



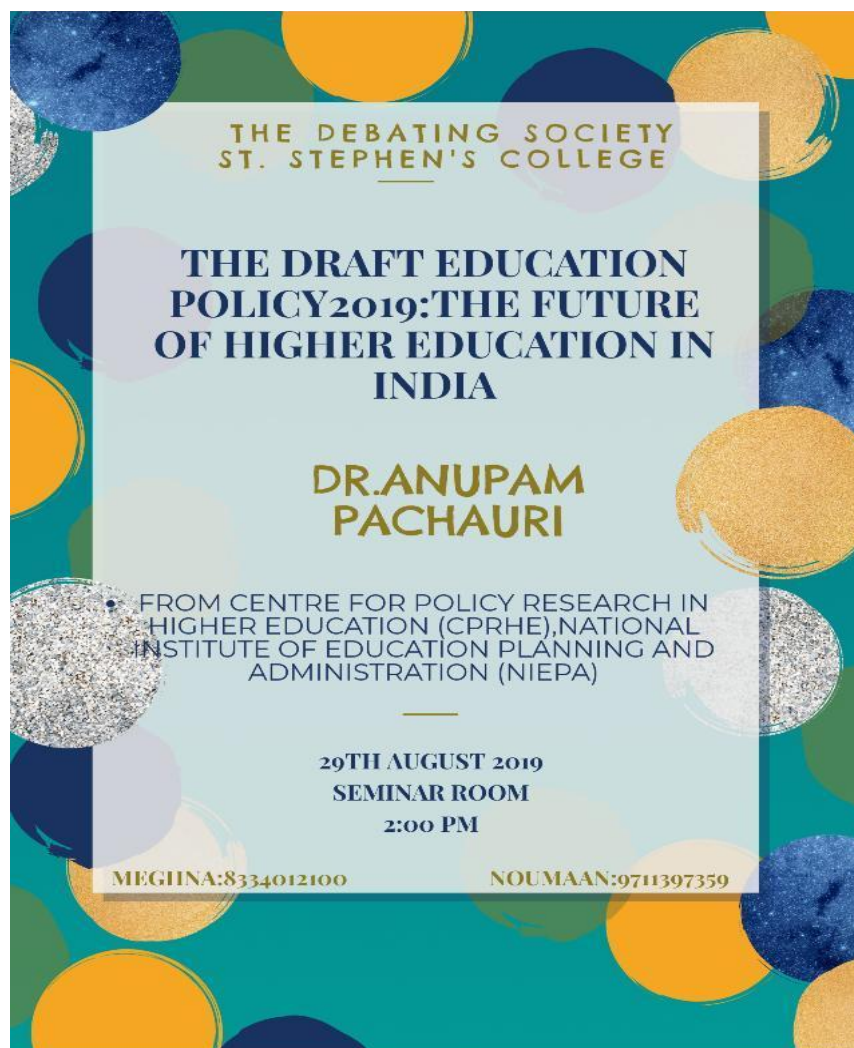
Society Activity Report 2019-20 Debating Society

- **Talk: Draft Education Policy 2019 by Dr. Anupam Pachauri:**

A talk was held on 29th August, 2019 at 2 PM at St. Stephen's College. The guest speaker was Dr, Anupam Pachauri from the Center for Policy Research in Higher Education (CPRHE), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).

The talk was focussed on the future of higher education in India and recently proposed Draft National Education Policy, on the future of higher education in this country.

Our Staff Advisor, Dr. Digvijay Singh was present for support and assistance. Around 35 students attended the lecture and several society members organised it.






- **A Lecture on 'International Relations Theory & The Contemporary World':**
The lecture, which was organised on 5th September, 2019, was attended by 60 students and organised by several society members. The speaker for the lecture was Prof. Harsh V. Pant- Professor of International Relations at King's College, London; Director, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation.

