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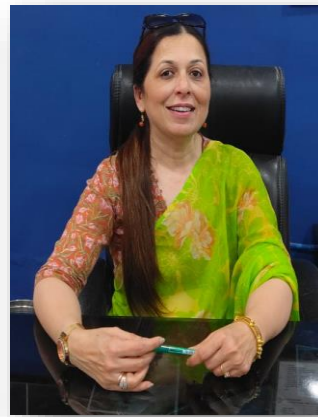
# DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DESK

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt greetings to you all through this edition of the Niti Nerd newsletter, a publication by the Department of Political Science at SPPND Government Degree College, Samba. This newsletter embodies the academic enthusiasm and community engagement that defines our institution.

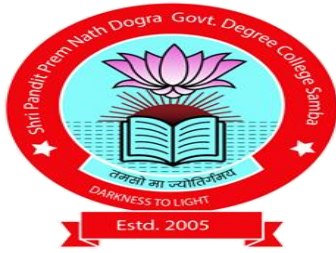
This edition of Niti Nerd is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and faculty. This bi-annual edition's theme on ***Lok Sabha Elections - 2024*** highlights the active engagement of team Pravaad in addressing contemporary political issues. Furthermore, it shows department's commitment in nurturing a rich academic environment where students are encouraged to explore, question, and contribute to the dynamic field of political science. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the editorial team for their diligent efforts in bringing this newsletter to fruition.

As we continue to navigate the complexities of the modern world, let us remain steadfast in our pursuit of knowledge and understanding. Together, we can contribute to a more informed, just and equitable society.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Warm regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri  
Principal



## MESSAGE FROM HOD

I am excited to announce the launch of our bi-annual Niti Nerd newsletter, themed around the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. This edition not only highlights our ongoing engagement with this crucial democratic process but also celebrates the collaborative spirit that drives our institution.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our principal for her unwavering support and visionary leadership. Your encouragement has been instrumental in fostering an environment where academic inquiry and civic engagement can thrive.

A special commendation goes to the Pravaad team. The student team, in particular, has shown exceptional enthusiasm and tireless effort. Your passion for political engagement and dedication to making a difference are truly inspiring and your work sets a powerful example for your peers.

As a department, we are united by a vision of excellence. We strive to empower our students to become informed, active citizens who contribute meaningfully to our society. In the words of Aesop, "In union there is strength." Together, we embody this principle, proving that our collective efforts lead to greater impact and achievement.

I invite you all to delve into this issue of Niti Nerd, which showcases our hard work, insights and reflections on the electoral process. Let us continue to inspire and support one another as we engage with the upcoming elections and beyond.

Warm regards,

Head of Department  
Political Science



# ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



Man By Nature is a Political Animal-

*Aristotle*

Department of Political Science was introduced in the college in 2005. The sanctioned post strength is 01. The strength of the department for session 2023-24 was 481 (Odd Semester) and 462 (Even Semester).

The department leads the Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of the college and has organised various activities under SVEEP initiative.

Currently, there is two permanent faculty members working in the department.

Dr. Shaveta Chowdhary, Assistant Professor, is Gold Medalist in MA programme from University of Jammu. She has qualified NET-JRF & SET in the subject of Political Science. She has qualified for M. Phil on Political Economy of Jammu and Kashmir and PhD in the area of Climate Change from University of Jammu. She has been engaged as Project In-Charge for the project titled “An Evaluation of Education and Socio- Economic Status of SC Communities in Jammu Region” granted by J&K ABWDSC Advisory Board for Welfare and Development of Scheduled Castes, Jammu. She specialises in Climate Change issues, Environmental politics, Political economy, Caste & Gender studies.

Ms. Ritika, Assistant Professor, is Gold Medalist in MA programme from Panjab University, Chandigarh. She has qualified NET in the subject of Political Science. She has teaching experience of 7 years at GDC Hiranagar. She has participated in the GOC and ID refresher course on Disaster management at UGC HRDC, University of Jammu. Her research interests include caste studies, international relations and regional studies.



# PRAVAAD ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB

Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club Shri Pandit Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College, Samba is a dynamic initiative run by Department of Political Science. It aimed at promoting electoral literacy and democratic awareness among students. Founded with the objective of promoting active citizenship and voter participation, the club engages students in various activities related to electoral processes, governance and civic responsibility.

