

# Department of Political Science



## 1. History



The department of Political Science of Sonamukhi College has been functioning since 1966. The Degree course in Political Science as combination subject was started in 1966 and the same was introduced as Honours subject in 1973. Since its inception, the department of Political Science has striven to set a good quality education in undergraduate Political Science. The department takes pride in having many distinguished ex-teachers

namely Late Dr. Himangshu Ghosh (Later on adorned as Chairman of West Bengal College Service Commission), Dr. Shamsul Alam (Later on became the Principal of Kidderpore College), Dr. Pulak Narayan Dhar, Late Prof. Pijush Banerjee, Dr. Jawahar Lal Sain and Prof. Chandidas Mukherjee. Even the ex-Head of the Department of Political Science, Burdwan University, Prof. Dr. Harihar Mukherjee has devoted his valuable time as part-time teacher in Political Science in this College. The Department has produced a number of good students who obtained first class as well as University Rank in the University examinations (Such as Sudhamoy Ghosh, Prashanta Chatterjee, Nilanjan Debgharia, Saikat Mandal, Dibyasree Dutta, Chhanda Mondal, Papiya Ghosh, Chandana Ghosh etc.). A good number of them have added feathers in their caps in many spheres of life.

Within a backward socio-economic rural base, Sonamukhi College started its academic journey on and from 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1966. Most of the students of this department are first generation learners of this caste-dominated rural area. Bulk of

the students come from middle or low income group. A good number of students also come from tribal areas of Bankura and Purulia Districts. They are mainly well conversant in Bengali, but few of them can speak Hindi well and many of them are not comfortable in English.

**Year of Establishment :** 1966 (as Combination Subject)

1973 (as Honours Subject)

**Affiliating University :** Bankura University.

**Programme Offered :** B.A. Honours and B.A. General Course in Political Science.

## **2. Special Achievement (2017-2021):**

The department of Political Science has produced a number of good students who obtained first class as well as University Rank and are now absorbed in different notable posts. Earlier the success rates of our students were quite consistent but due to inadequate job opportunity in school Service Commission the students at present are not getting interest to study the subject. But all the students of Honours course have got 1<sup>st</sup> class marks last year at the end semester examination overcoming all the constraints and few of them moved to join in P.G. courses; namely,

- (1) Susama Garai – M.A./Bankura University (Mobile No.-9547515389),
- (2) Summatara Khatun – M.A./Bankura University (Mobile No.-7384951934),
- (3) Shilpa Karmakar – M.S.W./Bankura University (Mobile No.-8637530792),
- (4) Souvik Karmakar – L.L.B./George School of Law, Burdwan University (Mobile No.-8597539423),
- (5) Najmun Nahar Khatun – M.A./Bankura University (Mobile No.-9832368957),
- (6) Payel Mazumder – M.A./Bankura University (Mobile No.-7602489452).

Moreover, few passed out students have succeeded to get jobs during the year 2017-2021 and are absorbed in different Institutions as follows:

1. Chand Adhikari – Bhara College (SACT), date of joining – 15-11-2018 (Mobile – 8001571322). Qualified in the State Eligibility Test (SET) for Assistant Professor held on 19-01-2020 (WBCSC Ref. No. – WBSET/22-1231, Roll – 16010615, dt. of declaration – 10-07-2020).
2. Nilanjan Debghoria – Natungram High School, date of joining - 12-09-2018 (Mobile – 8918302470).
3. Saikat Mandal – Khandaghosh High School, date of joining – 14-09-2018 (Mobile – 9153411523).
4. Papia Pal – Hirbandh High School, date of joining – 24-09-2018 (Mobile – 9547756903)

### **3. Departmental Events (2017-2021):**

#### **A. Activities during the pandemic situation**

<b>Date of the Event</b>	<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Title/Topic/Theme</b>	<b>Any Other Relevant Information</b>
30.07.2020	Online Contest for College & University students	Online Essay Competition	mail ID - idessay2020@gmail.com
01.08.2020	Online contest for College & University current & Ex. Students below 28 yrs.	Drawing & Painting contest	mail ID - iddrawing20@gmail.com
12.08.2020	Online Contest for current Students	Slogan & Poster writing Contest	mail. ID - idposter2020@gmail.com
15.08.2020	Online Contest for School-College-University & Ex-students of any Institution below 30 yrs	Photography Contest	mail. ID - idphoto2020@gmail.com
18.08.2020	Online Contest current students	Extempore Contest	Google Meet Link - <a href="https://meet.google.com/hzb-uvcf-qwx">https://meet.google.com/hzb-uvcf-qwx</a>
21.08.2020	National Webinar(Open to All)	National Education Policy 2020	Google Meet Link- <a href="https://meet.google.com/eye-tkbi-bbu">https://meet.google.com/eye-tkbi-bbu</a>
31.08.2020	Online Indoor Cooking (Veg. Recipes) Contest	Cook-off Contest	mail.ID - sm31788@gmail.com
27.09.2020	Online Contest for current Students	Online Story Telling Contest	mail ID - smcgolposolpo@gmail.com link - <a href="https://meet.google.com/jfm-hrgw/xkq">https://meet.google.com/jfm-hrgw/xkq</a>
30.09.2020	Online Contest current students	Online Short Story writing Contest	mail ID - smcgolposolpo@gmail.com

