



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 Two semester along with a dissertation to be completed in the four 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)

Unit I - Philosophical foundation of Social Science Research :

- Purpose of Knowledge in Social Science,
- Rationalism
- Empiricism

Unit II - Approaches to the Social Science Research :

- Normative, Historical and Behavioural approaches, Marxist Methodology.
- Concept in Social Science Research- Definition, Facts.

Unit III - Research Design and Proposal

- Selection and formulation of a Research Problem
- Literature review,
- Variables, Hypothesis.
- Footnote, references, Bibliography

Unit IV- Tools of Research (Quantitative and Qualitative)

- Sampling and Survey research
- Techniques of Data Collection (Observation, Questionnaire and Schedule, Interview).
- Case studies & ethnographic studies.

Unit V- Data Analysis and Report Writing

- Content Analysis
- Interpretation of data : descriptive inferential and co-relational.
- Techniques of Report / Thesis Writing

Books Recommended :

- V. Van Dyke : *Political Science, A philosophical analysis* Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1960.
- A. Brecht : *Political Theory*, foundation of 20th 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 PROCESSES AS IN THE POLITICS OF NORTH EAST INDIA

Unit I - India's Northeast an introduction.

- Understanding the concept of North East India.
- Geographic location and physiographic divisions.
- Ethnographic profile.

Unit II - Political and Constitutional Development.

- A Brief background of each state.
- Sixth Schedule
- North East Areas (Reorganization) Act 1971..

Unit III - Issues and Challenges.

- Insurgency (NSCN, ULFA, MNF)
- Armed Forces (Special Power) Act and Human rights issue.
- Migration and refugees.

Unit IV - Regional Prospects

- India's North East and Act East Policy
- Structure and Role of NEC.
- Negotiations and Peace Accords (Assam Accord : Mizo Accord).

Unit V - State Politics of Arunachal Pradesh

- Nature and Determinants of State politics of Arunachal Pradesh
- Hydro Politics
- Autonomy movement

Basic Readings:

- Baruah Apurba,K, :*Ethnic Identities and Democracy*, Regency publishers, Rajesh Dev (eds 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 (2nd 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 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.

PAPER III : ISSUES IN INDIAN POLITICS

Unit I.- Contextualizing Indian Politics: Debates on colonialism and Post Colonialism.

Unit II - Democracy: Participation and Representation Politics.

Unit III - Electoral.

a) Challenges and reforms (b) Electoral Reforms.

Unit IV- Political Economy and Economic Reforms:

(a) Five Years Plans

(b) Rural Development programs

(c) Liberalizations of Indian Economy.

Unit V-. Gender and Political participation.

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.

Kurien, C.T : *Economic Reforms and the People*, New Delhi, Madhyam Books 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.

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

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

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.

Young Robert J.C, : *Post Colonialism : An Historical Introduction*, Oxford, Blackwell, 2001.

PAPER IV : HUMAN RIGHTS

Objective The course will provide the basic framework, concepts and issues concerning human rights and will acquaint the students with the contemporary challenges.

Content

Unit 1 **Human Rights**

- Meaning, Nature and Development
- Generations of Rights.

Unit 2 **Approaches and Perspectives**

- Feminist and Marxist Perspectives.
- Third world perspectives: Views of Gandhi and Chomsky.

Unit 3 **UN and Human Rights**

- The UN Charter and the UDHR
- International conventions and Covenants and Optional Protocol

Unit 4 **Issues and Challenges**

- Rights of Women and Child
- Developmental Rights and Rights of the Indigenous People.
- Ethnic conflicts, Social and Political Violence.

Basic Readings :

Shapiro, Ian *The Evolution of Right in Liberal Theory*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1986.

Donnelly, J *The Concept of Human Rights*, London : Croom Helm, 1985.

Raphael (ed) *Political Theory and the Rights of Man*, London : Macmillan, 1967.

Haragopal, G *Gandhian World View : A Civil Liberty Perspective*.

Haragopal, G *Political Economy of Human Rights*, New Delhi, Himalayan Publishing Co 1998.

Human Rights Quarterly the John Hopkins University Press.

India Jr. of *Human Rights*, *Human Rights Program*, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad.

Political Studies Vol. 43, Special issue 1995.

Economic and Political weekly.

Proceedings of International Judicial colloquium.