

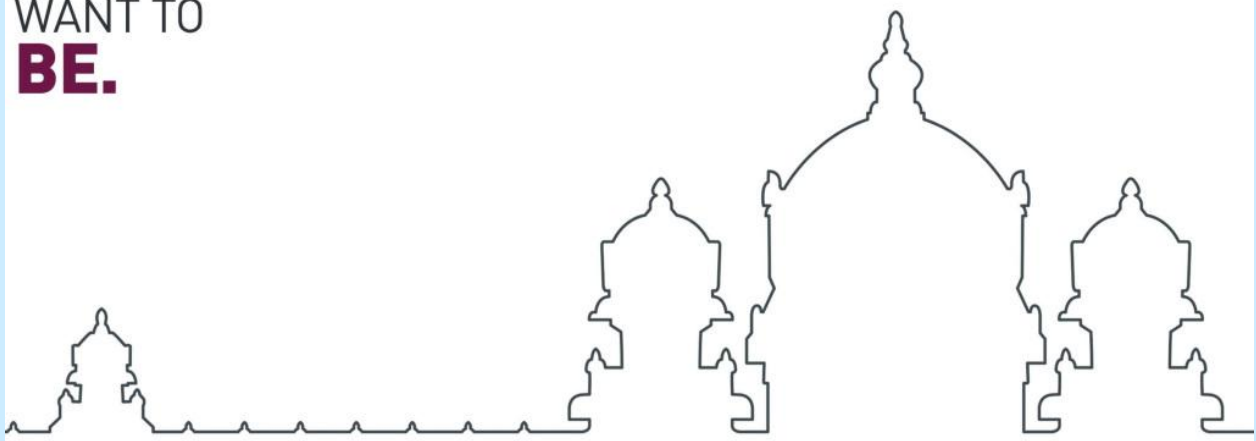


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Nation Building Through Civil Services-The Conversation



Environment and human health:
A New Perspective

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail

Renowned Soil Biologist & Ecologist

Environment and human health: A new perspective

Kumaraguru Civil Service Academy and Department of Political Science organized “Nation Building Through Civil Services” the Conversation series from 10.08.2020 to 13.08.2020 in association with Shankar IAS Academy and the knowledge Partner Takshashila Institution. From the senior most bureaucrats – Ex-Chief R&AW, Former India’s Representative to UN to young and aspirational Civil Servants – the series was proved to be the most insightful one for all the students, faculty and the Civil Service aspirants.

The first session, “Environment and human health: A New Perspective” was handled by Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, a renowned Soil Biologist & Ecologist. The resource person was welcomed and introduced by Dr. Vijila Kennedy, the principal of KCLAS.

Dr. Ismail started his presentation to show the participants, journey of human health and environment. He began by explaining about the environmental theme of 2020 “celebrate biodiversity”. His presentation and explanations included restoration and rehabilitation of mother nature and the ecosystem. He continued by enumerating the hazardous effects in the ecosystem caused due to human activities. Dr. Ismail, who is specialized in earthworm study, stressed upon various facts of earthworms and how their activity offers innumerable benefits for the soil. He pointed fingers on “human and nature coordination”, where food quality was explained deeply. The presentation was concluded with insights on vermitech and resource management.

This was followed by a Q&A session handled by Mr. Vijay. Participants raised many questions covering many aspects of the ecosystem and Dr. Ismail explained them all. The session came to an end with the vote of thanks delivered by Master. Saran II B.A. Political Science student of KCLAS.



Mr. Keerthi Vasan, IAS - Career in Civil Services by #KCLAS

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Career in Civil Services

V Keerthi Vasan IAS

AIR-29, TN topper

Alumnus, Shankar IAS Academy

Career in Civil Services

The second session for the Series was handled by the eminent guest Mr. V.Keerthi Vasan, IAS, AIR 29, TN Topper, Alumnus Shankar IAS Academy. He was introduced and welcomed by Mr. Nivethan, Program lead at Center for Leadership, Empowerment and Development (CLED), KCT.