Through workshops, seminars, debates and interactive sessions, the club educates students about the significance of elections, the electoral system, voter rights and the importance of informed decision-making. It also collaborates with election authorities and civil society organizations to conduct voter registration drives and spread awareness about the electoral process.

Moreover, the club plays a crucial role in organizing mock elections, voter awareness campaigns and outreach programs to encourage students to become responsible and informed voters. By empowering young minds with knowledge about democracy and elections, the Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club (PELC) strives to create a generation of politically aware and active citizens who contribute positively to the democratic fabric of the nation.

Following members constitute PELC

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|----|------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. | Dr. Shaveta Chowdhary  | — | Convener |
| 2. | Asst. Prof. Reetika    | — | Member   |
| 3. | Dr. Manesh Kumar       | — | Member   |
| 4. | Dr. Surbhi Malhotra    | - | Member   |
| 5. | Dr. Ajay Shree Sambyal | - | Member   |
| 6. | Ms. Diksha Sharma      | - | Member   |
| 7. | Ms. Mehnaz             | - | Member   |



## Celebration of National Voters' Day on 25-01-2024



Department of Political Science, SPPND Govt Degree College Samba in collaboration with NSS and NCC units of the college celebrated **National Voters' Day** on the theme *"Nothing like voting, I vote for sure"* under the aegis of Viksit Bharat@2047. The day was celebrated by organizing the NVD Pledge Ceremony by the Principal, staff and students of the college. The pledge advocated the democratic customs of our country and to vote in every election valiantly and not on the basis of religion, race, caste, community, language or any incentive.



A motivation lecture was delivered by Mr. Nawaz Sharief, District Social Welfare Officer, Samba on *"Role of Voting for Developed India"* wherein he emphasized the role of young voters in spreading awareness about ethical voting and making informed choices in achieving the goal of Developed India.



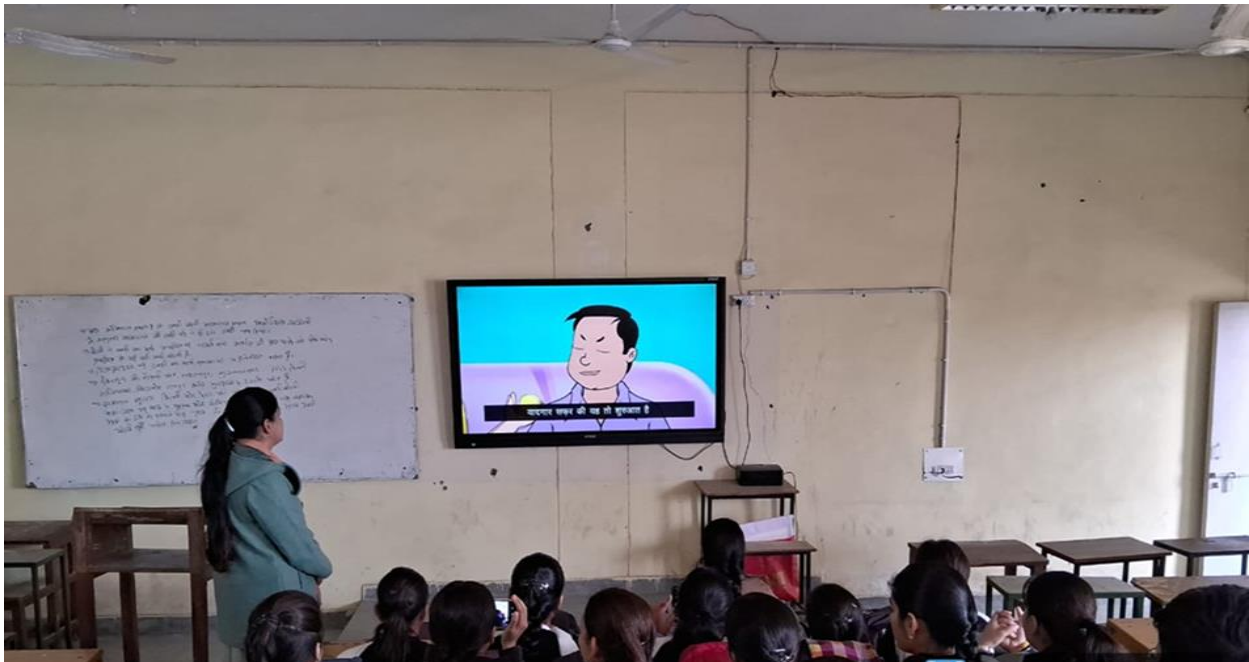
## 19-02-2024- Inauguration of Two Weeks Voters' Awareness Programme



