REPORT

ON

"YOUR ROADMAP TO THE CIVIL SERVICES"

DATE: 17TH November 2026

VENUE: Bebe Nanki Hall, Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi

Milestone – The Civil Services Cell of Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi (an initiative of IQAC), in collaboration with Vajiram & Ravi IAS Institute, organised a seminar titled "Your Roadmap to the Civil Services".

The seminar commenced with a welcome address by the student hosts, Sakshi Aggarwal (President) and Swadha Joshi (Vice President) of Milestone, followed by the introduction of the guest speaker, Mr. Samarjit Mishra, Faculty of Indian Polity and COO at Vajiram & Ravi IAS Institute and a former civil servant with the Odisha Government.

During the session, Mr. Samarjit Mishra sir highlighted the importance of having a clear roadmap for civil services preparation and discussed the advantages of starting early. He emphasised that every aspirant has an individual journey and encouraged students to focus on consistency rather than perfection. He shared valuable insights on choosing the optional subject, effective study techniques, the importance of standard books, regular revision, newspaper reading and answer-writing skills. He also discussed the relevance of coaching, the role of NCERTs and the importance of analysing Previous Year Questions (PYQs).

Addressing college students, he encouraged them to utilise their college years productively by participating in societies and other activities while maintaining academic discipline. He also explained a preparation timeline for the 2030 Civil Services Examination, highlighting the importance of becoming Mains-ready well before the Prelims examination. Furthermore, he emphasised that aspiring civil servants should have clear intentions, empathy and a genuine commitment towards society and nation building.

The session also included an interactive discussion in which students got the opportunity to raise their queries and seek guidance regarding their preparation. The seminar concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the guest speaker, faculty coordinators, college administration, collaborating institute and participating students.

Overall, the seminar was an informative and enriching initiative that provided students with practical guidance and a clearer perspective on civil services preparation. It encouraged them to approach their aspirations with consistency, commitment, confidence and a sense of responsibility towards society.