**B. Activities before the Pandemic (Nov. 2016 – 2019)**

<b>Name of the Competition</b>	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>Date / Place</b>	<b>Participant</b>	<b>Position</b>
Poster & Drawing (District level)	Higher Edu. Dept. Govt. of W.B.	17-11-2016 Sarodamoni Womens' College	Rahul Dutta	1 <sup>st</sup>
Y.P.C. (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	21-12-2016 Bankura Christian College	15 (Group)	Participated
Y.P.C. Extempore (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	22-12-2016 Bankura Christian College	Sumanta Hazra	1 <sup>st</sup>
Y.P.C. Quiz (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	22-12-2016 Bankura Christian College	Sudip Roy & Biswarup Ghosal	1 <sup>st</sup>
Fashion Parade Show	S.D.O., Bishnupur	26-12-2016 K.G.C., Bishnupur High School	5 (Group)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Y.P.C. (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	04-01-2017 Saldiha College	15 (Group)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Y.P.C. (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	05-01-2017 Bankura Christian College	Pradip Ghosal & Milan Ghosh	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Fashion Parade Show	S.D.O., Bishnupur	26-12-2017 K.G.C., Bishnupur High School	5 (Group)	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Quiz Contest on Chicago Speech of Vivekananda	Ramananda College, Sponsored by Education Directorate, Govt. of W.B.	12-09-2018 Ramananda College, Bishnupur	Chandrachur Mukherjee & Pradip Ghosh	1 <sup>st</sup>
Quiz Contest on Election & New Voter (District Level)	District Election Officer, Bankura, Govt. of W.B.	25-01-2019 Rabindra Bhawan, Bankura	Chandrachur Mukherjee & Pradip Ghosh	1 <sup>st</sup>
Y.P.C. Quiz on Character Building (District level)	Dept. of Parliamentary Affairs Committee Govt. of W.B.	27-09-2019 Panchmura College, Bankura	Chandrachur Mukherjee & Pradip Ghosh	1 <sup>st</sup>

#### **4. Facilities available in the Department:**

Apart from the college central library, the department is having a library, namely 'Seminar Library' for the purpose of the students as well as for the faculty members. The students can borrow books from the departmental library for a stipulated period of time. The departmental library consists of about 380 text and reference books and Youth Parliament Library consists of 91 books plus 25 no. of donated books and in CENTRAL LIBRARY there are 2297 books. The books in the departmental library are mainly purchased from UGC Grants, College funds, Youth Parliament prize money granted by Govt. of West Bengal.

##### **A. A roughly sketched diagram --**

1. Department – 11'X39'X26' (Total build up area)
2. Honours Classes – Allotted rooms (as per master routine) no. – 5, 6, 7 & Departmental room.
3. General Classes – Room – 1, 5, 11
4. Departmental Library –





a. Seminar Library – no. of books	= 380
b. Y.P. Library – no. of books	= 91
c. Donated books – no. of books	= 25
d. Central Library	= 2297
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<b>Total = 2793</b>	

**B. Faculty Profile--**

No. of sanctioned post : 03 (Three)

Present position : 02 (On Substantive basis)

02 (State Aided College Teacher)

Sl. No.	Name of the Teaching Staff	Designation	Specialization	Teaching Experience
01	Indrajit Das 	Associate Professor	International Relations	33 years
02	Dipak Kumar Neogi 	Associate Professor	Sociology	30 years
03	Swagata Chakraborty 	State Aided College Teacher	Public Administration	11 years
04	Kaberi Chatterjee 	State Aided College Teacher	Government and Administration	27 years

### **C. Evaluation Methodology --**

1. Through home assignments.
2. Interactions – inside and outside the classrooms.
3. Class tests (occasionally)
4. Unit test (annually)
5. Final Test at the end of each academic year.
6. University Final Examinations.

From its very beginning the department of Political Science trying very hard to provide all kind of facilities and supports to its students and paying special attention towards regular assessment of their academic progress. For the improvement of the academic performance of the students the faculty members take extra classed even after the test examinations. The teachers of the department provide necessary information regarding higher education and job opportunities time to time individually or through notification in the departmental notice board.

### **D. Modern teaching methods practiced and use of ICT in teaching learning --**

Still now faculty members of Political Science Department follow the traditional lecture deliver method (chalk and talk method). But, the faculty members are trying their best to adopt with the newly installed Power Point Presentation method through LCD projector in the department.