**THE DEBATING
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PRESENTS

**A LECTURE ON
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY
&
THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD**

BY



PROF. HARSH V. PANT
Professor of International Relations, King's College, London;
Director, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research
Foundation, New Delhi

Time : 2PM,
Date : Thursday, 5th September, 2019
Venue : Room R

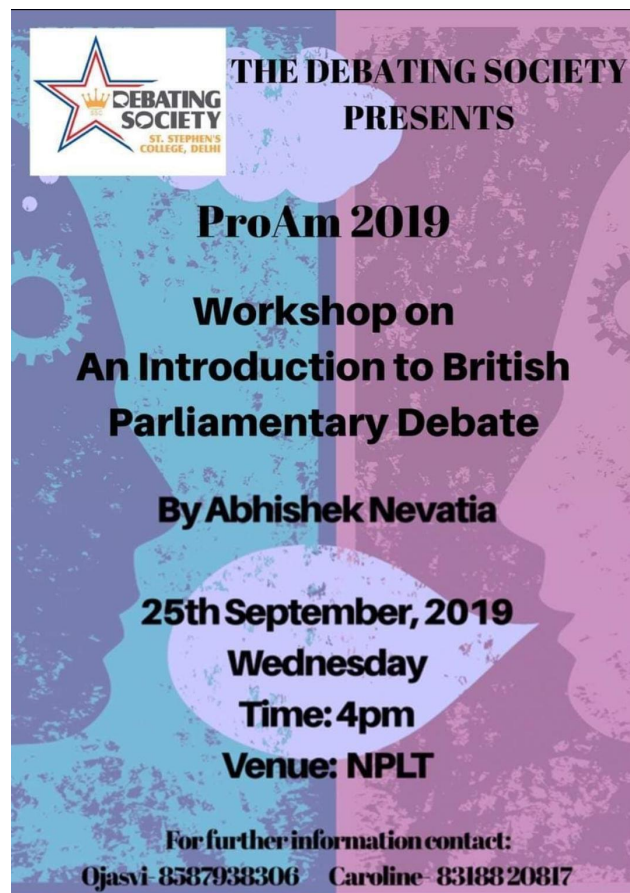


- **9th Mukarji Memorial ProAm: Debate Workshop:**

A training workshop was held for the fresher debaters in the DU Circuit on 25th September, 2019 at 4 PM in NPLT. The workshop was conducted by Abhishek Navatia from Jindal University.

The workshop focussed on case construction, speaker roles, extensions, and other specifics of BP debating.

The event saw an attendance of over 100+ participants across Delhi-NCR. 20 students were involved in the organisation of the same.



- **Lecture Series by Achin Vanaik:**


Achin Vanaik is a retired Professor of International Relations and Global Politics from the University of Delhi. Our Staff Advisor, Dr. Digvijay Singh and Ms. Alia Zaman were present for support and assistance. Cumulatively, a total of around 100 students attended the lectures.

- A lecture series on the theme: Deconstructing Ideas of Marxism was organised on 16th, 18th and 20th September, 2019 from 3 PM to 4 PM



- A lecture series on the theme: Analysing Hindutva was organised on 23rd, 25th and 27th September, 2019 from 3 PM to 4 PM

THE DEBATING SOCIETY
Presents



**A SERIES OF LECTURES
BY
ACHIN VANAIK**

Achin Vanaik is a writer and social activist, a former professor at the University of Delhi and Delhi-based Fellow of the Transnational Institute, Amsterdam. He is the author of numerous books, including The Painful Transition: Bourgeois Democracy in India.

**Theme 1:-
DECONSTRUCTING IDEAS OF MARXISM**
Session 1- History and modernity, 16th September - Seminar Room
Session 2- Question of Class, 18th September - OPLT
Session 3- The State, 20th September - Room M

**Theme 2:-
THE POLITICS OF NATION**
Session 1 - Understanding Nation and Nationalism, 23rd September - Room A
Session 2- Understanding Secularism, Communalism and Fascism, 25th September - Room A
Session 3- The Global War of Terror, 27th September - Room M

