

SRIKRISHNA COLLEGE

Bagula, Nadia, West Bengal

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Report on the Dissertation Programme

B.A. Political Science (Honours), Semester VI — CBCS

Course: POL-H-DSE-T-4(B): Dissertation

Academic Year 2025–2026

1. Introduction

This report gives a simple, complete account of the dissertation programme run by the Department of Political Science, Srikrishna College, Bagula, for the students of Semester VI of the B.A. Political Science (Honours) course in the academic year 2025–2026.

Under the CBCS system, the dissertation is one of the Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) options. Instead of writing only a written examination, the student chooses a topic, reads about it, writes a research paper on it, and then faces a viva-voce. The purpose of this report is to record how the programme was organised, which students took part, what topics they worked on, who guided them, and what the department learnt from the whole exercise.

All the information in this report has been taken from the departmental records: the dissertation announcement notice, the signed attendance and supervisor list, and the certificates signed by the supervisors and countersigned by the Head of the Department.

2. Basic Details of the Course

Item	Details
Course code	POL-H-DSE-T-4(B): Dissertation
Course type	Discipline Specific Elective (DSE), CBCS
Programme	B.A. Political Science (Honours), Semester VI
Credit	6
Full marks	75
Academic year	2024–2025
Date of viva-voce	29 July 2025
Time of viva-voce	10:30 a.m. onwards
Number of students	20
Number of supervisors	5
Languages of submission	English and Bengali

3. Aims of the Dissertation

The dissertation is not only an examination paper. It is a first step in research training. The main aims are:

- To help students choose a topic of their own interest and study it in depth.

- To teach them how to collect material from books, journals, newspapers, government reports and reliable websites.
- To train them to arrange their ideas in a proper order — introduction, main chapters, findings and conclusion.
- To develop the habit of honest writing, correct citation and preparation of a bibliography.
- To build confidence in explaining and defending their own work before teachers in the viva-voce.
- To connect classroom theory with real problems of Indian politics and world politics.

4. How the Programme Was Organised

The department followed a simple and clear method. First, a notice was issued announcing the dissertation programme, the date and time of the viva-voce, and the list of students with their roll numbers. Second, the twenty students were divided into five groups of four students each, and one teacher was appointed as supervisor for every group. Third, each student selected a topic in consultation with the supervisor. Fourth, the students prepared their dissertations under regular guidance during the session. Finally, the completed dissertations were submitted with a signed certificate, and the viva-voce was held on 29 July 2025.

4.1 Supervisor-wise distribution

Supervisor	Students	Main areas covered by the group
Binoy Biswas	4	Political thought, foreign policy, gender, judiciary
Kamalesh Poddar (Head of the Department)	4	Human rights, environment, religion and politics
Arijit Chowdhury	4	Indian political thinkers, foreign policy
Tejen Mondal	4	Nationalism, social movements, strategic studies
Begam Ansari (SACT)	4	Social and reform movements, women in politics

Each supervisor guided exactly four students, so the work was shared evenly among the teachers. The certificates were signed by the supervisor and countersigned by the Head of the Department, Sri Kamalesh Poddar.

5. List of Students and Dissertation Topics

The following table lists all twenty students of Semester VI who took the dissertation course in 2024–2025, along with their university roll numbers, the titles of their dissertations and the names of their supervisors.

Sl.	Name of the Student	University Roll No.	Title of the Dissertation	Supervisor
1	Pratap Biswas	3116137-2235213	Rabindranath Tagore's Nationalism and Internationalism	Binoy Biswas
2	Susmita Bain	3111137-2235126	Recent Political and Commercial Aspects of India–Pakistan Relations (2015–25)	Binoy Biswas
3	Aiswaraya Sarkar	3116137-2237913	Women and Politics: Role and Participation of Women in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly (written in Bengali)	Binoy Biswas
4	Jeet Mondal	3116137-2235195	Judicial Activism in India	Binoy Biswas
5	Mamoni Mandal	3116137-2234990	বিচার বিভাগীয় সক্রিয়তা: জনস্বার্থ মামলা এবং গ্রিন বেল্ট মামলার রায়ের আলোকে	Kamalesh Poddar
6	Priya Dutta	3115137-2235028	India's Environmental Protection Policy: Political Aspects, Application and Challenges (written in Bengali)	Kamalesh Poddar
7	Anita Biswas	3116137-2234920	The Role of the Judiciary in the Protection of Human Rights in India	Kamalesh Poddar
8	Buddhadeb Halder	3116137-2041278	The Importance of Religion in Indian Politics (written in Bengali)	Kamalesh Poddar
9	Puja Sarkar	3116137-2235204	The Critique of Hindu Social Order (student name left blank on the certificate — needs confirmation)	Arijit Chowdhury
10	Rabin Gain	3116137-2235215	Nehru's Contribution to Modern Democracy	Arijit Chowdhury
11	Sangita Parai	3116137-2235072	Swami Vivekananda's Spiritual Nationalism	Arijit Chowdhury
12	Anindya Biswas	3116137-2235104	Evolution of Global Conflicts and Indian Foreign Policy	Arijit Chowdhury
13	Srabani Bala	3116137-2235088	Nationalism in Rabindranath Tagore's Thought: Internationalism and World Citizenship (written in Bengali)	Tejen Mondal
14	Ratna Naskar	3116137-2235046	Social Movement: Changing India through Protest	Tejen Mondal
15	Siurjo Biswas	3116137-2235220	Proxy War and Indian Foreign Policy	Tejen Mondal
16	Ritika Biswas	3116137-2235049	Changing India through Protest (Social Movement)	Tejen Mondal
17	Shruti Ghosh	3116137-2235009	The Significance of the Movement in Independent India	Begam Ansari
18	Sanchita Biswas	3116137-2235068	ভারতীয় সংবিধানে ধর্মনিরপেক্ষতার ধারণা ও বাস্তবতা	Begam Ansari
19	Sarmistha Biswas	3116137-2235074	Early Phase: Reform Movements and the Emergence of Women's Voices	Begam Ansari

