



University of Mumbai

Department of Civics and Politics

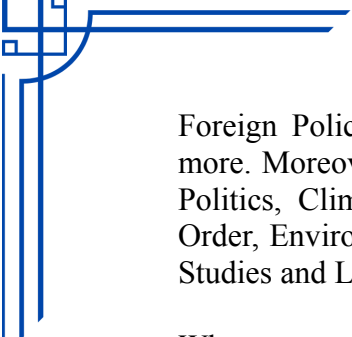


The Department of Civics and Politics is housed at Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Bhavan and Research Center, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Santacruz (E), Mumbai- 400098. This is probably the only department in the country that has a state-of-art infrastructure including the Harvard style Virtual Classroom. Founded in 1948, the Department is regarded as a prolific center of academic excellence and innovation in Social Sciences. The Department has an independent library for the students and researchers with a collection of over 18 thousand books.

The Department of Civics and Politics was established with the help of two Endowments namely the Mayor's Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Centenary Commemoration Fund and the Montague Memorial Fund together with a donation from the Bombay Municipal Corporation's Municipal Fund and a substantial recurring grant from the then Government of Bombay in 1948.

The Department's academic profile spans across various social science disciplines, with a keen emphasis on contemporary issues. We offer two Master's programmes- M.A. (Politics) and M.A. (Public Policy) - alongside three Post Graduate Diploma Courses, and a doctoral programme in Politics.

Our curriculum encompasses a wide array of subjects, including but not limited to Indian Constitution, Political Process, Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Public Administration, International Relations, Political Economy, Political Process in Maharashtra, Marginalisation, Urban and Rural Governance, Language Policy, Public Policy, International Relations,



Foreign Policy of India, Regionalism, Internal Security, India's Neighbourhood Policy and more. Moreover, we offer interdisciplinary courses such as Media and Democracy, Films and Politics, Climate Change: Politics and Policy, Gender and Politics, Geopolitics, Nuclear Order, Environment Conservation, etc. and skill-based courses like Psephology and Election Studies and Leadership Development.

What sets us apart is our collaborative approach to research, forging partnerships with renowned think tanks, government departments, and commissions both domestically and internationally like the Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra, State Election Commission of Maharashtra, Human Rights Commission of Maharashtra, Central Bureau of Investigation, Tribal Development Department of Government of Maharashtra, Balbharati, Marathi Vishwakosh Mandal, ORF, Gateway House, various Consulates, Policy Advocacy Research Centre, All India Institute Local Self Government; ISHAD; RSCD; Praja Foundation etc. Our department actively engages in research endeavours that shape public discourse and policy formulation.

The Department regularly organises and hosts National and International Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Symposiums, where leading public intellectuals and scholars converge to explore issues of paramount importance

Courses offered by the Department

The Department is offering the following courses:

1. M.A. (Politics)
2. M.A. (Public Policy)
3. Ph.D. programme
4. Post Graduate Diploma Course in Human Rights
5. Post Graduate Diploma Course in International Studies
6. Post Graduate Diploma in Security Studies

Special Programmes Awarded by the University Grants Commission to the Department

1. Centre for Advanced Studies (2013-2018)
2. Assistance for Strengthening of the Infrastructure of the Humanities and Social Science-ASIHSS (2005-2010)
3. Department of Special Assistance (Phase I from 1992-1997, Phase II from 1999-2003 and Phase III from 2005-2007)
4. The University Leadership Programme (1988-1991)
5. The Ford Foundation Programme (1988-1991)
6. In 1999, Dr. Louis D'Silva, Reader in Politics in the Department instituted the "Dr. D'Silva Debating Trophy" to be awarded to the winning team participating in an annual debate.

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