



# Biplab Debnath

## *Assistant Professor*

Department of Political Science,  
Tripura University

## Specialization

- Theories of International Politics
- India's Foreign Policy
- Government and Politics in South and Southeast Asia
- Regional Security in the Asia-Pacific

## PROFILE

Specialized in International Politics and India's Foreign Policy. Performs research with critical thinking to serve as a basis for academic writing, presentations in conferences in India and abroad, and collaboration with government and non-government institutes. Developed and implemented curriculum, organized, prepared and revised course materials for improved teaching-learning. Applied innovative teaching methods to encourage students learning objectives. Contributed and collaborated in administrative and outreach activities to promote positive university image.

## CONTACT

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Tripura University, Suryamaninagar,  
West Tripura 799022.

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### Academia

<https://tripurauniversity.academia.edu/BDebnath>

### Research gate

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Biplab-Debnath-2>

### Google Scholar

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=66lyUMgAAAAJ&hl=en>

## EDUCATION

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### Higher Secondary

Holy Cross School, Agartala, Tripura.  
1986 - 1999

### B.A (Hounous) in Political Science (1999 - 2002)

Sri Vengakeshwara College, University of Delhi

### M.A. in Politics with specialization in International Relations (2003-2005)

School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

### M. Phil (2005-2007)

School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Dissertation: *Non-Proliferation in ASEAN Perspective*

### PhD (2007-2018)

School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thesis: *Australia's Policy of Engagement with Southeast Asia: 1996-2007*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Assistant Professor (2019-present)

Department of Political Science, Tripura University  
Teaching and Research

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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- Undergraduate  
IPS 101 (Political Theory)  
IPS 601 (International Relations)
- Post-Graduate  
PS - 704 C (Western Political Thought)  
PS - 804 C (Theories of International Relations)  
PS - 903 E (Problems of International Relations)  
PS - 1004 E (India's Foreign Policy)
- PhD Course-Work  
Research Methodology  
Advanced Areas of Research in Political Science

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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- Undergraduate  
IPS 101 (Political Theory)  
IPS 601 (International Relations)
- Post-Graduate  
PS - 804 C (Theories of International Relations)  
PS - 903 E (Problems of International Relations)  
PS - 1004 E (India's Foreign Policy)
- PhD Course-Work  
Advanced Areas of Research in Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

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- The Economic and Ethnic Conceptualisations of Geo-Political Space in Northeast India: The Incompatibilities and Way Forward  
*Gujarat Journal of Law Development and Politics*, 12(2), Oct. 22 2022
- बेहतर समाज बनाने के लिए गांधी के सुझाए उपायों पर गौर करना जरूरी  
*Vagarth*, 28 (314), January 2022.
- Myanmar's Peace Process: Issues and Challenges  
*Faultlines: The K.P.S. Gill Journal of Conflict & Resolution*, 27(1), July 2021.
- The BJP, Ideology and Electoral Politics in Tripura  
*International Journal of Innovative Studies in Sociology and Humanities*, 7(3), July 2018.
- Sub-national Foreign Policy and the Geo-Strategic Importance of Tripura  
*Indian Journal of Political Science*, LXXVIII (4), October 2017.
- The Concept of Middle Power in Australia's Regional Diplomacy  
*Kalyani Journal of Political Studies* Vol 1 (1), July 2016.
- Ambedkar: The Philosopher  
*Dialogue*, 17 (3), January 2016. (co-author).

