

Department of Political Science,
Nigamananda Mahila (Degree) Mahavidyalaya, Charichhak, Puri



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❖ **Brief History of the Department**

- The department Came into existence since 1996-97 academic session. It was introduced in B.A. courses as honors subject with 16 seats. The seats increased from 16 to 24 and 24 to 32 in two phases during 2016-2017.
- Being a discipline of Social Science, the Department has served the academic purpose and beyond. Many students have passed in the last decade and prospered in their way of life.
- **Increment of Seats strengths in Political science:**

Honours Subject	Year of Opening	No. of Seats	Increase of Seats	No of Seats	Increase of Seats	No of Seats
Political Science	1996-97	16	2016-17	16 to 24	2016-17	24-32

❖ **Vision:**

- To provide high-quality and inclusive education in Political Science, fostering critical understanding of political systems, values, and processes at local, national, and global levels.
- To nurture responsible and well-informed citizenry, equipped to address contemporary political and social challenges.
- To foster community engagement for promoting democratic values and social justice.

❖ **Mission:**

- To impart comprehensive knowledge of Political Science through innovative teaching methods, updated curricula, and value-based education accessible to all sections of society.
- To develop analytical thinking, rational approach, and ethical responsibility among students, enabling them to contribute effectively as active citizens and professionals.
- To encourage research, extension activities, and collaborations that address political, social, and administrative issues, fostering a culture of inquiry and lifelong learning.

❖ **Courses Offered**

- Political Science Honours Courses and Core Courses as per NEP 2020 revised syllabus
- Political Science General Elective Courses
- Political Science Minor Courses

Faculty Profile



Smt Puspamitra Pattanaik (H.O.D.)

- Name: Smt Puspamitra Pattanaik
- **Designation:** Reader in Political Science
- **Date of joining:** 20/03/1991
- Date of Joining In Present Place: 20/03/1991
- **Qualification:** P.G (Political Science)
- **Email:** puspamitrap66@gmail.com , Phone No. 6370509651
- **Academic Area Interests :** Western Political Philosophy, Feminism
- Teaching Experience : 33 years
 - Research Experience: Nil
 - Publication: Nil
 - Other Academic activities: Guided students in submission of Project papers. Conducted various Seminars in Political Science Department.

Conferences & Seminars

- **Papers Presented in Conferences/Seminars:** NIL

Invited/Special Lectures & Resource Person Roles:

- UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme (2013)
- UGC Sponsored Refresher Course (2014)
- Resource person on feminism at Annapurna Bidyapitha, Charichhak, Puri (2023)

Awards & Distinctions

- Viksit Bharat 2025, NSS Puri Unit

Association with Professional Bodies: NIL

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Smt Siprarani Mohapatra

- **Name:** Smt Siprarani Mohapatra
- **Designation:** Lecturer in Political Science
- **Date of Joining:** 15/11/1996
- **Qualification:** P.G. (Political Science)
- **Email:** sipraranimohapatra23@gmail.com ; Phone No. 9778242078
- **Academic Area Interests :** Feminism, Comparative Politics
- Teaching Experience(UG) : 25 years
- Research Experience: NIL
- Research Project : NIL
- Publication: Nil
- Other Academic activities: Served as Guide for Project Papers, coordinated the organisation of seminars and presented papers in the college.
- Duties other than teaching in the College: Coordinator, self Defence Programme, In Charge of +3 Admission, In-Charge of Discipline Committee
- Conferences & Seminars
 - • Papers Presented in Conferences/Seminars: NIL
- Invited/Special Lectures & Resource Person Roles: NIL
- Awards & Distinctions: NIL
- Association with Professional Bodies: NIL



Smt Bijayalaxmi Mishra

Name: Smt Bijayalaxmi Mishra

Designation: Lecturer in Political Science

Date of Joining: 01/09/2008

Qualification: P.G. , M.Phil.

Email: bijayalaxmi509@gmail.com ; Phone No. 7327829028

Academic Area Interests : Feminism, Indian Government and Politics

Teaching Experience (UG): 17 years

Publications & Research Contributions

- **Research Articles Published:** NIL
- **Book Chapters Published:** NIL
- **Books Published:** NIL

Articles Published in Newspapers/Magazines: NIL

Research Projects: NIL

Other Academic activities: Served as Guide for Project Papers, coordinated the organisation of seminars and presented papers in the college.