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club, Department of Political Science, SPPND Govt. Degree College Samba inaugurated Two Weeks Voters' Awareness Programme on **“Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”** with the aim to educate about the electoral processes and strengthen the Indian democracy.



20-02-2024 - Nirvachitra - Screening of the short film, *Masti, Dosti aur Matdaan*



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College Samba organized Nirvachitra as a part of their two-week Voters' Awareness Programme centered around the theme “Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy”. Through the screening of the short film, *Masti, Dosti aur Matdaan*, students were able to delve into the essence of friendship and camaraderie intertwined with the power of voting.

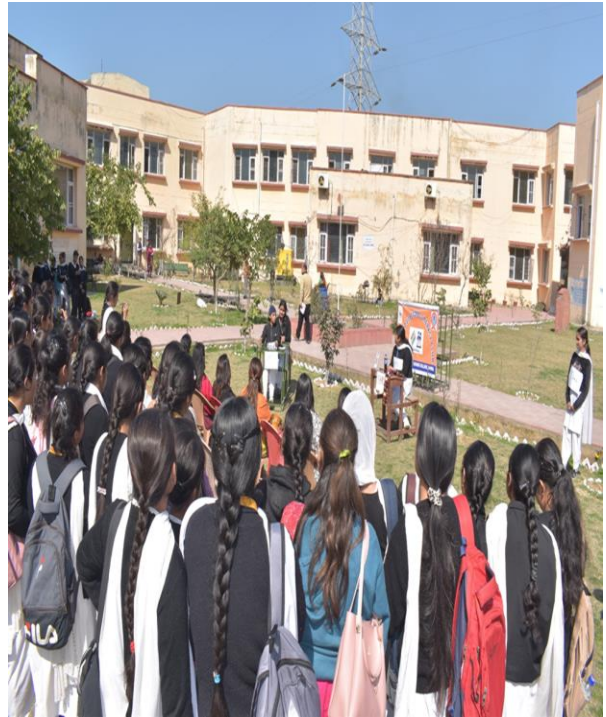
## 21-02-2024 - Young Voter's Registration Camp



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba **organized a Young Voter's Registration Camp** as part of two-week Voters' Awareness Programme under the aegis of Viksit Bharat@2047 which aimed to educate and engage young individuals in the electoral process, emphasizing the importance of voter registration and active participation in the democratic process.



## 22-02-2024:- Chunav Se Vikas – A Playlet



The Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized **Chunav Se Vikas – A Playlet** as part of two-week Voter's Awareness Programme. The playlet brilliantly showcased the transformative power of each vote in driving development and progress

