

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERISTY

Ph.D COURSE STRUCTURE

The Ph.D. Programme of the Department of Political Science will have two components.

- Course work of one semester along with a dissertation to be completed in the three semesters as per Universities rules and regulations.
- The course work will have three papers
  - 1) Research Methodology.
  - 2) Computer Application.
  - 3) Advanced knowledge on concern subject (to be selected from four optional papers).

## PAPER – I : Research Methodology

1. Philosophical foundation of Social Science Research: Purpose of Knowledge in Social Science, Rationalism and Empiricism; Explanation vs understanding in Social Sciences.
2. Approaches to the Social Science Research: Normative, Historical, Behavioural and Marxist. Concept in Social Science Research – Definition, Facts, Concept, Hypotheses.
3. Formulation of a research problem: Selecting a research topic, basic considerations.
4. Data Collection and Analysis: Sources of Data; Methods and Tools of data collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedule, use of library, Sampling techniques, data tabulation and presentation. Use of statistical tools: Mean, Median, Mode and Content Analysis.
5. Presentation of the Report – Types, Content, Format, Principles of writing footnotes, endnotes, bibliography, appendixes references, indexing, glossary.

### Books Recommended:

- V. Van Dyke: Political Science, A philosophical Analysis, Stanford, University Press, Stanford, 1960.
- A. Brecht, Political Theory, foundation of 20<sup>th</sup> century Political theory, The times of India Press Bombay, 1970.
- P.B Young, Thesis and Dissertation writing, New Delhi, Wiley Eastern, 1987.
- Barnes J, A, The Ethics of inquiry in social science, Oxford University press, Delhi 1977.
- Gardener Martin, Fads and Fallacies in the name of Science, New York American Library 1986.
- M. Duvverger, An introduction to social Science with special reference to their methods (translated by M. Anderson) New York, Frederic A Praeger, 1964.
- Penning, Petal, Doing Research in political science, sage publication, New Delhi 1999.
- Reynolds, H.T, Political Science Research Methods, CQ press Washington, DC, 2007.

## Optional Papers

### I: Issues and Processes in the Politics of North East India

1. Nationalism and Regionalism
2. The Constitutional institutions and Traditional societies:
  - (a) 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule to Constitution of India; ADC: its structure, powers and functions
  - (b) Panchayati Raj Institution- 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment Acts.
  - (c) Panchayati Raj Institution vs Traditional Institutions.
3. Politics of Ethnicity and Civil Societies.
4. Human Rights in North East India; Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1956, as amended from time to time.
5. Boundary disputes in North East India with special reference to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

#### Basic Readings:

- Baruah, Apurba K, & Rajesh Dev (eds), Ethnic identities and Democracy, Regency publishers, New Delhi 2006.
- Baruah A.K (ed), Student power in North East India, New Delhi, Regency, Publisher, 2000.
- Baruah A.K, Tribal Tradition and Crisis of Governance in North East India. with special reference to Meghalaya, crisis states programme working papers no. 1 London Destine, 2003.
- Chattopadhyaya, S.K (ed), Tribal institution of Meghalaya, Gauhati, Spectrum Publication, 1985.
- Chaube, S.K, Hill Politics in North East India, Delhi Orient Longman, 1999.
- Gassah, L.S (ed), Autonomous District Councils, New Delhi, Omsons Publication, 1997.
- Goswami, Atul (ed), Traditional Self-Governing Institutions among the Hill, Tribes of North East India, New Delhi, Akanksha, 2002.
- Guha ,Amalendu. Planter Raj to Swaraj, New Delhi. ICHR. 1977.

- Hansaria, Vijay, Sixth schedule to the Constitution of India (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) New Delhi Universal Law Publishing Company 2005.
- Manorama Sharma, Critically Assessing Traditions : The case of Meghalaya, Destine, London, London School of Economics, 2004.
- Pakem, B (ed), Regionalism in India New Delhi Har-Anand Publication, 1993.
- Paul, R. Brass, Ethnicity and Nationalism : Theory and Comparison, New Delhi, Sage publication 1991.
- Phukon, Girin (ed), Political Dynamics of North East India, New Delhi, South Asian Publishers 2000.
- Rao, V V, A Century of Tribal Politics in North East India (1874- 1974), Delhi S. Chand and Co, 1986.
- Sarkar, Jayanta and Dutta Ray, B (ed), Social and Political Institutions of the Hills People of North East India, Director General ASI Govt of India – Calcutta MHRD Dept of culture 1990.
- Sengupta, Susmita, Regionalism in Meghalaya New Delhi, South Asia Publishers 2005.
- Singh, B.P, The Problem of Change : A study of North-East India, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1998.

