

**ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN - HYDERABAD**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

**Annual Report**

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**1. WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED**

A one-day workshop on “Feminist Methodology in Social Sciences: From Theory to Practice” was conducted on January 29, 2026 by the department of Political Science. It was attended by 45 students and 2 staff members.

**2. WORKSHOP / SEMINAR ATTENDED (By the Faculty)**

Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya attended the seminar “*Changing Dynamics of India’s Narrative Diplomacy*” conducted on 25 & 26 February 2026, organised by the Department of International Relations, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram

**4. PAPERS PRESENTED, PUBLISHED / BOOK /CHAPTERS PUBLISHED BY FACULTY MEMBERS**

**Papers Presented**

Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya had presented a paper titled “Narrating the Neighbourhood, Voicing the Global South: India’s Diplomatic Relations with Maldives and Mauritius” in the International Conference “*Changing Dynamics of India’s Narrative Diplomacy*” organised by the Department of International Relations, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram on 25 & 26 February 2026.

**Papers Published/ Book Chapters**

Bhattacharya, S and Lakshmi Gayathri (2026). Beyond Subnationalism and Conflict in Manipur: Strategies for Sustainable Peacebuilding in *Evolving Himalayan States: Identity, Environment, Society, Politics and Economy*. Bharati Publications

**5. GUEST LECTURES ORGANISED**

- A guest lecture titled “Japan, India and International Relations” was organized by the Department of Political Science facilitated by resource person Ms. Izuyama Marie on August 7, 2025 for the students of B.A. Final Year.
- A guest lecture titled “The Evolving Public Policy Space” was organized by the Department of Political Science facilitated by resource person, Dr. Amir Ullah Khan on November 19, 2025 for the students of B.A. Final Year.
- An Alumna Talk on “Career Journeys in Political Science” was organized by the Department of Political Science facilitated by resource persons, Ms. Lahari Datta Punjala and Ms. Himanshi Sharma on July 30, 2025 for the students of B.A. Final Year.

#### **8. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS ( WINNER DETAILS)**

1. Ms Taqwa Fatima of BA III year had served as Chairperson at Diplomathon Global Symposium at The Gaudium School
2. Ms. Dhvani Agarwal of BA III year delivered a Guest Seminar on “Digital Wellbeing and Media Literacy; Understanding the Psychology of Digital Habits and Social Media
3. Ms. Dhvani Agarwal and Ms. Prachi Singla of BA III year won First place in Human Resources Portfolio in Crecentia, 2025 organized by Arista the Student Club of Department of Management Studies
4. Ms. Ananya Dinesh of BA III MLP represented India at the SUSI Madeleine K. Albright Young Women’s Leadership Programme at the University of Kansas in June 2025.

#### **8. SOCIAL OUTREACH INITIATIVES**

**50 students from B.A. I PPP and B.A. III MLP, accompanied by the faculty members Dr. Afshan Shireen and Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya visited Sri Sai Seva Sadan, Erragadda on December 8, 2025.**

**10. STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY DEPARTMENT STUDENTS (IF RELEVANT)**

- **A JAM Debate competition was conducted by the Rhetoric club from the Department of Political Science. About 15 students participated in the event.**
- **Youth Parliament was conducted by the Rhetoric Club from the Department of Political Science. About 60 students participated in the event.**
- **PolitiQuiz was conducted as part of Politicon 2026, by the Rhetoric Club from the Department of Political Science. About 18 students participated in the event.**
- **Philosopher’s Court was conducted as part of Politicon 2026 by the Rhetoric Club from the Department of Political Science. About 12 students participated in the event.**
- **A movie, Homebound, was screened by the Rhetoric Club from the Department of Political Science. About 80 students participated in the event.**

**12.FDP Conducted- Date, Faculty-in charge, Resource person,Topic**

**13.FIP Conducted Date, Faculty-in charge, Resource person, Topic**

**15. Any other:**

1. Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya was a resource person for Faculty Enrichment Program “Beyond Borders:SUSI Program and Experience” organized by IQAC and FDP Cell on 15th July, 2025
2. Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya was a resource person for “Getting Started on Research” for Second Year Students of BA organized by Faculty Research Cell on 20th February, 2026
3. Dr. Sinjini Bhattacharya was a resource person for the Pre-conference workshop on “Writing Scholarly Papers” organized by the Department of English, St. Francis College for Women on 27th February, 2026



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