Mr. Keerthi Vasan IAS is under training from the batch of 2018. The honorable guest started his session by stating the importance of Civil Service and Civil Servants for the society. This insightful session had discussions about the various criteria to be an IAS, IPS, and IFS. The guest presented few videos, one involving his days at LBSNAA titled "MAANZIL" and the other on the Bharat Darshan that his batch went on,during their training period. He shared his personal experience and tips and tricks for cracking exams in a strategic way. He stressed that the three aspects of "being organized, discipline, and persistently motivated" along with having proper time planning and management as the vital key for cracking the examination.

The Q&A session was moderated by Mr. Chandrasekar, Head of Academics, Shankar IAS Academy and Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Janani Ramesh, student of II B.A. Political Science, and it marked the end of day 1.



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Emerging Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy

Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan, IFS

Former Permanent Representative of India to UN, Former Governor of India in IAEA

Emerging Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy

A fresh day began with a wonderful session about the "Emerging Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy. Dr. Vijila Kennedy, the principal of KCLAS welcomed the distinguished guest, Mr. T.P. Sreenivasan, IFS. He was the former India's Permanent Representative to UN, and the former Governor of India in IAEA. She also listed out various achievements and eminent works that the guest had done for the nation.

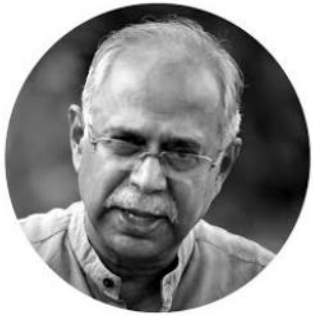
The session started with a serious note on Diplomacy, and the setbacks caused due to the pandemic. The role of India in foreign affairs was elaborated in detail by Mr. Sreenivasan. India's friendly and fair bilateral relations with countries around the world have promoted cooperation and subtracted misunderstandings considerably. A small glimpse on the newly independent India was also discussed. He also mentioned about the politics that happens in the international arena, the rise and fall of various countries around the globe. He also gave a piece of advice for the upcoming policy makers.

The Q&A session was very insightful. The session concluded with Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Gawthaman.M, Assistant Professor for the Department Political science, KCLAS.



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India's National Security

Mr. Hormis Tharakan, IPS

Former Chief of R & AW, Former DGP, Kerala

India's National Security

Mr. Hormis Tharakan IPS, Former chief of R&AW and former DGP of Kerala, was the eminent guest for the fourth talk of the webinar series. Dr. Vijila Kennedy, the Principal of KCLAS, introduced and welcomed the guest.

India's National Security a very vital topic, was smoothly handled by Mr. Tharakan. He explained on how national security and the upliftment of people are interconnected. He also mentioned about Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam's dream of "Vision 2020" in relation to national security. Various myths and facts relayed to the nation's security were put forward. National Architectural advancement will prove to be the main objective of national security. A glimpse on recent border clashes and role of national security and its machinery were also discussed. The distinguished personality concluded by saying, "I will never stop serving my nation".

The interactive Q&A session was handled by Mr. Chandrasekar, Head of Academics – Shankar IAS Academy. It was followed by Vote of thanks conveyed by Mr. Gawthaman. M, faculty KCLAS.



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Climate Change and Pandemic

Mr. Sunder Rajan

Coordinator, Poovulagin Nanbargal

Climate change and Pandemic

A nature lover, Mr. Sunder Rajan, who is the coordinator of Poovulagin Nanbargal was the esteemed speaker for session 5. Mr. Gawthaman.M, Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Science, welcomed the guest and the participants.

The first thing Mr. Rajan mentioned was about how human activities have negatively affected Mother Nature with pandemics being one of its results. "Break in the ecology cycle, gave way to pandemics" was the one of the important information he shared. This statement was supported by simple examples for a student to understand. Various pandemics such as COVID-19 were also discussed, showcasing the unfavorable conditions that has now happened caused due to the ill activities of humans. Factual information was provided for proving his points legit. He unraveled the dark truth was that the extinction of the human race was not very far and explained how the change was the need of the hour.

Mr. Vijay, the faculty of Shankar IAS Academy handled the Q & A, and then the vote of thanks delivered by Ms. AnandhaKarthick, Assistant Professor of the Department of Visual Communication, KCLAS.