Duties other than teaching in the College: Library Associates

Invited/Special Lectures & Resource Person Roles: NIL

Awards & Distinctions: NIL

Association with Professional Bodies: NIL

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DR. KIRTIMAYEE ROUTRAYA

Name: DR. KIRTIMAYEE ROUTRAYA

Designation: Lecturer in Political Science

Date of joining: 21/08/ 2024

Qualification: P.G. in Public administration, P.G. in Political Science, B.Ed.,

M.Phil., PhD (*State and Child Rights in Russia, 1990-2017*,

School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi)

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Academic Interests

- **Area of Interest:** Public Policy, Feminism, International Relations
- **Area of Research:** Child Rights, Russian and Central Asian Studies

Teaching Experience

- **Undergraduate (UG):** 6 months and continuing
- **Postgraduate (PG):** 6 months
- **Teaching Associate at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussourie, Uttarakhand (Training of All India Administrative Officers) :** 6 months
- **Research Experience:** 7 years at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- **Other Academic engagements:** Served as a member of BoS for the preparation of Political Science Syllabus for UG students under, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Odisha as per NEP 2020 (2023-24)

Publications & Research Contributions

- **Research Articles Published:**

1. *“Overhauling the Public Distribution System: A necessity for SMART Governance”* in Journal of Indian Institute of Public administration, Regional Branch, Odisha. **2015-** Vol. XXVII; P151-160; ISSN 2231-556X.
2. *“Participation of Children in Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Community Resilience: Leveraging School system in Odisha”* in Public Administration Review- Vol No- XXIII, **2021**, ISSN-2249-3360; P56-71
3. *“Child Right Provisions in Russian Constitution: An Analysis through the Lens of Child Centric Perspective”* in International Journal of Trend in scientific Research and Development, March-April issue **2024**, Vol- 8, ISSN 2456-6470
4. *“Asia against China: Shifting Geo-Political Dynamics”* in World Focus (India’s Foreign Policy, Series-1), November **2024**, Vol. 45(539), ISSN 2230-8458

- **Book Chapters Published:**

1. *“Leveraging SHGs for digital empowerment of Women in Rural India: Lessons from COVID-19 Pandemic”* in ‘Women Capacity Building and Empowerment’ edited by Arpita Sharma and Naresh Kumar Kandpal. ISBN- 978-93-910-63-95-5. / P159-170/ YEAR **2021**. Published by Jaya Publishing House, Delhi
2. *“Rising Trend of Child Marriage in India During Covid-19 Pandemic: A Threat to the Rights of the Girl child”* in ‘Gender Security and International Politics’ edited by Dr. Aurora Martin and Dr. Nandini Basistha. **2021**. Published by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security & Governance. ISBN- 978-93-5473-148-8. P272-285.

- **Books Published:** NIL

- **Articles Published in Newspapers/Magazines:** NIL

Research Projects: NIL

Other Academic activities: Served as Guide for Project Papers, coordinated the organisation of seminars both in online and offline mode

Duties other than teaching in the College: Library Associates

Conferences & Seminars:

- **Papers Presented in Conferences/Seminars:**

- *E-Governance: An Effective tool for ethical administration* Presented at the National Seminar on ‘Ethics in Governance’ organized by Public administration , Utkal University, Vani Vihar (2015)
- *Non-Violence as an inspirational tool for political change: The experience of India and Baltic States* presented at the International Research Scholars Seminar on ‘India and Baltic States: Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi’s 150th Birth Anniversary. (2019)
- *Participation of Children in Disaster Risk Reduction and Building Community Resilience: Leveraging School Curriculum in Odisha* Presented at ICSSR sponsored International Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction and Community Resilience. (2019)
- *The practice of Child marriage among the girls in the tribal communities of Odisha* Presented at the World Anthropology Congress-2023 organized by the United Indian Anthropology Forum (UIAF) and hosted by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha (10th August 2023)
- *Sustainable Agricultural Practices among Tribal Women in Odisha: The Road Ahead* Presented at the National Seminar on Tribals in India: Rights , Identity and Problems organized by P.G. Department of Political science and P.G. Department of Public administration, Berhampur University in collaboration with IPSA

Invited/Special Lectures & Resource Person Roles:

- Invited as Speaker to the Seminar on “Women, Work and Violence” organised by Indian Association of Women’s Studies (IAWS) and Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK) (12th March 2025)
- Invited as a Plenary Speaker in the MAKAIAS sponsored International Conference on “Resetting India-Central Asia Relations: From Symbol to Substance” at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhatisgarh (19th and 20th April 2025)

Awards & Distinctions

- Certificate of Merit by Council of Higher Education, Odisha for securing 5th Position in Odisha in Arts in 2007.
- State Level Rajiv Gandhi Chhatra Pratibha Puraskar, 2007.
- University Gold medal for securing 1st position in BA (Political science) in 2010. Ravenshaw University.
- Prof. Prana Krushna Parija fellowship for academic excellence, 2013.
- E-Medhabruti PG Merit Fellowship by for the year 2012-14 by Department of Higher Education, Govt of Odisha.

- University Gold medal for securing 1st position in MA (Public Administration) in 2014.
- Prof. Bijoyini Mohanty Smruti Award for securing highest marks in PG Public administration exam (with Local Administration as a special subject), Utkal University in 2014.
- Rai Bahadur Durga Charan Das Memorial Gold Medal for First position in PG examination in Public Administration in 2014.

