has a major role in empowering the students besides employing it in the teaching learning process. Understanding the relevance of knowledge of ICT in employment opportunities the department has adopted a strategic policy to imbibe ICT among the students by introducing ICT training hours. As an institution consists of students from socio economically weaker population, it is essential to focus on their holistic development within the available resources so that they will enhance their talents to go for higher studies or to get a good job in future. This is an attempt to

strengthen every student with ICT usage and understanding. This initiative of the department has received an enormous response from the students and now it has been extended to students from other departments too as per the demands of the desired students. This training programme is conducted with the support of the existing desktop computers in the department as per the availability and spare time of students.

XII. LET'S TALK ENGLISH

Communicative English is a vital ingredient to empower students with confidence, self esteem and courage to face any critical situation while

pursuing higher studies or prospective job opportunities. Though the students are studying English as a Language since Primary classes most of them are not confident to converse in English besides very few from convent schools. Majority of the students of the department are coming from government schools and are eager to upgrade themselves with effective communicative skills and knowledge in English language. Creating an ample environment to allure the students to start up talking in English is the primary thing to do. Shedding the inhibitions and clumsiness of the students and to motivate them to engage in English communication is a difficult task. To overcome these difficulties department has adopted a new strategy to communicate in English on every Monday as an initial step. The department faculty members insist the students to converse in English on Mondays and they follow that among colleagues too. By creating a proper environment where students find it comfortable and confident to communicate in English among their faculty as well as peers. Many students brushed up their talents in communicative English and many are falling on the line. The strategy is applied to other department students too where Political Science faculty are taking classes.

XIII. SYMPHONY

Educational institutions shall focus on the holistic development of the students besides their academic and technical advancement. With a view to provide a platform for the students to exhibit their talents in writing, drawing and other literary creations the department has promoted the students to come up with their creative work as a journal of talents. The first year students produced their work in the title 'Bloom Squad' to highlight their blooming talents. The literary creation of Second Year students is called 'Chirath'. The final year students have to produce a Memorabilia to keep their memories in the campus intact for ever.

XIV. BEYOND CLASSROOM

This is an attempt to enrich the environmental aptitude and aesthetic sense among students. Students are encouraged to do organic gardening as a serious task to inculcate happiness in agriculture and nature loving among them to reduce stress and distract their aggressive and negative mentality or attitude. Department has developed a small plot in front of the building and started planting flowering plants with the active involvement of students. Now it's been taken as a serious responsibility of them and they are contributing with

plants. Watering the plants, getting organic fertiliser, keeping the garden intact are the responsibilities of the students. The department has received permission to use another plot too in the campus to foster social forestry. It is decided that the final year students shall plant tree saplings in that plot to keep their golden memories in the campus as fresh as nature.



XV. PERSONAL COUNSELLING

Keeping in view of various domestic problems of the students, the department has adopted a confidential programme of counselling to render assistance to the problem students to cope up with the crisis and move forward with confidence and courage. Many times it happens that students may fall for prey to substance use, cunning love affairs, alcoholic tendencies or other misbehaviour. To abstain from these bad temptations and tendencies require strong will power, self confidence, positive attitude towards life, solid future plans and prospective missions in life. The students abstain from classes frequently or those who are with obvious misconduct will be identified and given proper guidance and care individually and these are done very discreetly to avoid any public attention or embarrassment to the students concerned.

XVI. SOCIAL COMMITMENTS

A true citizen shall be a responsible person committed to national issues and respond to incidents in an effective way through which academia can involve. Department of Political Science has opened new vistas to students to address vital issues in the society and our nation besides international subjects which gave them ample space to express their responses and capacitate them to raise their voice against serious matters. The students of the department conducted a Slogan Campaign in solidarity with Indian soldiers martyred in the Pulwama terror attack happened on 14th of February

2019 is a significant action taken by them to express the grief and to raise support to our Army men for their unselfish dedication to our nation. A Report with credentials is given below;

Activity : **Signing Campaign 'Slogan for Solidarity with Soldiers'**

Date : **15/02/2019**

Venue : **NSS College, Pandalam Campus**

Initiated by : **Students of Department of Political Science**

Participants : **Teachers and students of NSS College, Pandalam**



A screenshot of a Facebook post from the page 'ADGPI - Indian Army'. The post is dated 12 March and features a red circular profile picture with the Indian Army logo. The text of the post reads: '#Students of Political Science Department at NSS College #Pandalam, #Kerala, conducted a campaign titled #SloganForSolidarityWithSoldiers to express students' solidarity with soldiers. Our people are our strength. Our people are our #Humsaya and for #IndianArmy, 'India is Our Inspiration'. #NationFirst #Students #CollegeFraternity Ministry of Defence, Government of India'. Below the text is a photograph of a large white sheet of paper covered in handwritten signatures and messages in various colors of ink. The sheet has 'Department of Political Science' written at the top.



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15 Mar 2019

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Dear Head of Department,

1. Please accept our gratitude for expressing your solidarity with Indian Army soldiers through message banner and logos received from students of Department of Political Science, NSS College.
2. Please find enclosed 'Indian Army Note Pad-2019' as a token of appreciation, for this noble gesture.

*With best wishes
Sincerely*

Saji

Copy to :-

Mrs KC Meena
Deputy Secretary -
Govt of India
MoD (GS-V/ Pak)

For information with respect to your
letter No 21(14)/2017-D (GS-V/Pak)
dt 06 Mar 19.

