

STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

POLITICAL ECOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA



STATECRAFT SOCIETY
DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
RAM LAL ANAND COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

in collaboration with

CLEAN ENERGY & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE *THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE*
SAMDRISHTI

organises

GROUP DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION
on
POLITICAL ECOLOGY
IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

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TUESDAY

 02:00 PM
ONWARDS

 ROOM 03,
RLAC CAMPUS

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GROUP DISCUSSION - POLITICAL ECOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY INDIA

The department organized a group discussion and deliberation under Statecraft Society, centered on the theme of Political Ecology. The event was organized in collaboration with the Clean Energy and Conservation Committee as well as Samdrishti' the college magazine. The event was attended by students from the first and second years of the Political

Science department. The event was convened and moderated by Dr. Alankar of the Political Science department. The aim of the event was to engage the students to delve into the complexities of Political Ecology as well as its issues pertaining to contemporary India. It emphasized the increasing importance of Political Ecology in light of the rampant environmental degradation, how the issues of political ecology are multi-faceted, encompassing social, economic, political, and environmental dimensions. Discussion covered various case studies of the theme in relation to contemporary India; Joshimath Landslides, Aarey tree-felling, Yamuna pollution, illegal mining, protests against Buxwaha diamond mining, Kudankulam Nuclear plant, Silverline fast rail project, groundwater depletion in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, sea level rise in Sundarbans, dam building in eco fragile zones of North East India and Himachal, tree cutting in Great Nicobar Islands, coral reef depletion in Lakshadweep etc.

The discussion proved to be a resounding success and the students left the classroom with a high appreciation not just for the academic discipline but also for the 'Environment' around us.