**Theme 3:-
The Global War of Terror, 27th September - Room M**

TIMINGS- 3 PM , ALL DAYS

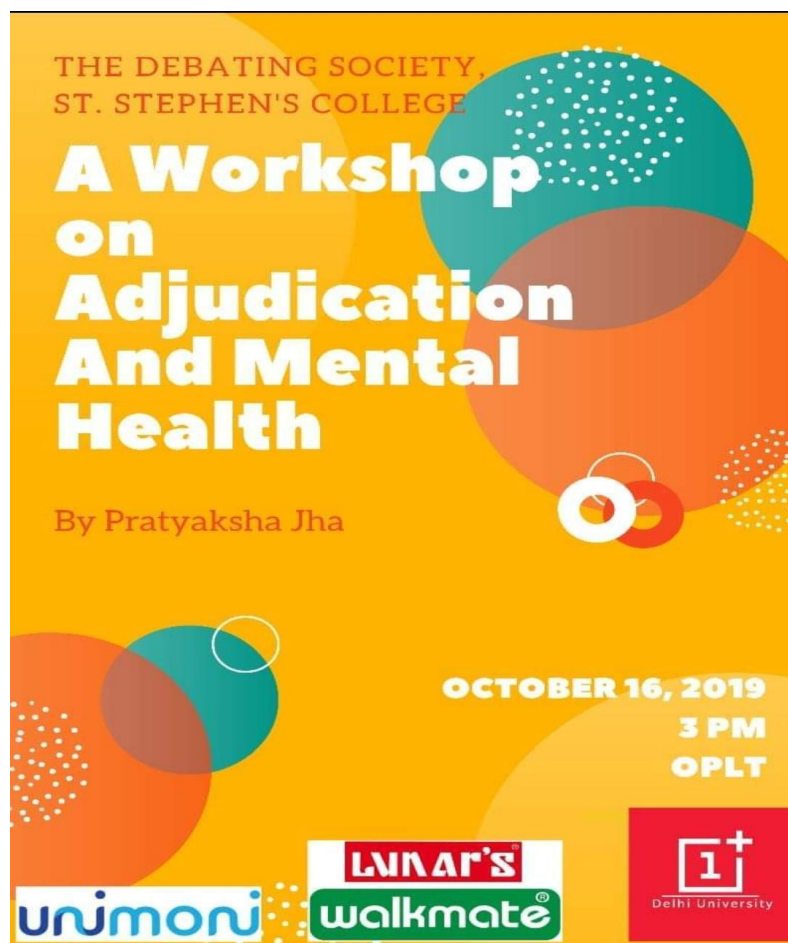


- **7th Mukarji Memorial ProAm: Adjudicating and Mental Health Workshop:**

A workshop was held on 16th October, 2019 at 3 PM in OPLT. The workshop was conducted by Pratyaksha Jha.

The workshop focussed on how a BP debate is adjudged, and the way ranking system and deliberation is done. It also aimed to discuss the importance of keeping mental health at highest priority during debates and create a comfortable environment for more debaters in the circuit, especially fresher debaters.

The event saw an attendance of over 100+ participants across Delhi-NCR. 20 students were involved in the organisation of the same.





- **Rise of Zionism: Focus on the Israel-Palestine Conflict - Lecture:**
Speaker: Dr. Khinvraj Jangid, Assistant Professor and Faculty Coordinator of Jindal Centre for Israel Studies, PhD. from JNU.
The lecture was organised on 17th October, 2019 and 30 students from our college participated in the same.

Tournaments Organised

- **7th Mukarji Memorial Pro-Am Debate - Competition/Parliamentary Debate Tournament:**
 - This inter-varsity debate tournament was organised from 19th October, 2019 to 21st October, 2019, in which 30 teams and 20 judges participated (90 students).
 - Every team participating in the tournament had pro (experienced) and amateur debaters. The tournament followed the British Parliamentary Debate Format and was our first ever Pro-Am Tournament in this format.
 - The tournament was co-convened by Charisma Nathan and Sarthak Saluja.
 - The Core Adjudicators for the tournament were Abishek Sankar, Pratyaksha Jha, Abhishek Nevatia and Felina Das.
 - The Invited Adjudicators for the tournament were Ribhu Mukherjee, Aastha Malhotra, Karthik Era, Anushri Rastogi, Asees Kaur and Sudev Singh.



- Kanishk and Sarthak from NUJS A were the winners, whereas the best adjudicator in the tournament was Apratim Shrivastav.
- Our Staff Advisor, Dr. Digvijay Singh was present for support and assistance. Around 70 students were involved in the organisation of the same.