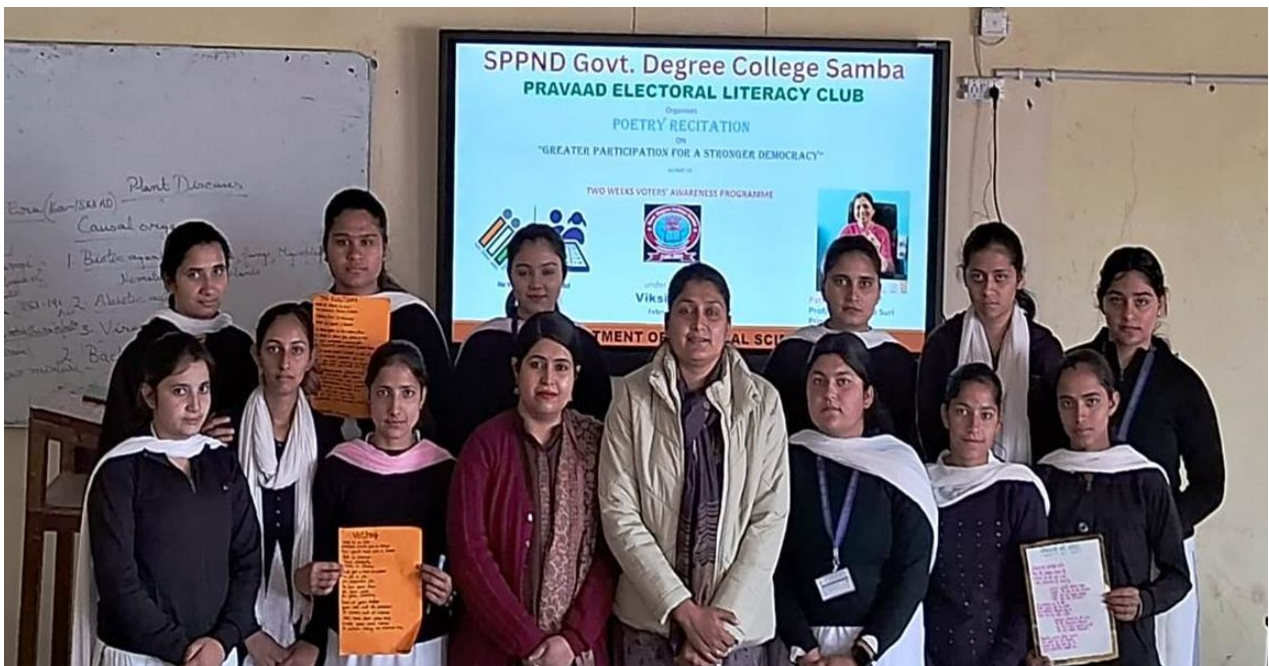


## 23-02-2024 'Build your Ballot'



PRAVAAD ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB of SPPND Govt. Degree College Samba organized '**Build your Ballot**' activity as part of ongoing two-week Voters' Awareness Programme under the aegis of VIKSIT BHARAT @2047.

## 26-02-2024 - Poetry Recitation



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized **Poetry Recitation** on the theme “Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy” as part of two-week Voter’s Awareness Programme.



## 26-02-2024 - Chunav Pe Charcha



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized **Chunav Pe Charcha** on the theme “**Challenges and Solutions for Voter Engagement**” as part of two-week Voter’s Awareness Programme. The interactive session, enriched with diverse perspectives and spirited discussions, shed light on the existing challenges faced by voters and explored potential strategies to overcome them.



## 28-02-2024 - One Day Voters' Awareness Workshop



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club, SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organised a **One Day Voters' Awareness Workshop**. Mr. Mohammed Sayeed, District Nodal Officer SVEEP, Samba was the Chief Guest for the workshop. The workshop featured an array of engaging activities comprising of four sessions. Session I commenced with a compelling keynote speech by Mr. Mohammed Sayeed, District Nodal Officer SVEEP Samba that emphasized the pivotal role of voter participation in ensuring a robust democracy. Session II saw attendees engaging in informative group discussions on Designing Effective Voter Awareness Campaigns, encouraging innovative strategies for reaching a wider audience. The event took a hands-on approach in Session III, facilitating an Interactive Workshop on Creating Wall Magazine to visually represent key voter awareness messages. In Session IV, participants collaborated on a Group Activity focusing on the Design and Content creation for the Wall Magazine, fostering teamwork and creativity in disseminating vital voter information.

## 29-02-2024 - “Class to Class Campaign”



As part of Two Week Voter's Awareness Programme, The Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized “**Class to Class Campaign**” under the aegis of Viksit Bharat@2047. During the campaign, ELC team interacted with the students in different class rooms and made them aware about the value of their vote.



Date: 01.03.2024 :- EVM and VVPAT Awareness



The Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organized **EVMS and VVPAT Awareness** as a part of their two-week Voters' Awareness Programme. *Vikas Anand* and *Ajay Charak*, Nodal Officers, EVM Awareness Programme (Mobile Demonstration Van) District Samba were the resource persons for today's event.



