REPORT

The Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi serves as an important platform for intellectual exchange between scholars from diverse disciplines. An important activity undertaken by the Centre is *Samiksha*- a meticulously planned, scientifically designed and objectively executed psephological research survey, which in the reporting period covered the elections in Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Karnataka. In this exercise, students of Bharati College were actively involved in the conduct of the Survey under the supervision of Dr. Nagendra Kumar from the Department of History and Ms. Rakhi Dagar- from the Department of Political Science, with the full support of the Principal, Prof Saloni Gupta. The survey was conducted in the months of February- May 2023.

As part of the Survey, the students initially attended orientation sessions held by the Centre Director as well as other experts to orient them to the task at hand. The questionnaire that they would be using was discussed in detail- supporting questions and the intricacies of the art of surveying – the need for skills of persuasion, an understanding of Indian political practices as well as the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of the respondents was emphasised to the students. This was a valuable exercise in research methodology which will certainly prove useful to the young scholars in their future scholastic endeavours.



Having been trained in this fashion and equipped with the necessary skills, Bharati College students enthusiastically participated in the survey. The exercise provided them with a real time understanding of the working of democracy in India.

Further, for each of the states that they surveyed, our students emerged with a deep understanding of the local issues of each of those states.



Psephology is fast developing into an in-demand profession- especially with the increase in the number of news channels in India. The participation of our students in this exercise almost served as an internship in this field for them and has provided them with a skill which further refined can bolster their employment prospects.

Finally, students got the opportunity to be part of a cross campus peer group, as well as interact with eminent Professors and scholars of the University.

Prof Sunil Kumar, Director, CGS has appreciated the contribution of the College towards this

Flagship programme of the Centre



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Letter of Appreciation and Acknowledgment

We have the pleasure of writing this letter of appreciation and acknowledgement to the students and faculty of the Political Science and History Departments of Bharati College, University of Delhi for assisting the Centre in various academic programs like Seminars, Conferences, Lectures, Samiksha Election Survey Workshops and various other productive interactions and prolific discussions during the academic year 2022-23.

It was during this period that the undergraduate students of Political Science and History Departments of Bharati College under the leadership of Dr Nagendra and Dr Rakhi participated in Centre's psephological studies under *CGS Samiksha 2023*. Covering almost all the constituencies in the poll-bound States in 2023 - Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Karnataka, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the students and faculty of Bharati College provided great academic and empirical support to the Centre's flagship program.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Bharati College for its continuous and consistent contributions to the academic life of the Centre and connect with the community and extension related programs for their upliftment.

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