Note: The roll numbers have been copied from the departmental list. A few digits are not clearly readable in the scanned copy, so all roll numbers should be checked once against the original university records before the report is finally submitted.

6. Main Themes of the Dissertations

Although the students chose their topics freely, the titles can be grouped under a few broad themes. This grouping shows the general interest of the class.

Theme	No. of works	Examples of topics
Indian political thought and thinkers	5	Tagore (two studies), Vivekananda, Nehru, critique of the Hindu social order
Foreign policy and international relations	3	India–Pakistan relations, global conflicts, proxy war
Social and reform movements	4	Protest movements, movements in independent India, early reform movements
Judiciary, rights and the Constitution	2	Judicial activism, judiciary and human rights
Women and politics	2	Women in the State Assembly, emergence of women's voices
Religion, environment and other themes	4	Religion in Indian politics, environmental policy, two titles yet to be confirmed

7. Observations

- Wide range of topics: The twenty dissertations cover political thought, the judiciary, foreign policy, gender, environment, religion and social movements. This shows that students used the full breadth of the Honours syllabus.
- Strong interest in Indian political thinkers: Tagore, Vivekananda and Nehru together attracted four studies, and one student worked on the critique of the Hindu social order. This is a healthy sign for the study of Indian political thought.
- Attention to current affairs: Topics such as India–Pakistan relations (2015–25), proxy war, global conflicts and environmental policy show that students are following present-day issues and not depending only on textbook subjects.
- Gender and social justice: Two dissertations deal directly with the political role and voice of women, and three deal with protest and social movements. Together they form a strong social-justice group of topics.
- Use of both languages: Several students wrote in Bengali and the rest in English. This is a good practice because it allows students to express complicated ideas in the language they are most comfortable with.
- Even supervision load: Every teacher guided four students, so no supervisor was overburdened and every student received proper attention.
- Some overlapping of topics: Two dissertations are on Tagore and two are on protest and social movements. In future, the department may keep a topic register so that repetition can be avoided or the two students can be asked to take clearly different angles.

8. Points that Need Attention

While preparing this report from the departmental file, a few gaps were noticed. They are small in nature but should be corrected in the office records.

- One certificate carries the title "The Critique of Hindu Social Order" but the name of the student has been left blank. The name should be filled in and the certificate re-signed.
- No certificate could be found in the file for one student of the last group (Sathi Biswas), and her roll number is also not entered in the list.
- In a few certificates the supervisor's designation and the date have been left blank, although the signature is present.

- Two Bengali titles are not fully readable in the scanned copies and should be typed out again from the original dissertations.
- One title page belongs to an earlier session (2020–2021) but has been kept in the 2024–2025 file. The department should note clearly whether this student appeared as a regular or a back-log candidate.
- Some roll numbers are difficult to read in the scan and should be verified with the university records.

9. Suggestions for the Next Session

- Fix a clear time-table at the beginning of the session: topic selection, synopsis, first draft, final submission and viva-voce.
- Ask every student to submit a short synopsis of about 300 words before starting the full work, so that the topic can be approved early.
- Give the students a common format for the dissertation — cover page, certificate, acknowledgement, contents, chapters, conclusion and bibliography.
- Arrange two or three workshops on research method, footnoting and plagiarism.
- Maintain a soft-copy register of titles, supervisors and marks so that departmental records stay complete and easy to search.
- Keep one clean, fully filled certificate for every student, with title, name, designation and date properly written.

10. Conclusion

The dissertation programme of 2024–2025 was carried out successfully. Twenty students of Semester VI completed their research work under five supervisors and appeared for the viva-voce on 29 July 2025. The topics were varied, relevant and connected to both classical political thought and present-day politics. Apart from a few clerical gaps in the office file, which can be easily corrected, the programme met its academic purpose: it gave the students their first real experience of independent research and prepared them for higher studies.

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