

Department of Political Science



The Department of Political Science is committed to providing quality education to its students. The Department is dedicated to expanding the pool of knowledge and creation of ideas through excellence. With a thoroughly updated CBCS curriculum consistent with UGC requirements the Department seeks to provide an intellectually stimulating environment to the students. The Department seeks to expand its academic activities by upgrading itself to include a post-graduation department in the coming year in order to fulfill the status of the College as a Centre of Excellence. The Department is enthusiastically working towards finalization of the Post Graduate Course in Political Science.

Department Events and Student activities

The Third Chapter of the annual departmental event *Suffragium* was held on 10th February 2018. The event aimed at facilitating dialogue on a range of socio-political issues that India is facing today. This year's theme "*Independent India: Nationalism, Patriotism, Exceptionalism*" celebrated 71 years of India's independence and traced our nation's journey from an impoverished postcolonial state to the emerging superpower that it is today. The event was graced by the presence of Professor Shobhonlal Datta Gupta – the *Surendranath Banerjee Professor of the Department of Political Science at the University of Calcutta*. He delivered the keynote address and conducted an interactive session with the students on the theme of the event. Student events scheduled for the day included a 'Mock Election Campaign' wherein student teams representing political parties of diverse ideologies were provided an agenda and tasked with

campaigning for their respective parties. Further, the event featured an engaging session of 'Just-A-Minute' as well as a number of creative events such as a 'Comic Strip contest', 'a Street Play' and an online writing event named 'Polिताles'. On this occasion the annual journal of the Department of Political Science, *Politique*, was also released by Fr. Principal.

One of our students, Monica Gogoi, represented India in Kazakhstan through the NCC Youth Exchange Programme in October 2017 and was awarded Gold Medal for outstanding performance in NCC activities in January 2018 in the 11th Convocation and Valedictory Programme held at St. Xavier's College. She also represented the state of West Bengal in Republic Day Parade (NCC) at Delhi and was conferred the Governors silver medal in 2017.

Research activities of Faculty members of the Department

Dr. Indranil Bose

Participation at Conferences between January 2017 & June 2018

1. International conference on 'Facilitating Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal Region' at Yangon, Myanmar, March 29-April 1, 2017 under support of DFID, UK and Consumer Unity and Trust Society, India.
2. International conference on 'Facilitating Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal Region' at Dhaka April 10-12, 2017, supported by BIMSTEC Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

3. Participated as a resource person at an International Conference on 'Connectivity Imperatives in the Bay of Bengal region' at New Delhi, organized by CUTS International, India – May 02-04, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Prithviraj Nath & Indranil Bose (2018) 'India-Myanmar Relations and its implications for larger regional cooperation' Diplomatist- Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Vol 6, Issue No 1, Jan 2018, India.
2. Nayantara S Nayak, Indranil Bose et al (2017) 'Coping with the loss of bidi employment: Voices of Bidi rollers in India' Health- for the millions, Vol 43, No 1 & 2, Jan-March & April, June 2017, India.

Dr. Panchali Sen

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Land Reforms in an Indian State: Lessons from the Experiences of Implementation" Journal of Asian Rural Studies, 2018, 2(1): 1-15 ISSN: 2548-3269.

Published by Hasanuddin University and Asian Rural Sociology Association.

SEMINAR

2. Invited as a resource person on 21st April, 2018 (Saturday) to deliver a lecture at the ~ Two Days National Seminar on Use of Scientific and Technical Terminology in International Relations. The Seminar was organized by the Department of Political Science at Khudiram Bose Central College, sponsored by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), MHRD, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.

ACADEMIC CONSULTANCY

3. Appointed /nominated as a Member for BOS of UG / PG for Political Science at Panskura Banamali College for the sessions 2018 – 2021.

GUEST FACULTY

Invited as Visiting Faculty in the Department of Masters in Social Work (MSW) by St Xavier's University, Kolkata, w.e.f. July 2017-2019.

Dr. Farhat Bano

- 1) Delivered a lecture on the "Essentials of Islam" at the Orientation Programme organized by St. Xavier's College for college teachers teaching the Foundation Course on religion in June 2017.
- 2) She chaired the session on Islam at the International Seminar on "Emerging Issues on the Interface of Science and Religion" organized by the Goethals Indian Library and Research Society Physics and ENVS Departments, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on 18th and 19th February 2018.

Dr. Jhumpa Mukherjee

1. Presented a paper titled "India's North East and the Look East/Act East Policy and the Federal Deficit" in the International Conference on Continuity and Change in Indian Federalism, held on 10-13 January 2017, organised by the University of Delhi and the University of Edinburgh.
2. Co-authored a paper titled "Indian Federalism at the Crossroads: Limits of Territorial Management of Ethnic Conflicts" in the International Journal India Review, Vol 16, No 1, 2017.
3. "Arunachal Pradesh- From NEFA to Statehood in Indian Federalism", in Harihar Bhattacharyya and Katherine Adeney (eds.) *The North East of India: Political Dynamics and Issues*, Leverhulme International Network, University of Edinburgh, 2017.
4. "Meghalaya: From an Associate State to Statehood and Beyond" in Harihar Bhattacharyya and Katharine Adeney (eds.) *The North East of India: Political Dynamics and Issues*, Leverhulme International Network, University of Edinburgh, 2017.
5. Co-authored "Bodo Ethnic Self rule and Persistent Violence in Assam: A Failed Case of Multinational Federalism in India" in the International Journal Regional and Federal Studies, Vol. 28, Issue 4, 2018.