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Walk the path of your IPS dream

Mr. R. Aadhithya, IPS
District Police Chief, Thrissur
Alumnus, Shankar IAS Academy

Walk the path of your IPS dream

The power packed evening session was graced by Mr. R. Aadhithya IPS, District Police Chief of Thrissur and the Alumnus of Shankar IAS Academy, who presented the topic "Walk the path of your IPS dream". Welcome address was delivered by Mr. Gawthaman.M, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, KCLAS.

Mr. Aadhithya IPS started the session by sharing his own experience and briefed tips for improving analytical skills for all the aspirants. His daring nature prompted a risk-taking factor throughout his journey. His strategies in cracking examination were thought provoking. The distinguished personality quotes, "Police is a service to the society." He also briefed the evolution of the department. Challenges of an IPS officer were discussed and the stability of mind was emphasized. He wrapped up the session by advising all the aspirants, to serve the nation with moral and order to build a strong future.

Q&A session was moderated by Mr. Gawthaman.M, and vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Anandha Karthick, Assistant Professor, School of Visual Communication, KCLAS.



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Women in Civil Services

Ms.Sindhu Kavi. M.R, IRS

Assistant Commissioner, Income Tax,
Alumnus, Shankar IAS Academy

Women in Civil Services

The final day of the Conversation Series was dignified with the honorable Women Civil Servants. The eminent guest for session 7 was Ms. Sindhu Kavi.M.R, IRS, Assistant Commissioner, Income Tax and the Alumnus, Shankar IAS Academy. Introduction and welcome address were delivered by Mr. Nivethan, the Program lead of CLED, KCT.

Ms. Sindhu Kavi explained how the process of recruitment of Civil Servants improved her personality. She pin pointed the importance of failures during the journey of becoming a civil servant. Her vision and thoughts focused upon the upliftment of women in the society. "Stereotypes are not supposed to hold dreams back", she mentioned. Lots of ground reality on how women behave, from an urban society to a rural area was checked upon. "Biological difference doesn't matter if you want to bring a change", she stated.

The Q&A session and the vote of thanks were handled by Mr. Gawthaman.M, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, KCLAS.



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From Campus to Civil Services:
A Road Map

Ms J Gitanjali, IFS
AIR 49 (2019)

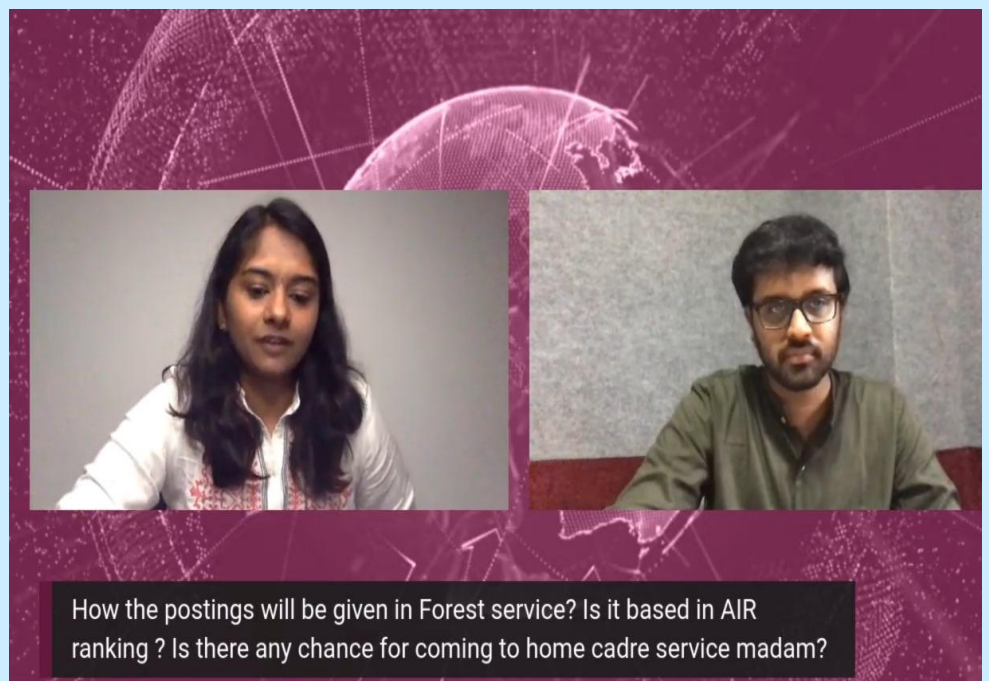
Alumnus, Kumaraguru College of Technology &
Shankar IAS Academy