India was shocked with the disheartening news of terrorist attack on Indian soldiers and killing 44 brave Indian defence force persons on 14th February 2019 at Pulwama in Jammu & Kashmir. Our students were shuddered at this heinous terrorist activity and wanted to show their solidarity towards the soldiers at that critical time and initiated a Campus Slogan Campaign on the very next day, 15/02/2019, and the whole campus involved in it with grief and much revulsion against terrorism. The students wrote their heartfelt

slogans and doodles on patriotism on a banner and collected slogans from all the department staff in an album. The Department of Political Science sent the banner and the Album to the then Defence Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman along with a covering letter revealing the pain and distress on the attack and their firm stand with the nation and with our brave soldiers for their great sacrifice to our nation. This initiative of the students were recognized and appreciated by the Ministry of Defence and the banner and Album was posted with comments on the Face book page of ADGPI- Indian Army and it was a huge inspiration for the students which induced their national sentiments and patriotic pride. ADGPI Indian Army sent a letter of recognition to the department of Political Science for initiating this programme to ignite nationalism and evoke national integrity among students. He had also sent four diaries for department faculty members as token of appreciation for the activity.

XVII. SYSTEMATIC VOTERS' EDUCATION AND ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION



The Department of Political Science at NSS College, Pandalam, conducted flash mobs at various places of Pathanamthitta Lok Sabha Constituency in

association with the Election Commission and the District Collector office to create awareness on the significance of executing the voting right of a citizen to strengthen the democratic system of India in an effective way. Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) is an initiative of Election Commission of India to promote the electoral process in the country with a popular means. As a responsible and nationally and socially committed institution, NSS College Pandalam pledges to engage in such programmes to participate in the nation building process. The students of Political Science department travelled different rural areas in the constituency and attracted popular attention to the relevance of exercising voting right. The SVEEP authorities appreciated the effort of the institution and distributed certificates.

XVIII. GROUND RESEARCH

As Political Science is a current and contemporary discipline which is closely studied with present day socio political developments and changes, the department has decided that it is essential to involve students to conduct pragmatic research rather than empirical research works which are devoid of real time problems. The students are provided with freedom to select topics from a wide range of topics from various areas come under the purview of Political Science. It ranges from Gender, Migrant Labour, Social welfare, Senior Citizens, Social justice, Political Party, Election System, Decentralisation, Higher education, Local Economic Development etc. The students engage in field data collection and all projects are based on primary data rather than secondary data. Relevant authorisation letters or certificates from the agencies or offices where the students are collecting data are procured to ensure the genuineness of the data collected. Adequate support mechanism is provided by the department faculty members to prepare the reports through giving proper guidance from time to time.

XIX. EXPOSURE TO LIMELIGHT

Even though the Department of Political Science at NSS College, Pandalam, is a UG department, it never hindered the students to extend their wings to new horizons beyond class room teaching or projects. Encouragement and motivational inspiration has been provided to the students to participate in all academic activities to explore more knowledge and create valuable platforms which may cater to their prospective future academic life. It is a prestigious



achievement for the department that three students from the department presented research papers and three students participated the International Kerala History Conference at Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Malappuram From 16-18 November 2018. The students presented papers on Kerala Environment, Culture and Gender. Harikrishnan from III DC Political Science presented the research paper on “Religion, Sacred Groves

and Environment of Kerala: A study based on Vettikode and Mannarassala Kavu”. Athul Nath from III DC Political Science presented the research paper on “Impact of Temples in the history, culture and social life of Kerala: A study on 3 prominent temples in Southern Kerala”. Both the papers were received with much acclaim and relevant stress. This opportunity widened their perspective towards a larger scenario in academic field which ignited them a spirit to pursue research in future. Those students who participated in the conference were impacted with the significance of knowledge beyond boundaries.

XX. INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

To explore new vistas to achieve multifaceted development in academic and research activities it is essential to have MOUs, Tie ups, Collaborative partnerships and memberships in national and international agencies, organisations, institutions and research groups. Taking this in purview the department of Political Science in NSS College, Pandalam, has initiated to take membership in international organisations so that it may deliver academic and research accomplishments of the institution beneficial to both faculty members and students. this is an innovative step by the department to extend its focus to international scenario to bring down research projects, institutional recognitions, collaborative research and academic partners, internship programmes, student and faculty exchange programmes and any other activity which may result in the academic, financial and research development of the institution at the same time to receive and accomplish as an institution with international recognition and standards.

To begin with the Department has successfully achieved membership in two international organisations, United Nations Department of Economic and

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and Water Supply Sanitation and Collaborative Council (WSSCC) (<https://www.wsscc.org/>).

Based at UN Headquarters in New York, UN DESA holds up the development pillar of the UN Secretariat. Its Divisions and Offices work together towards a common goal to promote the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. UN DESA collaborates closely with its partners at regional and country levels in helping countries to formulate and implement national sustainable development strategies. The Political Science Department has received membership in DESA and now on the process to achieve Consultative Status with UNDESA.

Founded in 1990, WSSCC's work contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6, target 2, with far-reaching impacts on related SDG targets for health, education, women's empowerment, reducing inequality, improved urban spaces and climate change mitigation.

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