### **E. Details of equipments stocks --**

Sl. No.	Items	Fund	No. of items
01	Projector Ceiling Mount (PM 63100)	College	01
02	Microphone (SM 200XLR)	College	01
03	Amplifier (SSB 60 EM)	College	01
04	Sound Boxes	College	04
05	Close Circuit Camera	College	02
06	Blue Chairs	College	20
07	Green Chairs	College	04
08	Tables	College	04
09	Bench	College	01
10	Combined Benches	College	03
11	Almirah	Y.P.C.	02
12	Almirah	Donated	01
13	Fans	College	08
14	Wall Magazine display board	College	01

15	White Boards with Stands	Quiz & Extempore, Govt. of W.B.	02
16	Projector – Cascio XJ-A240	College	01
17	Almirah (Departmental Library)	College	02
18	White board	College	01
19	Laptop – Lenovo ideapad-100-15/By Serial No. MP12F6DE	College	01
20	A C – SRK 25CSS-SC (Model No.)/Serial – 652201236BE (2.2 Ton)	College	01
21	Electronic Watch	Donated	01

## 5. Other Information of Achievements in the Extra-curricular Activities Prior to 2017 - 21



Name of the Competitions	Year	Position	Level	Sponsored By
Youth Parliament (Mock)	2011-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Youth Parliament (Mock)	2012-13	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Youth Parliament (Mock)	2012-13	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Youth Parliament (Mock)	2014-15	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Youth Parliament (Mock)	2014-15	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Quiz)	2013-14	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Quiz)	2014-15	2 <sup>nd</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Quiz)	2015-16	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Quiz)	2015-16	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Division	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Extempore)	2014-15	2 <sup>nd</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.
Y.P.C. (Extempore)	2015-16	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	P.A.C., Govt. of W.B.





### National Voters Day

N.V.D. (Essay) Rubiya Khatun	2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	Block	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Essay) Subhra Karmakar	2012	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Block	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Essay) Anupam Das	2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	Municipality	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Essay) Sudeshna Chatterjee	2012	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Municipality	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Essay) Rubiya Khatun	2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	District	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Quiz) Suman Dey / Sayan Samanta	2012	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Block	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Quiz) Anupam Das / Suman Roy	2012	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Municipality	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Slogan) Subhra Karmakar	2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	Block	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Debate) Aniruddha Nayek	2012	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Block	Govt. of W.B.
N.V.D. (Debate) Suman Dey	2012	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Municipality	Govt. of W.B.

## **Individual Prizes in Y.P.C.**



*Best Speaker : Susovan Biswas  
Best Secretary : Debashree Das*



*Quiz : District 1<sup>st</sup>, Divn. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sudip Roy*



*Quiz : District 1<sup>st</sup>, Divn. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Biswarup Ghosal*

Sl. No.	Name	Position	Year	Level
1	Priyanka Goswami	Best Chief Minister	2011-12	District
2	Sudhesna Chatterjee	Best Parliamentarian	2011-12	District
3	Rajkumar Chakraborty	Best Opp. Leader	2012-13	District
4	Debashree Das	Best Secretary	2012-13	District
5	Susovan Biswas	Best Speaker	2012-13	District
6	Indrani Goswami	Best Female Opposition	2012-13	Division
7	Ankita Das	Best Female Parliamentarian	2014-15	District
8	Poulami Kundu	Best Health Minister	2014-15	District
9	Neha Goswami	Best Opp. Leader	2014-15	Division
10	Indrani Goswami	Best Chief Minister	2014-15	Division
11	Indrani Goswami	Best Chief Minister	2014-15	District
12	Indrani Goswami	Best Chief Minister	2015-16	District

Last but not least to conclude that, amidst the lockdown situation to combat pandemic during 2020 – 21 approximately around sixty percent of the departmental students were found involved in on line E-learning process through Google meet application. The challenge was mainly to the marginalized students of remote villages, surrounding Sonamukhi Block. They faced various types of problems; such as – lack of money to purchase

Android Phone, lack of knowledge for E-learning, poor connectivity, hindrances originated from conservative culture of their vulnerable family, curious neighbours etc. Although, still now there is only one way to go i.e. online learning and the department is confident to cope up with the new method as because -

1. Our strength is dedicated faculty members.
2. Socially relevant courses and activities, particularly for engagement of the students in socio-political studies.
3. Healthy Teacher-Student relationship.
4. Avenues for free academic discourse between teachers and students.
5. Faculty members enrich themselves by participating in different Webinars.
6. Online access to enriched Central Library.
7. From academic session 2013 – 14 department started feedback mechanism from the students and parents end.
8. Our utmost preference is teaching - learning and evaluation.

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