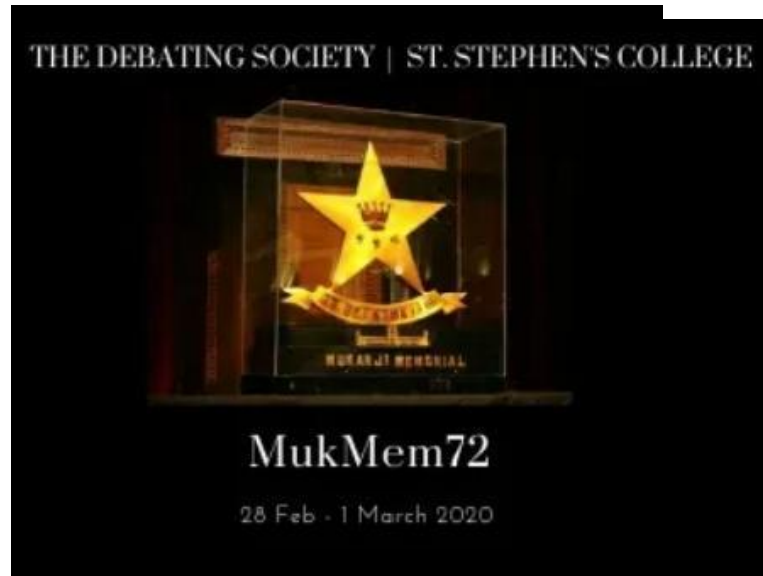


- **72nd Mukarji Memorial Debate - Competition/Parliamentary Debate Tournament:**

This inter-varsity parliamentary debate tournament was to be organised by the society from 28th February, 2020 to 1st March, 2020, in which 40 teams were scheduled to participate.

The Core Adjudicators for the tournament were supposed to be Oorvi Mehta, Akashraj Murthy, Nikhil Iyer, Akanksha Chhetri and Jainah.

But it got cancelled at the last minute due to violence in Delhi during the same time frame.



Tournaments Won

Many of our society members have performed well at the debate competitions across the country and we hope that this motivates us to pursue this activity further. We have outlined some of these achievements:

1. Gujarat National Law University Parliamentary Debate, August 2019-
Sarthak Saluja and Sai Karthik, pre-quarter debate finalists
Evita Rodrigues, adjudication break
2. NALSAR IV Parliamentary Debate, September 2019-
Sarthak Saluja and Disha Kashyap, pre-quarter debate finalists
Meghna Chakravorty and Evita Rodrigues, reserve debate break
3. Daulat Ram College Parliamentary Debate, September 2019-
Devak Namdhari, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals
4. IIT-Bombay Debate, October 2019-
Anushka Ganguli, debate finalist
5. Premchand Parliamentary Debate, Hindu College, October 2019-
Devak Namdhari, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals
6. SRCC Gambit Freshers' Debate, September 2019-
Jagannath Jha, Agrima Sharma, Octa-finalists
7. People Speak, Sri Venkateshwara College Parliamentary Debate, January 2020-
Meghna Chakravorty, adjudication break, adjudicated till quarterfinals
8. College of Engineering Pune Parliamentary Debate, January 2020-
Kshitij Chauhan, adjudication break, adjudicated till semi-finals
9. Annual Hansraj Parliamentary Debate, February 2020-
Charisma Nathan and Anushka Ganguli, debate finalists
Sarthak Saluja, adjudication break, adjudicated till finals, Best Adjudicator prize
Kshitij Chauhan, adjudication break, adjudicated till semi-finals



- Sai Karthik, adjudication break
10. Shaheed Bhagat Singh College Parliamentary Debate, February 2020-
Anushka Ganguli, Invited Adjudicator
Evita Rodrigues and Kshitij Chauhan, Subsidised adjudicators
Evita Rodrigues, Adjudication break
 11. Christ University Parliamentary Debate, February 2020-
Anushka Ganguli, Noumaan Anwer and Sarthak Saluja, quarterfinalists
 12. Altamash Debate Open (Online), March 2020 -
Priyankush Adhikary, Adjudication break, Third Best Adjudicator
 13. Indian Women's Debate Championship, India-
Debanjali Biswas, 2nd Best Adjudicator
 14. WOLCE Pre-ABP, Malaysia-
Debanjali Biswas, Grand Finals Adjudicator
 15. Dissension Parliamentary Debate, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology-
Debanjali Biswas, Quarter Finalist