Association with Professional Bodies

- NIL

Enrollment of Students

Years	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Strengt h	Enroll	Strengt h	Enroll	Strengt h	Enroll	Strengt h	Enroll	Strengt h	Enrol l
+3 1 st yr	32	24	32	26	32	18	32	21	32	26
+3 2nd yr	32	24	32	24	32	26	32	18	32	21
+3 3rd yr	32	24	32	24	32	24	32	26	32	18

Students Records

Year	No. of students appeared	No of Students Passed	No. of Students passed with Distinction	Division			Pass percentage with Honours
				1 st /Grade-B	2 nd /Grade-C	3rd	
2017-18	35	27	14	6	14	7	51.85
2018-2019	26	24	21	1	14	9	87.50
2019-2020	23	17	10	11	6	0	58.82
2020-2021	17	16	8	12	4	0	50
2021-2022	20	18	17	14	4	0	94.44

Students' Achievements

Department of Political Science has produced enough number of athletes, artists, orators since its existence. Students of the Department has excelled in different fields and earned name and fame. Some of the students who has brought reputation for institution are as follows:-

- Samira Begum - She has secured highest mark in the Department in 2024 and is pursuing for higher studies.
- Bishnupriya Nayak - She is a state level athlete, who has participated in the Football match at Odisha Inter University Competitions Games & Sports 2024 – 25 (16th to 20th April 2025) representing Rama Dei Women's University and contributed for winning Bronze Medal.
- Monali Mohanty – She is a renowned artist in Odia film and Television Industry. She played an important role in the Odia Movie “Samaya Kahiba Kiye Kahara”.
- Bishnupriya Nayak - She has successfully participated in the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament – 2025 at the district level.
- Divyajyoti Das received Prize from Deputy Chief Minister for her success in debate competition commemorating the birth centenary of Rani Ahalya Bai Holkar on 31st May 2025.

Seminars and Extra-Mural Conducted by the Department

Sl.No	Session	Date	Topic	Paper Presentation/ Resource Person
1.	2021-22	18-11-2021	Centre-State Relation and Its Influence on Good Governance	Prof. Bishnu Charan Mishra (Principal, K.B. Mahavidyalaya, Konark) Ananya Das
2.	2022-23	25-11-2022	Future of Human rights and Humanity in in emerging Globalized world	Saroj Kumar Nayak , Reader in Pol. Sc
3.	2023-24	22-11-2023	Women Empowerment: Still miles to go	Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mohapatra (Resource Person), Ex Principal

				Balanga College, Balanga, Puri
4.	2024-25	25-11-2024	Sustainable Development Goals : Challenges and Issues	Dr Bhagyashree Rath(Resource Person, Berhampur University, Bhanja Vihar, Ganjam) <hr/> Presentation by Students <hr/> Pragya Paramita Swain Itishree Swain Subhashree Samantaray Pujarani Swain

Students' Progression

Sl.No.	Name of Student	Year of Passing	Qualification	Present Status
1.	Samira Begum	2024	BA	Pursuing P.G. in Political Science under Utkal University

Proctorial Activities

Parent Teachers' Meetings

SWOC Analysis of the Department

SWOC Analysis for the Department of Political Science

Strengths

- Combination Senior experienced faculty members and young faculties provide academic stability and mentorship.
- Courses updated under NEP 2020, including Honors, General Elective, and Minor courses, ensuring relevance to modern political studies.
- Holistic development of students and Achievements in Co-curricular activities.
- Research Contributions by faculty enhance the department's academic reputation and engagement.
- Outreaching Activities, Proctorial Activities, and parent-teacher meetings foster collaborative learning.
- Extra Classes for slow learners.

Weaknesses

- Lack of extra reading room for the students of the department
- Paucity of funds often act as a hindrance towards development of students.
- The poor command over English language of some students and limited literature in Odia Language inhibits their academic growth.
- Communication Gap with the Alumni of the department.

Opportunities

- Favourable and conducive atmosphere in the college
- Ample scope for higher studies in proximate localities.
- Leverage faculty's research experience to expand academic engagement and to secure grants or partnerships.
- Engage high-achieving alumni for mentorship programs or guest lectures.

Challenges

- Need for Faculty training in contemporary research methodologies and digital tools to match evolving academic demands.
- Limited departmental infrastructure and Library resources to support advanced research or online learning to keep students actively engaged.
- The department lacks a robust system for monitoring alumni outcomes, placements, and higher education progression, which is essential for continuous improvement and NAAC assessment.

- Shortage of textbooks and reference materials, particularly after syllabus changes under the NEP, making it challenging for students especially non-English medium students to access the latest knowledge and resources.

Future Plans:

- The Department aspire to open P.G. department in Political science to cater to the needs of the local students.
- The Department wants to take necessary steps for bringing Professional Collaborations and affiliations with academic or industry bodies.
- The Department seeks to have its own library specifically dealing with Political science Books
- The Department encourages to produce more publications in the research field and publish textbooks helpful for UG Political Science Students.
- To arrange a study tour for students.
- Standing out among regional institutions offering similar programs as a centre for excellence with academic flexibility for faculties.
- Organize state and national level Seminar