

TEACHING METHODS:

The Department of Political Science has always given importance to student oriented learning within and outside the classroom. Emphasis is laid on the understanding of the subject from the point of view of the syllabus and the subject as well, which will in the long run help the students take up higher studies in Political Science and the allied courses.

Special focus is laid on student participation, in the learning aspects. The subject of Political Science offers a vast scope for Teacher Student interaction. Thus, discussions, debates become an important part of day to day learning.

The Department of Political Science uses various traditional and modern methods for teaching the subject:

1. Classroom Teaching

In spite of enormous changes taking place in the teaching field, the traditional classroom teaching using Black Board cannot be replaced in India at least in the near future. Classroom teaching thus remains the main method of teaching. Most of the topics that need general lecture method using a black board are taught in the classroom.

2. Peripatetic Learning

It is a teaching method, used by Aristotle of ancient Greece. Aristotle had the habit of walking while lecturing. Taking inspiration from the Greek Political Philosopher, Aristotle, the Department of Political Science has introduced peripatetic learning once in a while. The topics chosen for such learning are general topics, which don't need a black board or other teaching material.

It gives fresh energy and out of routine atmosphere to learning. Students too enjoy this as they get a fresh breathe of life out of the class room.

3. Group Discussion

Political Science subject is very close to day to day life and activity and thus there is a lot of room for group discussion. Students are thus encouraged for participating in group discussion that involve topics of concern, like, equality, justice, corruption, panchayat system, poverty and unemployment.

4. Digital media

Digital media like short films and documentaries are also shown to the students for a better understanding of the subject. Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain speech, documentary on world wars are shown to students to give students, a real time experience about the topics being discussed.

5. Power Point Presentations

Power Point presentations are another method widely used for Teaching Political Science. It saves the time of writing on the board. The colourful slides with visuals make the teaching and learning process attractive and hold the interest of the students.

PPT presentations are made available for the students in both digital and print format for students for reference. These PPTs were widely useful during Covid-19.

6. Online Teaching

The department of Political Science adopted Online Teaching during the covid-19. The pandemic days were difficult for students to keep up with syllabus. Online classes were engaged for students through Zoom, Teams and Google Meet platforms. The teaching was mostly done using PPTs specially prepared for online teaching.