## II: Issues in Indian Politics

1. Contextualizing Indian Politics: Debates on Colonialism and Post Colonialism.
2. Democracy: Participation and Representation Politics: a) Challenges and reforms (b) Electoral reforms.
3. Electoral Politics.
4. Political Economy of development and issues of Economic Reforms : (a) 5 Years Plans (b) Rural Development programmes.
5. Students Politics in North East India with Special reference to Arunachal Pradesh.

### Basic Readings:

- Ahuja, M.L, *General Elections in India: Electoral Politics, Electoral Reforms and Political Parties*, Icon Publishers, New Delhi, 2005.
- Ashcroft Bill, (ed), *Key concepts in post colonial Studies*, London and New York, Routledge, 1998.
- Bardhan, Pranab, *The Political Economy of Development in India*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1984.
- Dent, Martin J, *Identity Politics: Filling the Gap between Federalism and independence*, Ashgate Publishing Limited, London, 2004.
- Frankel, F.R (ed), *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2000.
- Jenkins, Rob, *Democratic Politics and Economic Reforms in India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1999.
- Kaviraj, Sudipta, *Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1998.
- Kohli, Atul, *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability*, Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Kohli, Atul, *The Success of India's Democracy*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2001.
- Kothari, Rajni, *State against Democracy : In search for Humane Governance*, Ajanta, Delhi, 1998.
- Kurien, C.T , *Economic Reforms and the People*, Madhyam Books, New Delhi, 1996.
- Misra, Udayon, *North East India: Quest for Identity*, New Delhi, Omsons Publications 1988.
- Nayyar, Deepak. *Economic Liberalization in India : Analytics Experiences and Lesson*, Hyderabad, Orient Longman 1996.

Nkrumah, Kwame, Neo-Colonialism : The last stage of Imperialism, London, Thomas Nelson and Sons 1965.

Reddi, Agarala Easware and D. Sundar Ram, Electoral Reforms in India, New Delhi, Uppal Publishing House 1992.

Weiner, Myron, The Indian Paradox : Essays in Indian Politics, New Delhi, Sage, Publishers 1999.

Young, Robert J.C, Post colonialism : A Very Short Introduction, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2003.

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### III: Political Sociology

**Objectives :** This course intends to acquaint the student of Political Science with the basics of Political Sociology.

**Contents :**

Unit 1                      Meaning, Nature and Development Political Sociology.

Unit 2                      Basic Concepts:

- State & Civil Society
- Political Actors
- Political Attitude & Apathy

Unit 3                      Political Culture

- Political Culture and its foundation
- Political Culture and Democracy

Unit 4                      Political Socialisation

- Meaning of Political Socialisation
- Agency of Socialisation

Unit 5                      Political Ideology

- Meaning, Nature & Role in Society
- Role of Public Opinion.

## Reading Material

- Ali Ashraf & L.N Sharma, Political Sociology, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 1983.
- H.D Lasswell & Haven Kaplan, Power & Society, Yale University Press New 1961
- Lewis A Cesar, Political Sociology Harper & Row New York 1967
- Robert & Dowse, political Sociology, John Wiley & sons London New
- John A Hughes, York 1972.
- I.L Horowitz, Foundation of Political Sociology, Longman New York, 1972.
- L.W Pye, Political culture and Political Development Princeton
- S Verba (eds), University press Princeton New Jersey 1965.
- A.K Mukhopadhyaya, Political Sociology Bagchi & Co, Calcutta
- Kingsley, Human-Society
- M Duverger, Political Parties, Methuen London 1954.
- J I Palombora & M. Weiner, Political parties & Political Development, Princeton University
- press, Princeton, 1966.
- R. Michele, First Lecturers in political Sociology University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis
- , 1949.
- H. Eckstein, Pressure group politics Allen & Unwin London, 1960.
- E V Walter, Power & Violence, APSR 63, 1964.
- D. Pal, a, Political Apathy,
- Irvin M Zeitlin, Ideology and development of sociology theory.



