

Tumkur University
Department of Studies and Research in Political Science

**Ph.D Entrance Syllabus in Political Science as per Ph.D
Regulation - 2024**

Unit - I: Foundations of Social Science Research

Meaning, Nature and Importance of Social Science Research, Types of Research; Basic, Applied, Qualitative and Quantitative. Inter-Relationship Between Theory And Research. Principles of Scientific Method, Relevance and Limitations of Scientific Enquiry; Hermeneutics, Objectivity In Social Science Research; Approaches to Social Science Research, Traditional vs Modern Approach, Positivist, Interpretivist, Critical, Marxist and Feminist Methodologies in Social Science Research. Process of Social Science Research; Identification of The Problem, Literature Review and Finding the Research Gap.

Unit - II: Research Design and Sampling Techniques

Research Design: Meaning, Nature and Importance and Types, Experimental and Non-Experimental Research Designs in Social Science Research. Sampling Techniques; Kinds of Sampling, Probability, Non-Probability of Sampling. Population vs. Sample.

Unit - III: Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting

Methods of Data Collection: Conducting Surveys, Interviews, Observations and Document Analysis in Social Science Research; Data Management and Statistical Analysis: Descriptive Statistics, Central Tendency, Dispersion and Graphical Data Representation; Research Reporting and Ethical Considerations, Writing Research Papers, Addressing Issues of Plagiarism and Integrity.

Political Science Core Subject

Unit - IV: Political Thought

Genesis of Greek Political Philosophy, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Kautilya, St. Augustine, Danto, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Immanuel Kant, J S Mill, Hegel, Karl Marx, Lenin, Mao Zedong, Confucius Mencius, Rosa Luxemburg, Antonio Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.

Unit - V: Political Thinkers of Modern India

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Mahatma Jhothibaphule, Savithribai Phule, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar; Jawaharlal Nehru, M N Roy And Jayaprakash Narayan, Lohia, Periyar Ramaswamy, Narayan Guru.

Unit - VI : Basic Concepts : Liberty, Equality and Justice

Liberty- J S Mill and Isaiah Berlin, *Equality*- Fredric Hayek and Amartya Sen, *Justice*- John Rawls and Robert Nozick, *Rights* - Ronald Dworkin; H L Hart and

Habermas. Power, Authority, Plurality, Multiculturalism, Structuralism
Constructivism, Deconstructivism,

Unit – VII : Social Basis and Issues of Indian Polity

Religion and Politics- Problem of Communalism, Secularism and its Relevance in India, Caste-its Nature and Role in Politics, Caste and Class, Women and Politics, Gender Issues, Language and Ethnicity, Regional Disparity, Election and People's Participation, Good Governance and E-Governance, Reservation Policy and Challenges.

Unit – VIII : Centre State Relations

Indian Federalism Discourse: Cooperative Federalism, Debates over Article 356: Demands for Autonomy, Important Recommendations for Improving Centre-State Relations – Niti Ayog, Central and State Finance Commissions, Rajmannar Committee: Administrative Reforms Commission, Sarkaria Commission and Justice Venkatachala Commission, Veerappa Moyli Commission

Unit -IX : Theories and Approaches to the Public Administration

Classical Theory, Scientific Management Theory, Bureaucratic Theory and Human Relations Theory and Structural Functional Theories, Comparative Public Administration, Development Administration, New Public Administration, New Public Management, Indian Administration Pre and Post-Independence, Public Policy, Line & Staff, Auxiliary Agency, Training, Morale and Motivation, Communication, Nepotism, Corruption, Ombudsman, Lokpal and Lokayukta, Administration Issues and Challenges of Rural and Urban Local Self Governments.

Unit – X: *Theories of International Relation*

Political Idealism, Political Realism and Neo-Realism, Decision Making Theory, Systems Theory and Games Theory, Critical Theory, Constructivism, Post-Modernism, Feminism, Neo-Marxism to Understand International Relations.

Organizational Issues: Working of United Nations Organisation and its Organs WTO, WB, IMF, WHO, in Relation to Peace and Security, UNO and Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change, Development and Environmental Issues, Debates over Reforms and Restructure of the United Nations, International Terrorism, Working of NAM, EU, ASEAN, SAARC, NAFTA, SEATO, CENTO, NATO, UNCTA, BRICS and ICJ

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