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**Course structure and syllabus for  
M. Phil. of Political Science  
(W.e.f. 2009-10)**

# SYLLABUS FOR THE M.PHIL COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERISTY

## M.PHIL COURSE STRUCTURE

The M.Phil 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 four papers two of which
  - 1) Research Methodology
  - 2) Issues and processes in politics of North East India will be compulsory for all students. The Third & Fourth paper will be chosen from the optional papers offered by the department from time to time.

## PAPER – I : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (Compulsory)

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 and Behavioural approaches, Marxist Methodology. Concept in Social Science Research – Definition, facts, Concept, Hypotheses.
3. Formulation of a research problem : Selecting a research topic, basic considerations.
4. Data Collection ; Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Schedule; use of library. Sampling – types – sample size, sources of Primary and secondary interview content analysis. Data Analysis use of statistics mean, Median and Measure, Content Analysis.
5. Presentation of the Report – Content, Format, Rules for footnotes, Tables, Abstract and bibliography preparation.

### 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. Duverger : 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.

## PAPER II : ISSUES AND PROCESS 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 structure powers and functions

(b) Panchayati Raj Institution- 73<sup>rd</sup>, 74<sup>th</sup> Amendment

(c) Panchayati Raj Institution and Traditional Institutions of Arunachal Pradesh.

3. Politics of Ethnicity and Civil Societies

4. Human Rights special Armed Forces special power Act, (1956), and 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  
Baruah A.K (ed)
- : Ethnic identities and Democracy, Regency publishers,  
New Delhi 2006
- : 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)  
NewDelhi 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 : Social and Political Institutions of the Hills People of  
Dutta Ray, B (ed) 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.

### PAPER III : 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.
4. Political Economy of development and issues of Economic Reforms : (a) 5 Years Plans (b) Rural Development programs.
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, New Delhi, Icon Publishers 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 London Ashgate Publishing Limited 2004.
- Frankel, F.R (ed) : Transforming India : Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Jenkins, Rob, : Democratic Politics and Economic Reforms in India, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press 1999.
- Kaviraj, Sudipta, : Politics in India, Delhi Oxford University Press 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, Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- Kothari, Rajni : State against Democracy : In search for Humane Governance, Delhi, Ajanta, 1998.