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

- India and the Multilateral Order in times of the COVID-19 Pandemic  
C Vinodan and Anju Lis Kurien (eds.), *COVID-19: India and the World*, Scholar's Press: Maldiva. 2022
- India's Eastward Engagement from Look East to Act East: Where does Northeast India Stand?  
S Gooptu (ed.) *Perspective: Asia Pacific*, Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies: Kolkata, 2022
- Is India a Regional Power? Perceptions from South Asia,  
M. B. Buraga & D. N. Rao (eds.) *India and the New World*, INSC Publishing House, Karnataka, 2022.
- Maritime Connectivity and North East India: Issues and Challenges  
Temjenmeren Ao (Ed) *External Dimensions of Security of the North East Region*, Sapru House Soundings on India's Foreign Policy, Indian Council of World Affairs, KW Pub.: New Delhi. 2021.
- Examining State's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Implications for Labour Migrants of India  
A Ranjith Kumar et. al. (Eds.) *Migration and Covid-19: Gender Perspective*, Kalpaz Publications, New Delhi, 2021
- The Security Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy towards Myanmar  
C. B. Bhangé et. al. (eds.) *Indian Foreign Policy and Contemporary Security Challenges*, Bharti Publications: New Delhi. 2020.
- The China factor India's Act East Policy  
N. H. Laskar (ed) *International Relations: Emerging Issues*, Authors Press: New Delhi, 2020.
- Choosing between 'history' and 'geography'? Australia's Contradictions between US Alliance and Regional Engagement under John Howard  
Ravjeet Singh Atwal (ed.) *US Foreign Policy: Rise and Decline*, White Falcon Publishing, Jan 2016.

## PAPER PRESENTATION IN SEMINAR/CONFERENCES

- The People, the State and Cosmopolitanism: Examining India's Foreign Policy Dimensions  
International Studies Association (ISA) 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on *Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity*, Le Centre, Sheraton Montréal, Canada, 15-18 March, 2023.
- International Law and South Asian Politics (Discussant)  
International Studies Association (ISA) 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on *Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity*, Le Centre Sheraton Montréal, Canada, 15-18 March, 2021
- QUAD and the Emerging Minilateralism in the Indo-Pacific: An Indian Perspective  
Asia Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRO) International Conference 2022 on *Redefining Peace Towards a Just Non-Violent, and Sustainable Future*, USTM, Meghalaya, 10-12 Oct, 2022.

- Globalisation and the Rival Conceptions of Geo-political Space in Northeast India: An Analysis of the Economic and Ethnic Dimensions  
National Seminar on Changing Society *and Culture of the Tribes in North East India*, Maibang Degree College, Assam, 9-10 April, 22.
- India, China and the South Asian Regional Order: Geo-Politics of Conflict and Cooperation  
Indian Political Science Association 59th All India Political Science Conference & International Seminar on *Global Rise of Incredible India*, USTM, Meghalaya, 26-27th March, 2022.
- India and the Multilateral Order Post COVID-19” (virtual)  
International Conference on *India and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Issues, challenges and Policy Responses*, School of International Relations & Politics in association with Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, 23-25 April, 2021.
- Coalition Building with Like-Minded Countries: Assessing Middle Power Cooperation between India and Australia” (virtual)  
9th Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University, 7 - 11 December 2020.
- Security, Development and Identity Northeast India in India’s Act East Policy” (Virtual)  
International Conference on *From Look East to Act East Challenges and Opportunities in Contemporary India-Southeast Relations*, Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, Kolkata in collaboration with Asia Centre, Bangkok, 30-31 October, 2020.
- Re-Imagining International Relations: Indian Political Thought and a Alternate Spatial Imaginary of South Asia  
Annual Millennium Conference on *Power and Knowledge*, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 19-20 Oct, 2019.
- Power Engagement, Images and Perception: Theorising International Relations in South Asia  
International Studies Association (ISA) Regional Conference, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 4-6 July, 2019.
- India as an Ascending Power: The South Asian Dimension  
Annual International and Area Studies Convention on *Ascending India: Reflections on Regional and Global Dimensions*, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi, 31<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2019.
- India in the Asia-Pacific Balance of Power  
58<sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference on *Aspiring India*, Indian Political Science Association, CCSU, Meerut, 29-30 Dec., 2018.
- To Engage with or to Protect From? Australia conceptualization of Borders and Spaces vis-a-vis Southeast Asia  
25th World Congress of Political Science on *Borders and Margins*, IPSA, Brisbane, Australia, 21-25 July, 2018.