From Campus to Civil Service : A Road map

The final, interesting session, “From Campus to Civil Service: A Road Map” was delivered by Ms. Gitanjali J, IFS (AIR 2019), the Alumnus of Kumaraguru College of Technology and Shankar IAS Academy. Welcome address was delivered by Ms. Anandha Karthick, Assistant Professor, School of Visual Communication, KCLAS.

Ms. Gitanjali’s opening thoughts were about the perks and valleys of the forest service. She briefed the hierarchy in the forest service and variations in the state and central level. “Project tiger” and “Project elephant” were elaborated. The dignified guest was also an expert in martial arts and administrative ideas. She pointed out that student life was the most valuable period of her life for it proved to be the learning phase of many skills. She quotes, “The most important thing of all is to find the core feeling within us.”

The Q&A session was moderated by Mr. Nivethan, CLED, KCT. The session concluded with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Gawthaman.M, Assistant Professor, Department of Political, KCLAS.



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KCLAS Student Corner

Student Participation in Webinar

Webinar Participation

- Vasuki of II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Seires on 07.08.2020
- Vasanthof II B.A Political science has attended “SilapathigaramKudimakkalKappiyamae” webinar organized by Evolve Webinar Series and Tamil Mandram on 01.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “My startup journey” webinar organized by Sprout KPOL Alumini Series, Kumaraguru Institutions on 01.08.2020
- Vasukiof II B.A Political science has attended “Musical evening by Parvathy Jayadevan” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 01.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Musical evening by Parvathy Jayadevan” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 01.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “SilapathigaramKudimakkalKappiyamae” webinar organized by Evolve and Tamil Mandram on 01.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “ArivaiPagir” webinar organized by Maatram Students Association on 02.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Life through lens” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Seires on 04.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Indian temple architecture” webinar organized by Great Chola Research Group on 02.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “75 years of Hiroshima bomb blast” webinar organized by Shanthi Ashram on 07.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 07.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Harmonize compassionate coach” webinar organized by CLED, Kumaraguruon 02.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Born to Win”webinar organized by Department of Physical Education, Kumaraguru Institutions on 03.08.2020

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Student Participation in Webinar

- Pratheekshaof II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 07.08.2020
- Aathithyaof II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams”webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 07.08.2020
- Aathiraof II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 07.08.2020
- Suhithaof II B.A Political science has attended “Cracking competitive exams” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series 07.08.2020
- Vasanthof II B.A Political science has attended “Musical evening by Parvathy Jayadevan” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 01.08.2020
- Lavanyaof II B.A Political science has attended “PadaippulagamumPennulagamum”webinar organized by Tamil Mandram and Evolve Webinar Series on 08.08.2020
- Vasanthof II B.A Political science has attended “PadaippulagamumPennulagamum” webinar organized by Tamil Mandram and Evolve Webinar Serieson 08.08.2020
- Vasanthof II B.A Political science has attended “Reliving Literature through Immersive and Interactive Technologies”webinar organized by Department of English, KCLAS on 14.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “PadaippulagamumPennulagamum” webinar organized by Tamil Mandram and Evolve Webinar Series on 08.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Tamil Writers”webinar organized byTamil University, Tanjore on 10.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Leaders of Future” webinar organized by YuvaKumaraguru on 15.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Creative writing :Passion to profession”webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 16.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “What I do as a Sex Educator bySwathiJagadhish” webinar organized by Young ones on 16.08.2020
- Nandhakumarof II B.A Political science has attended “Nenjaiallumsilambu”webinar organized by Alagappa University on 19.08.2020