## 02.03.2024 - Student's Seminar



PRAVAAD ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB SPPND Govt. Degree College culminates Two weeks awareness Programme by organizes **Student's Seminar**



## 04 April, 2024 - AWARENESS RALLY



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Government Degree College, Samba, organized an **AWARENESS RALLY** to promote voter awareness and education, the event saw enthusiastic participation from the students.. Various slogans like *“Sacha yogya insaan chuno Apne mat se aap chuno”*, *“Jo baante daaru note, unko kabhi na denge vote”* etc.



## 06 April, 2024: - SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Government Degree College Samba launched a **SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN** under SVEEP highlighting the importance of voting and encouraging citizens to exercise their democratic right. The signature campaign, titled "**Your Vote, Your Voice,**" seeks to engage students, faculty members and the local community in discussions around the significance of voting in a democracy.



## 15 April, 2024 - Poster Making Activity



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Government Degree College, Samba organized an engaging **Poster Making Activity** with the aim of promoting voter awareness among the students. centered around the theme "**The Value of a Vote**".



## 22 April, 2024 - Voters' Awareness Programme in Village Panchayat Taloor.



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club in collaboration with NSS unit Maitri SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba organised Voters' Awareness Programme in Village Panchayat Taloor. The Pravaad team visited Brahm Dev temple and areas of the panchayat Taloor to create awareness regarding the importance of vote in upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. In a unique effort, the students conducted door to door visits and took promises from the residents that they will vote for sure in this election. To conclude the day, both the teams visited the polling station no. 70/64 - Taloor - A at Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Taloor wherein an interactive session was conducted with the staff and students to motivate them for voting.



## 24 April, 2024:- Mock Parliament



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba in collaboration with District Election Office, Samba organized a vibrant and educational **Mock Parliament** to enhance Voter Engagement . **Mohd. Sayeed, District Nodal Officer SVEEP** and **Mr. Ashaq Rafiq, DIO, Samba** presided over the event. This event proved to be an immersive journey into the heart of parliamentary procedures and constitutional values. The Mock Parliament aimed to empower students with a profound understanding of the intricate **workings of democracy, a cornerstone of our nation. The real magic was unfolded when students engaged in spirited role-playing and thought-provoking debates.** At the end, **Voter's Pledge** was also taken by the guests, staff and students to increase voter turnout in district Samba in this upcoming election. The event proved to be a crucial step towards nurturing participatory democracy in India.

## 25 April, 2024 - ROBUST SVEEP ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND COLLEGE



Pravaad Electoral Literacy Club of SPPND Govt. Degree College, Samba in collaboration with NSS Unit Maitri and **District Election Office, Samba** organised series of activities to enhance Voter Engagement.. The activities began at **Chichi Mata Temple** where students interacted with locals and made them aware about the importance of voting. In the parking area of the temple premises students performed *Nukkad Natak* on the theme *Aao Matdaan Kare* which was well received by the visitors at the temple. Later, the students started **the Awareness rally from the temple back to college via Mansar Morh**. Furthermore, awareness campaign for shops, vendors and passing vehicles was also conducted. At the end, **wall paintings** were made near the front gate to increase voter turnout in district Samba this upcoming election





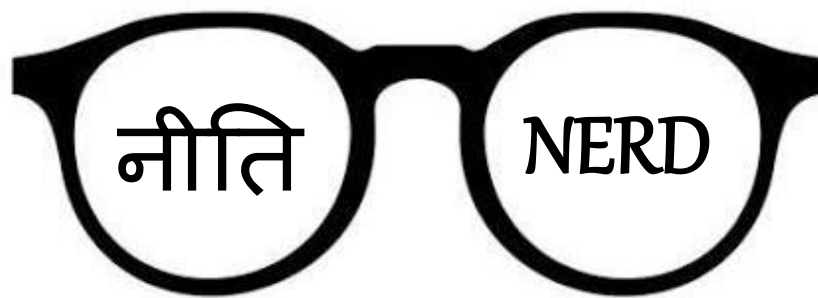
## 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 - MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Department of Political Science of SPPND Government Degree College Samba in collaboration Tagore Peace Club organized a stimulating Model United Nations event to commemorate the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The MUN conference brought together passionate students from Major Political Science who assumed the roles of delegates representing different countries to simulate the workings of the United Nations.

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