- Sub-National Foreign Policy and the Strategic Importance of Tripura  
57<sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference on *Emerging India*, IPSA & University of Madras, 15-17 December, 2017.
- Explaining India's Response to Rising China using the Middle Power Concept  
International Conference on *Changing World Order: India and China in Contemporary Times*, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, JNU, 14-15 April, 2017.
- India as a Rising Power in the Asia Pacific  
International Conference on *Emergence of India as a Global Player* Global India Foundation & MAKAIAS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 24-26 March, 2011
- Identifying Tripura as an Economic Hub of the Northeastern Region  
National Seminar on *Identification of Research Priorities in Tripura*, IGNOU Regional Centre, Agartala, 12-13 Feb., 2011.

### INVITED LECTURES

- Setting the Agenda: G20 Presidency and India's Foreign Policy  
National Seminar on *India's G20 Presidency: Igniting the young minds to lead the world*, Department of Management, Humanities & Social Sciences, NIT Agartala, 28th March, 2023.
- The Emerging Dynamics of India's Act East Policy (virtual)  
Jaglal Chaudhary College, Jai Prakash University, Bihar 23 May, 2022.
- Indian Constitution: Prospects and Challenges (virtual)  
Naba Barrackpur Prafulla Chandra Mahavidyalaya West Bengal, 4 Feb, 2022
- India's Act East Policy and Northeast India: Opportunities and Challenges" (virtual)  
*Rastra Biggan Charcha Kendra*, 17 October, 2021.
- Crisis of Security Challenges: A Global Concern" (virtual)  
Department of Défense and Strategic Studies, Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Pune, 16 Jan, 2021.
- Building the Connectivity to Southeast Asia: The India Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway", (virtual)  
ICWA Sapru House Paper Discussion, Indian Council of World Affairs, 31 August, 2021
- Development, Prosperity and the Eastern Neighbourhood: Voices from North Eastern States of India (virtual)  
Asian Confluence, Shillong, 17 October, 2020
- Maritime Connectivity and Northeast India: Issues and Challenges  
National Conference on External Dimensions of Security of the Northeast Region", Indian Council of Word Affairs (ICWA) New Delhi, 10-11 October, 2019.

- Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead (Discussant)
- India's Look-East Policy and Northeast India
- Challenges of International Relations Teaching in Regional Languages

Discussant at National Seminar, The Indian Council of World Affairs, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

ICFAI University, Agartala on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018.

Workshop on Use of Scientific and Technical Terminology in International Relations, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Khudiram Bose College, Kolkata, 21-22 April, 2018.

## RESEARCH GUIDANCE

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- Komal Khandelwal (ICSSR Doctoral Fellow)

Topic: India's Foreign Policy towards Pakistan with Special Reference to Cross-Border Terrorism: An Analysis of the Post Uri Attack Period

- Dhiman Roy

(pre-registration)

- Raja Lohar

(pre-registration)

## WORKSHOPS/FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ATTENDED

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- Two weeks Refresher course on Research Methodology for faculty of Social Sciences (virtual)

UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Hyderabad, 20th July to 1st Aug 2020.

- 14 Days National Faculty Development Programme on Data Analysis for Research in Social Sciences (virtual)

Ramanujan College (University of Delhi) & Indian Accounting Association, 17th - 30th June, 2020.

- Faculty Development Program on Essentials for Good Research (virtual)

Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Assam down town University, Guwahati Assam, 27th May-2nd June, 2020.

- Publishing Workshop on Southeast Asian Politics

American Political Science Association & and the Sydney South-East Asia Centre, Griffith University, Australia, 21 July, 2018.

- Capacity Building Programme on Enhancement of Capacities of Researchers in Social Science Research Areas

Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus, 5-18 May, 2017.

- Workshop on Role of Local Chapter on MOOC

Conducted by IIT Kanpur at Tripura University, 24th April, 2017.