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Student Participation in Webinar

- Nandhakumar of II B.A Political science has attended “Perfection is the wrong direction” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 08.08.2020
- Sujitha of II B.A Political science has attended “Perfection is the wrong direction” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 18.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A Political science has attended “Untold stories of a cricket match” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 21.08.2020
- Vasanth of II B.A Political science has attended “Vannadasan 75” webinar organized by Tirunelveli Melum&Mahathamizh YouTube channel on 20.08.2020
- Lavanya of II B.A Political science has attended “My journey as Craft – preneur” webinar organized by Evolve Webinar Series on 22.08.2020
- Lavanya of II B.A Political science has attended “MagakaviyumMahathmavum” webinar organized by Evolve Webinar Series and Tamil Mandram on 22.08.2020
- Vasanth of II B.A Political science has attended “MagakaviyumMahathmavum” webinar organized by Evolve Webinar Series and Tamil Mandram on 22.08.2020
- Lavanya of II B.A Political science has attended “Snapshot with Thamizhselvi” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 25.08.2020
- Vasanth of II B.A Political science has attended “Snapshot with Thamizhselvi” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 25.08.2020
- Kirubhakaran of II B.A Political science has attended “Snapshot with Thamizhselvi” webinar organized by Evolve - Kclas Webinar Series on 25.08.2020
- Rithik Sanjay of II B.A Political science has attended “How to conduct Online classes” webinar organized by Adarsh College on 25.08.2020
- Rithik Sanjay of II B.A Political Science has attended “20 Technical Tools for Prolific Educators” webinar organized by Target Education And Career Academy on 26.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A Political Science has attended “Stop using To –do list” webinar organized by KCT Civil Association on 26.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A Political Science has attended “Engaging Urban Configuration with a Spatial Logic” webinar organized by Department of Social Work, Kclas on 26.08.2020

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Online Courses

- Nandhakumar of II B.A Political Science has attended “Journey of an Entrepreneur” webinar organized by Sri Eshwar College of Engineering on 27.08.2020
- Saran of II B.A. Political Science has attended “Art of improving your Vocabulary” webinar organized by Department of English, Kclas on 28.08.2020
- Ashila of II B.A. Political Science has attended “Art of improving your Vocabulary” webinar organized by Department of English, Kclas on 28.08.2020
- Pratheeksha of II B.A. Political Science has attended “Art of improving your Vocabulary” webinar organized by Department of English, Kclas on 28.08.2020
- Arshya Taj of II B.A. Political Science has attended “Art of improving your Vocabulary” webinar organized by Department of English, Kclas on 28.08.2020

Online Courses

- AswinPrabhu of II B.A Political science has completed “An Introduction to American Law” course, offered by University of Pennsylvania on 04.08.2020
- Aathira of II B.A Political science has completed “Children's Human Rights - An interdisciplinary introduction” course, offered by Universit  De Geneve on 15.08.2020
- Suhitha of II B.A Political science has completed “An introduction to American Law” course, offered by University of Pennsylvania on 04.08.2020

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Student Participation in Competitions

Competitions

- Nandhakumar of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Saviour quiz” organized by YRC – KCT on 05.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Kavipooma lyrics writing competition” organized by Kumaraguru Tamil Mandram on 05.08.2020
- Lavanya of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Pen it down” organized by KIT Toastmaster Club on 12.08.2020
- Vasanth of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Pen it down” organized by KIT Toastmaster Club on 12.08.2020
- Hemabharathi of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Sudhandhira Poratathil Tamizharin Pangalippu” organized by Government Victoria College on 15.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Quizine” organized by Rotaract Club, KCT on 08.08.2020
- Aathira of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Suit up the Heros” organized by Varnam Club of Kumaraguru.
- Nandhakumar of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Praise the Prosperity” organized by Nature Club of Kumaraguru on 15.08.2020
- Saran of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Online Youth Parliament” organized by Quiz Club of PSGCAS on 14.08.2020 to 15.08.2020
- Nandhakumar of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Communication and interpersonal skill quiz” organized by MVW Association on 19.08.2020
- Vasanth of II B.A.Political Science has participated in “Tamil Laikkiya Thiranithal Thervu” organized by Willington Seematti Institute of Advanced Study in Education on 21.08.2020

