



# **2016-17**

# ***Aditi mahavidyalaya***

## **Department of Political Science**

# About The Department

- ❖ **The department of Political Science was established in the year 1994. It is one of the oldest department in the college. This is the most popular and opted subject among the students.**
- ❖ **The subject 'Political Science' covers many aspects of political science like political theory and political thought, Indian government and politics, international relations, public administration.**

**❖ This subject gives students an opportunity to study every dimension of politics across the globe.**

**❖ Courses offered are: Undergraduate:**

**B.A. programme, (old) and CBCS-2015 onwards and  
Interdisciplinary papers-B.H.J, Skill Enhancement Course-  
Legislative Support, Public Opinion and Survey Research.**

# Faculty of Political Science

- **Dr. Kamlesh Rani** : M.Phil, Ph.D: Associate Professor ,
- **Dr. Archana Sawshilya** : M.Phil, Ph.D: Associate Professor
- **Dr. Sunita Pareek** : M.Phil, Ph.D: Assistant Professor
- **Ms. Juhi Bhatnagar** : M.A., M.Phil : Assistant Professor (Adhoc)

# Syllabus

## B.A. Programme(Political Science)

### Paper: Introduction to Political Theory

**Course Objective:** This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

1. a. What is Politics?

b. What is Political Theory and what is its relevance? (11 lectures)

2. Concepts: Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and State (36 lectures)

3. Debates in Political Theory:

a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth?

b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?

c. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness?

d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family? (13 lectures)

## B.A. Programme(Skill Enhancement Course)

### Paper: Public Opinion and Survey Research

**Course Objective:** This course will introduce the students to the debates, principles and practices of public opinion polling in the context of democracies, with special reference to India. It will familiarise the students with how to conceptualize and measure public opinion using quantitative methods, with particular attention being paid to developing basic skills pertaining to the collection, analysis and utilisation of quantitative data.

#### I. Introduction to the course (6 lectures)

Definition and characteristics of public opinion, conceptions and characteristics, debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll

#### II. Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling (6 lectures)

- a. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.
- b. Sampling error and non-response



c. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified

### **III. Survey Research (2 lectures)**

a. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview

b. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.

### **IV. Quantitative Data Analysis (4 lectures)**

a. Introduction to quantitative data analysis

b. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics

### **V. Interpreting polls (6 lectures)**

Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls

Politics of interpreting polling

## **Paper: Introduction to International Relations**

**Course Objective:** This Course is designed to give students a sense of some important theoretical approaches to understand international relations; a history from 1945 onwards to the present; and an outline of the evolution of Indian foreign policy since independence and its possible future trajectory.

### **1. Approaches to International Relations**

**(a) Classical Realism (Hans Morgenthau) and Neo-Realism (Kenneth Waltz)**

**(b) Neo-Liberalism: Complex Interdependence (Robert O. Keohane and Joseph Nye)**

**(c) Structural Approaches: World Systems Approach (Immanuel Wallerstein) and Dependency School (Andre Gunder Frank)**

**(d) Feminist Perspective (J. Ann Tickner) (27 lectures)**



## **2. Cold War & Post-Cold War Era**

**(a) Second World War & Origins Cold War**

**(b) Phases of Cold World War: First Cold War**

**Rise and Fall of Detente Second Cold War**

**End of Cold War and Collapse of the Soviet Union**

**(c) Post Cold- War Era and Emerging Centers of Power (European Union, China, Russia and Japan) (20 lectures)**

## **3. India's Foreign Policy**

**(a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic)**

**(b) India's Policy of Non-alignment**

**(c) India: An Emerging Power (13 lectures)**

## Seminars and Conferences

- ❖ Department of Political Science has been organising seminars and conferences for the academic enhancement of our students under the umbrella of AKRITI-Political Science society.
- ❖ In the Academic Session 2015-16, Departmental Fest was organized on 17-18<sup>th</sup> Feb, which was graced by -Director of Higher Education, Mr. Shiv Kumar.
- ❖ Prof Shree Prakash was invited as the guest speaker to deliver lecture on Youth and Nation Building.
- ❖ Major attraction of the programmes were-Parliament session, quiz, political ,profile performance ,poster and model making competition.



Gandhi study circle (2016-17) organised a seminar based on  
“Gandhian Ideology and Contemporary World” on  
27.02.2017. Teachers and students interacting with the  
Chief Speaker : Prof “Ashok Acharya” Department of  
Political Science, University of Delhi





Prof. Ashok Acharya and our Principal Dr. Mamta Sharma giving prizes to the students of various competitions



Faculty member Dr. Archana Sawshilya delivered a lecture on Break your stereotypes and explore the realm of Paradise on earth. North eastern states under the program Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat on 21 St February in Aditi Mahavidyalaya.



**TIC (2016-17) : Dr. Kamlesh Rani**



**Farewell of B.A. Programme (2016-17)**