- Orientation course on Youth Parliament for Program Coordinators,

Organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs at Hotel Pinewood



13th National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17.

Shillong, 4-5 January, 2016.

- Orientation course on Youth Parliament for Program Coordinators 12<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2015-16.

Organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs at Gurunank Dev University, Amritsar, 29-30 September, 2014.

- Summer Workshop on Strategic Studies

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi & Kings College, London, at Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 23 July - 3 August, 2012.

- 76<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course for Faculty Members

Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 26<sup>th</sup> September - 09<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

- Workshop on Capacity Building in Social Science Research and Training Course on SPSS

ICSSR & North East Regional Centre (NERC), NEHU Campus, Shillong from 1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

- Research Methods and Quantitative Data Analysis,

ICSSR & North East Regional Centre (NERC), NEHU Campus, Shillong, 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

## AWARDS/FELLOWSHIP/GRANTS

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- ECR Travel Bursary

*9th Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies*, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University, 7-11 December 2020.

- Travel Grant

*Annual Millennium Conference*, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom, 19-20 October, 2019.

- Travel Grant

*25th World Congress of Political Science on Borders and Margins* IPSA, Brisbane, Australia, 21-25 July, 2018.

- Travel Grant

Publishing Workshop for Southeast Asian Politics, The American Political Science Association (APSA) & the Sydney South-East Asian Centre, Griffith University, Australia, 21 July 2018.

- Merit Trophy (as Program Coordinator) Tripura University

Group Champion in the *13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17* at GMC Balayogi Parliament Building, New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2017.

- Travel Grant

*Summer Workshop on Strategic Studies*, Centre for Policy Research, and Kings College, London, at CPR, New Delhi, 23 July -3 August, 2012.

## MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

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|---|--------------------------|
| • Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies         | Executive Council Member |
| • Indian Political Science Association                    | Life Member              |
| • International Political Science Association             | Global South Membership  |
| • International Studies Association                       | Yearly membership        |
| • Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies         | Yearly membership.       |
| • Alumni Association of Jawaharlal Nehru University (AAJ) | Life Member              |

## MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC/ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

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| • Member                    | Board of Faculty Studies (BFS), Tripura University, (2016-present)                             |
| • Member                    | Board of Post Graduate Studies, (BPGS), Department of Political Science, T.U. (2011-present)   |
| • Member                    | Board of Undergraduate Studies (BUGS), Department of Political Science, TU. (2022 - present)   |
| • Convener & Member         | Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Department of Political Science, T.U. (2020 - present)      |
| • Member                    | Departmental Research Committee (DRC), Department of Political Science, T.U. (2020-present).   |
| • Nodal Officer             | Tripura University, Constitution Day celebrations (2020 - present)                             |
| • Coordinator               | Criteria IV (student, teachers & alumni interaction), NAAC Peer Team Visit, T.U. 2022          |
| • Member                    | Drafting, Monitoring & Implementation of New Education Policy (NEP), Tripura University, 2021. |
| • Nodal Officer University. | Organizing Committee, Indian Youth Parliament, 2019, TU.                                       |
| • Convener                  | Distinguished Lecture Series, T.U. sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, 2019             |



