

The Civil Services Forum

Kamala Nehru college

Annual Report

Every year, lakhs of students join the University of Delhi with the aspiration of studying at Delhi, the hub for preparation of the UPSC Civil Services Examination. Kamala Nehru College too, welcomes hundreds of budding Civil Services aspirants every year. With the combination of meritorious students and competent faculty, by providing motivation and direction since the beginning, college can help polish the personalities of these aspirants and highlight its role in encouraging the development of well-read minds who wish to serve the nation with utmost sincerity and dedication. Thus, the Civil Services Forum was established on 10th August, 2020 to provide a common platform for diligent and dedicated Civil Services aspirants of Kamala Nehru College. The teacher convener for the same is Dr Nupur Ray from Political Science department.

The series of events kick started with an orientation program held for the students who went through a selection process for us to get an idea of their approach towards the exam. The response recorded was overwhelming. The event was coordinated by the student conveners of the forum, Simran Bharadwaj from Journalism department and Astha Bijarnia from English Department. Valuable inputs were given by Dr Nupur Ray.

A prelims format quiz was held on September 1st not as a marker of knowledge but rather a milestone to the common destination of all the members of the Civil Services Forum. The enthusiasm and the determination of these young minds was phenomenal.

An open house lecture on '*A Beginner's Introduction to Civil Services Examination*' was held on 16th September. The guest speaker of the event was Dr Anjan Kumar Singh, a senior faculty at Vision IAS, New Delhi. The webinar was conducted on Google Meet and around 75 students from various departments attended the event. Mahima Ahlawat from Geography

Department and the student co- convener of the forum hosted the event. Dr Singh addressed the students covering topics such as preparation and strategy for the exam, myths related to UPSC CSE and the need to join the Civil Services. This was followed by a question and answer session. The guest answered each and every question very patiently and precisely.

It was an honor for the Civil Services Forum to have Mr. Pratyush Pandey, AIR-21, UPSC CSE 2019 as the speaker of the event held on 30th September. The event was hosted by Astha Bijarnia, one of the student conveners of the forum. Mr. Pratyush gave a very insightful bit about the exam. He shared his strategy for the exam and how to juggle between college syllabus and the syllabus of the Civil Services exam. He then took question from the audience who was very eager to have their questions answered. It was indeed a very enlightening and nurturing session.

In such unprecedented times where everything is going digital, education is no exception. The Civil Services Forum tried its level based to adhere to their purpose in this new normal and succeeded to a large extent. It aims to continue doing so no matter what the mode of education is.