

Title: Understanding and Doing Research in Social Sciences

Event Date- 12/11/2025

Event Time: 11:00 AM Onwards

Venue: Seminar Hall, Shyamlal College(M)

Organised by: Department of Political Science, IQAC and Republica

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The Department of Political Science, IQAC and Republica, the Political Science Society of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, organised a one-day enlightening seminar titled “Understanding and Doing Research in Social Sciences” on 12th November 2025 at 11:00 AM in the college Seminar Hall. The session was graced by Dr. P. Arun, a distinguished researcher in Surveillance Studies. He did his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Delhi, who served as the resource person for the event. The seminar began with a warm welcome extended to the speaker by the organising team. After that, everyone present in the seminar hall sang the university's *kulgeet*, followed by a brief introduction highlighting his academic contributions and research expertise. The objective behind organising the seminar on the topic “Understanding and doing research in Social Sciences” was to enable students from the third and fourth years to understand the value of social science research. Various technical aspects are involved in the research process, so we need an expert to explain the analytical components of social science research.

In his address, Dr. P. Arun emphasised the importance of research in social sciences, explaining why we conduct research and how evidence-based analysis helps in understanding social realities. He discussed various research methodologies, challenges, and the relationship between research themes and the research process. He also clarified whether anyone can conduct research, share a sample research question, and highlight how political science questions form the foundation of meaningful research. He also focused on the steps in doing social sciences research. The first step is selecting a research topic. The research topic should be based on an important area of study, such as public policy, political economy, and the Indian Knowledge System. The second step is that Review of the literature. In this presentation, especially fourth-year students learned how to write a good literature review. The undergraduate students faced numerous difficulties in writing a literature review.

Dr. Arun further guided students on where to find reliable resources, how to utilise them effectively, and stressed the importance of research ethics. The session witnessed active student participation through insightful questions, making the seminar engaging and interactive. Almost 160 students were participated in this seminar. Twenty faculty members from across the department had joined the session. Principal Sir also addressed the session. He encouraged students to engage in research in the social sciences. He said that students should work in the field of public policy, governance and the Indian Knowledge System.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks to the speaker, faculty members, and volunteers. Overall, the seminar proved to be an enriching experience, inspiring students to explore research.

Conclusion

Understanding and doing research in social sciences is crucial for analysing social realities, developing scientific knowledge, and guiding public policy. Through systematic inquiry and critical thinking, social science research contributes to a deeper understanding of society and helps address contemporary social challenges. A rigorous and ethical research process ensures that findings are reliable, meaningful, and beneficial for both academia and society.



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