- Member Organising Committee, Friday Lecture Series, Department of Political Science, T.U., 2019
- Member Organizing Committee, NHRC Sponsored Awareness Generation Programme on Human Rights, T.U., 2018.
- Member Organizing Committee, Anatha Centre sponsored Foreign Policy Lecture, Dept. of Political Science, TU, 2018.
- Member Organizing Committee, 'Vigilance Awareness Week', Tripura University, 2017.
- Member Organizing Committee, National Foundation of India sponsored Workshop on "Trans-border Transactions in Northeast India with Special Reference to Tripura", Dept. of Pol. Sc., TU, 2017.
- Member Organizing Committee, Constitution Day celebration, Tripura University, 2017
- Member Organizing Committee, festival of Choral Music sponsored by Sangeet Natak Academy, T.U., 2017.
- Member Review Committee of draft statutes/ Ordinances/Regulations of Tripura University, 2016
- Member Preliminary Screening Committee for Faculty Posts, 2016.
- Member Organizing Committee, 13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition, T.U., 2015-16.
- Member Debate Sub-committee, T.U. Cultural Fest, 2016.
- Member Preliminary Screening Committee, Faculty Appointments, Tripura University, 2015
- Member Recruitment committee for MTS Post, T.U. 2015.
- Member Cultural Committee, Cultural Festival of T.U., 2013.
- Member Organizing Committee, NHRC sponsored National Seminar on "Women's Rights as Human Rights", Department of Political Science, T.U., 2012.
- Member Sub-Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forum for Vice Chancellors of Northeast Central Universities, T.U., 2011.
- Member Organizing Committee, Syllabi Framing of Political Science for Five Years Integrated Master's Degree (IMD) Programme, 2011.
- Member Organizing committee, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi sponsored Distinguished Lecture, TU. 2010.

## EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

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- Paper setter  
IMD & M.A. (regular), Tripura University (2011-present).  
Directorate of Distance Education, T.U. (2011-2022).  
Tripura Public Service Commission Examinations (2021 - present).
- Moderator  
IMD & M.A. (regular), Tripura University (2011-present).  
Directorate of Distance Education, Tripura University (2011-2022).
- Examiner  
IMD & M.A. (regular), Tripura University (2011-present).  
Tripura Public Service Commission Examinations (2021-present).  
IGNOU (Assignments) (2011-present).
- Reviewer  
*IASSI Quarterly: Contributions to Indian Social Science (Journal)*, 2022.  
*Researcher (Journal)*, University of Jammu, 2021.

## ASSOCIATION WITH GOVERNMENT & NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES

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- Election Commission of India  
Micro-observer (Polling)
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly Elections, 2023.
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly By-Elections, 2022.
  - 17th Lok Sabha Elections, 2019
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly Elections, 2018
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly Elections, 2013Micro-observer (Counting)
  - 17th Lok Sabha Elections, 2019
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly Elections, 2018
  - Tripura Legislative Assembly Elections, 2013
- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi.  
Evaluation of 13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities & Colleges 2015-16.
- Ministry of External Affairs & Indian Council of World Affairs  
Book Project *Sapru House Findings on Area Studies* 2021.
- Tripura Public Service Commission  
Paper setting, moderation and evaluation of competitive examinations by the commission.

## CO-CURRICULAR/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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- Counsellor  
IGNOU (Tripura University Study Centre), 2011-present.

- Student Mentor  
IMD & P.G., 2019.
- Guest of Honor  
District Level Youth Parliament, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra at Rajashi Hall, Udaipur on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Counsellor  
Remedial Classes under Equal Opportunity Cell, T.U., (2010 - 2017)
- Counsellor  
NET/SET Coaching classes, NET Coaching Centre, T.U., (2010-17)
- Group Coordinator  
(Appointed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition (Group Level) for University & Colleges, 2016-17
- Program Coordinator,  
(Appointed by Tripura University)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition for University/ Colleges, T.U., 2017.
- Program Coordinator,  
(Appointed by Tripura University)  
12<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition for University/ Colleges, T.U. 2016.
- Invitee  
Feedback session on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 to review the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs sponsored 13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition for Universities/Colleges, 2016-17, 12 October 2017, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Ministry of Jawahar Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, Port Blair, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Ministry of University of Calcutta, West Bengal, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Ministry of University of Kalyani, West Bengal, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Amity University Kolkata, on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Jury Member (Appointed by Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Ministry of Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- Jury Member, (Appointed by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs)  
13<sup>th</sup> National Youth Parliament Competition 2016-17, Dayal Singh Evening College, University of Delhi, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016.

*Dated: 21.05.2023*