

M.Phil (Federal Studies)

PAPER-I: FEDERALISM: THEORY AND PRACTICES

UNIT-I : Concept of Federalism; Multi-Culturalism and Preservation of Separate Identities in a common political community; Sociological Roots of federalism in a Diverse Society like India

UNIT- II : Different Tiers of Governance; Distribution of Responsibilities; Shared Rule – Self Rule Concept; Differences over Distribution of Functions; Resolution of Conflicts

UNIT- III : Fiscal Federalism; Fiscal Imbalance and Fiscal Equalisation;

UNIT-IV : Formation of Indian states; Urban and Rural Local-governing bodies and decentralized governance (Panchayat Raj, in India)

Readings:

- Michael Burgess *Comparative Federalism: Theory and Practice*, 2006
Ronald Watts, *Comparing Federal Systems*, 1999
Daniel Elazar, *Exploring Federalism*, 1987
Rasheeduddin Khan, *Federal India: A Design for Change*, 1992
Akhtar Majeed, *Federal India: A Design for Good Governance*, 2005
Granville Austin, *Working A Democratic Constitution*, 1999
BPR Vithal and M L Sastry, *Fiscal Federalism in India*, 2001
Duchacek, Ivo, *Comparative Federalism: The Territorial Dimensions of Politics*, New York: Hort, Rinchart and Winston, Inc., 1970.
Elazer, Daniel J., ed., *Federal Systems of the World: A Handbook of Federal , Confederal and Autonomy Arrangements* (2nd edition), Essex: Longman groups,1994.
Ghai, Yash ed., *Autonomy and Ethnicity: Negotiating Competing Claims in Multi-Ethnic States*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
Griffiths, Ann L. ed., *Handbook of Federal Countries*, 2002, London: Mc-Gill Queen's, 2002.
Khan, Rasheeduddin, *Federal India: A Design For Change*, New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1992.
King, Preston, *Federalism and Federation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1982.
Mahajan, Gurpreet (ed.), *The Multicultural Path: Issues of Diversity and Discrimination in Democracy*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2002.
Majeed, Akhtar, ed., *Federalism within the Union: Distribution of Responsibilities in the Indian System*, New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2004.
Narang, A.S., *Ethnic Identities and Federalism*. Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1995.
Seth, D.L. and Gurpreet Mahajan, ed., *Minority Identities and the Nation-State*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.
Watts, L. Ronald, *Comparing Federal Systems in the 1990s*, Canada: Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, 2008.

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PAPER-II : RESESEARCH METHODOLOGY

UNIT-I

Research Methods in Social Sciences- Introduction and Approaches; Quantitative and Qualitative research methods; Steps/process in Social Research (detailed exposition to steps involved in research starting with identifying the research problem to completion of the report)

UNIT-II

Quantitative Research Methods: A) Introduction; Research Designs and their types, methods and techniques of data collection- a. Sampling Methods; b. Observation, Interview and Questionnaire- techniques and schedules.

B) Statistical concepts and Advanced Quantitative Methods (Interpreting Survey Results with Descriptive Statistics; Presenting Research Results with table, graphs and charts; testing hypothesis., Regression Analysis, Time Series Methods, index Number Methods Discriminant Analysis Methods, Factor and Cluster Analysis Methods

UNIT-III

Qualitative Research Methods: Introduction; Case Study Methods; Historical Research Methods; Grounded Theory Methods; Ethnographic Methods; Analysis Methods for Qualitative data.

UNIT-IV

Writing Research Report/ Dissertation/Thesis, Preparing a research proposal, Art of reviewing a book; Styles/formats in research writings- (expositions to various styles of footnotes endnotes, citations and reference notations such as **MLA** (Modern Language Association), **APA** (American Psychological Association), **Chicago Style**, **Harvard Style** etc.

[This paper would also have two mandatory assignments - i) preparation of a research proposal, and ii) Review of a Book. Students shall have to complete the assignments prior to their written examination.]

Readings:

Denzin, Norman K., and Yvonna S. Linkon, eds, *Handbook of Qualitative Research*, Thousand Oaks, Sage ,1994.

Gupta, S.P., *Statistical Methods*, New Delhi: Sultan Chand and Sons.

Krzanowski, w.j., *Principle of Multivariate Analysis: A User's Perspective*, Oxford: Oxford University Pres,1988.

McNabb, David E., *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods*, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall of India, 2005.

Marsh, David and Gerry Strocker eds. *Theory and Methods in Political Science*, 2nd edition Houndsmills, U.K: Palgrave Macmillan.

Marshall, Catherine and Gretchen B.Rossmann, *Designing Qualtitative Research*, Thousand Oaks: Sage 1999.

Sharma, K.R., *Research Methodology*, Jaipur and New Delhi: National Publishing House, 2002.

Wilkinson, T.S. and P.L Bhandarkar, *Methodology and Techniques in Social Sciences*, Bombay, Himalaya Publishing House, 1977.