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Student Participation in Events

- Saranof II B.A Political science is the member of the Marketing, Content Creation and Moderation Teams in the Peer Learning Vertical of Sprout, Kumaraguru Institutions
- Ashilaof II B.A Political science is the member of the Content Creation and Moderation Teams in the Peer Learning Vertical of Sprout, Kumaraguru Institutions
- Saran of II B.A Political science was the coordinator for the Pictorial Quiz organized by Books and Beyond and Qubate Club, Kumaraguru Institutions on 15.08.2020
- Saranof II B.A Political science was the coordinator for EIA Discussion organized by Qubate Club
- Saran, Janani Ramesh, Shivadharsiini, AdithyaKarthick and Rithik Sanjay of II B.A.Political Science were the Student Coordinators for Nation Building Webinar Series organized by Department of Political Science, KCLAS and Shankar IAS Academy
- Rithik Sanjay of II B.A .Political Science is the President for the Technical Team in Evolve Webinar Series, Kclas
- Ashila of II B.A .Political Science is the Vice president for PR Team in Evolve Webinar Series, Kclas
- Janani Ramesh, AdithyaKarthick, Sibi, Sujitha of II B.A .Political Science are members of Guest Management Team, Technical Team and PR Team of Evolve Webinar Series respectively.
- Vasanth of II B.A .Political Science is the coordinator for the Webinar Series organized by Tamil Mandram and Evolve Webinar Series.



Dr.D.S.Makkalanban

- Ph.D., in Political Science on 'WTO' (2009) University of Madras, Chennai
- M.Phil in International Organization (2006) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- M.A in Political Science (2003) Presidency College, Chennai securing 1st Rank
- BA in HEP (2001) St. Joseph's College, Bangalore
- UGC- NET (2004) in Political Science
- UGC- NET (2009) in Human Rights and Duties
- UGC- JRF (2004 to 2006) & UGC- SRF (2006 to 2009) in Political Science
- UGC- JRF (2009) in Human Rights and Duties
- "Fellowship for Young Research Scholars" (2006) by CENTAD (An Oxfam GB Initiative, London))

He has 26 publications till date on issues covering WTO, international organizations, corruption, human rights, child rights, consumer welfare, parliament and political system of India. He has presented papers and participated in more than 75 international/national/state level conferences/workshops and in UGC-Extension activities.

He is *Executive Editor* of peer reviewed journal "International, and Editorial Adviser/Reviewer" of "International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research and Modern Education" and "Journal on Contemporary Issues of Law".

He was Resource Person/Chairperson/Moderator/Trainer/Rapporteur for UGC, ICSSR and IIPA Conferences/Seminars and had been invited to deliver special lectures for reputed institutions like National Institute for Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad (2015), Tamil Nadu National Law School, Trichy (2014) etc. Also associated with Pondicherry University and Annamalai University in official capacity.

He is a life member of Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) and Indian Society of Criminology (ISC). His areas of interest include Political Theory, Political Obligation, World Trade Organization, Indian Foreign Policy, Political Process in India and International Relations.

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Prashant Kumar Choudhary

Prashant is pursuing his PhD. in Political Science from Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, Karnataka. His topic of Ph.D. research is “Agrarian Change, Migration and Caste Politics in Bihar”. He has completed his Master degree in Social Entrepreneurship from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai in 2013. He later pursued another Master degree from IGNOU in political science. He pursued his M.Phil. from Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (University of Calcutta) 2015. He has taught at BMS College of Law and PES University, Bengaluru as an assistant professor. His areas of interests are Indian Politics, International Relations and Political Theory.

Research Achievements and Activities

- Published paper in “Indian Politics and Policy”.

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- To be an academican where I can contribute my academic qualification & personal experiences and skills towards the success of the institution along with my professional career, a career that will earn me satisfaction and enable me to learn more in life.

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- A range of books, movies, artists and sports persons.

