

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT
(FOR REACCREDITATION PURPOSE OF NAAC)

(Wherever applicable select the closest option and strike out the others which are not applicable.
 If something is Not Applicable write NA. Please use Separate Sheets wherever necessary)
(Information shall be given for the period from July 2004 to June 2009)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of the Department		Center for South Asian Studies									
2. Location of Institution		Science and Humanities Building –II									
3. Name and Address of Institution		Pondicherry University									
Web/URL Home page											
Email											
4. Year (Date if available) of Establishment		September 2005									
5. Built-up Area in Sq. Ft.		NA									
6. Institutional Autonomy		Yes									
7. Total Student Strength of the Department		First Year- 19(2009-10) Second Year – 7 (2008-09)									
8. Programs Offered: M.A. South Asian Studies											
8.(i) Post-Graduate: (Please specify courses. If necessary use additional sheets)											
Total Intake	Total Student Strength		Students from Pondicherry University		Students from Other Universities		Students from Other States		NRI Students		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
2008-09.	3	4	3	4	--	--	Nil	1	Nil	2	
31											
2009-10.	12	7	12	7	--	--			7	3	
31											
8.(ii) Ph.D.: (Please specify subjects. If necessary use additional sheets)											
Total Intake	Total Student Strength		Students from Pondicherry University		Students from Other Universities		Students from Other States		NRI Students		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
NA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
9. Number of Permanent Teaching Faculty							Male: 4 Female: 0 Total: 4				
10. Number of Teaching Posts Sanctioned							Professor: 1 Reader: 2 Lecturer: 3 Others (Please specify): Lab. Assistant:				

11. Number of Teaching Posts Occupied	Professor: Reader: 1 Lecturer: 3 Others (Please specify):
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12. List of Technical Staff:							
Sl. No.	Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Date of Super-annuation	Technical	Designation	Highest Qualification
	NA						
13. Number of Administrative Staff					Clerical: Male: 1 Female: 0 Total: 1 Attenders: Male: 1 Female: 0 Total: 1 Peons: Male: 0 Female: Total: 0		
14. Whether the Institution has been assessed and accredited by any Agency like NAAC/NBA/AICTE/DEC/etc.?					NAAC		
15. What are the admission policies in your institution? (Please strike our whichever is not applicable)							
(i) Admission based on Marks in Qualifying exam alone : yes							
(ii) Admission based on (i) and Entrance exam (University /State / National level): National Level							
(iii) Admission based on (i) and / or (ii) and / or (iii) and / or Interview / Group Discussion: NA							
(iv) Counselling for students done before Admission: NA							
(v) Counselling for students done after Admission: Yes							
(vi) Percentage of Reservations available for Admission under categories SC-2 + 1/ST-1+1/OBC /Sports-1/NRI-2/ Women / Category Percentage Internal students /Physically Challenged /Domicile of State / Other State students / Wards of employees, etc. – As per the rule of Government of India							
(vii) Any others (please specify):							
16. Is there any review of the Admission Policy?					Yes		
17. When was the Admission Policy reviewed of late?					2007(We authorized the South Asia foundation of each Chapter to select the candidates country (I,e) Afganisthan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldieves, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri lanka		
18. How are the courses / programmes advertised?					University website, National and regional News Paper, Pamphlet		

19. Number of Working days per semester?	93 days
20. Number of Teaching days per semester?	73 days
21. Are there any policy guidelines for curriculum revision?	As per the recommendation of the Board of Studies
22. Is there any academic body for design and / or review of curriculum?	Yes-Board of Studies
23. When was the curriculum last revised?	February 2007
24. Are the curricula revised for all programmes simultaneously or partially?	All Programmes
25. Does the institution have credit transfer system?	Yes
26. Methods of Instruction followed	Teaching, Seminar, Workshop, Counseling, Quiz, test, Discussion and Debates
27. Exam. System followed	Internal & External
28. Is there Internal Assessment? If yes, what percentage of the total is this and in what faculty?	Yes- Internal Assessment - 40 marks
29. Is there external valuation?	Yes
30. Has the institution introduced any innovations in exam?	
31. Are the exams held as per schedule? If not, give reasons.	Yes
32. Are the results declared as per schedule? If not, give reasons.	Yes
33. Grants received from various sources	Yes
34. Fee structure per annum:	As per the University norms

GENERAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES

35. Does the Institution have Dept. Libraries? Are these connected with the main Library?	No
36. Area of the Library in Sq. Ft.	NA
37. Number of Books in the Library Number of Text books in the Library Number of Reference books in Library Number of Audio cassettes Number of Video cassettes Number of CD ROMS	NA
38. Number of Books purchased last year by Library	NA
39. Is there a Computer Laboratory?	NA
40. Area of the Computer Laboratory in Sq.Ft.	NA
41. Number of Computers in the Institution	6Nos.
42. Number of Computers Available for use by Students	NA
43. Number of Computers Available for Staff	Teaching Staff-5, Non-teaching-1
44. Is the Administration of the Institution computerized?	Yes
45. Does the Institution have an Auditorium?	Yes
46. Does the Institution have Canteen facilities?	Yes
47. Does the Institution have a Student Centre?	Yes
48. Does the Institution have facilities for Indoor Games / Reading Room / etc. ?	Yes
49. Number of Class Rooms in the Institution Number of Laboratories Number of Reading Rooms Number of Staff Rooms Number of Common Rooms Number of Rest Rooms	2Nos. NA NA 5No. NA NA

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

50. Are the Faculty Members Active in Research?				Yes			
51. Research Projects Completed during last 5 years with Details:							
Name of the Project	Name of the Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Thrust Area	Total Grant	Duration with Years	Number of Publications under the Research Project	Number of Patents, if any.
52. Ongoing Research Projects, if any, with Details: (Please use separate sheet if necessary)							
Name of the Project	Name of the Principal Investigator	Funding Agency	Total Grant	Duration with Years	Number of Publications under the Research Project	Number of Patents, if any.	
UGC Major Research Project	Dr.Lazarus Samras	UGC	Rs.7,360,000	From June 2006 to Dec. 2009	2	Nil	
53. Has the Institution organized any Research Meetings During the last 5 years?				Yes			

54. Details of Research Meeting, if any, organized during last 5 years.

(Please give separate list with full details, wherever necessary)

Name of the Meeting	Level (National / International)	Type of Meeting (Seminar/ Workshop/ Conference/ Symposia/ Other (specify))	Number of Persons who attended (Male: Female: Total:)	Dates of the Meeting
Democratic Experimentation in South Asia	National	Seminar		26 th & 27 th March 2009
Emerging challenges in south Asian studies	National	Seminar		15 th & 16 th April 2008
Electoral Reforms in India	National	Seminar		23 rd and 24 th March 2006.
a One-day Round Table Discussion on "Nation Building Through Elections: Indian Experience at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.	Regional	A One Day Round Table Discussion		19 th March 2004

55. Has the Department Participated in any Special Schemes like UGC DRS / DSA / COSIP / ASIST / DST FIST / DBT , others. (Please Specify).	UGC- Created a Center for South Asian Studies
56. Has the Institution introduced any Innovations in Teaching (Please give details)	Yes-Power point teaching, Group Discussion, Quiz, Student seminars.

INSTITUTIONAL / DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

57. Annual Budget of the Institution / Department during last 5 years.	Rs. 3, 56, 442- (2008-09)
58. Research Funds per Faculty Member during last 5 years	Nil
59. Ratio of Students to Faculty during last 5 years	5 : 1
60. Ratio of Number of Applications to Available Intake during last 5 years	31 Nos.
61. Ratio of Number of Students Appearing for Exam. to Number of Successful Candidates during last 5 years (Final exam. Only)	NA

62. Number of Students Admitted to Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years

Program	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
M.A	2008-09	Nil	3	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	--	--	1	1	3	4
M.A	2009-10	11	4	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	--	--	1	1	12	7

63. Number of Student Drop-outs in Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years

Program	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
Nil													

64. Number of Students who Appeared for Final Exam. In Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years : NA

Program	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
Nil													

65. Number of Students who Passed Final Exam. In Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years

Program	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
Nil													

66. Number of Students who Secured University Ranks (please specify) in Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years

Program	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
NA													

67. Number of Students who won Recognitions in Various Fields (Academic / Cultural / Sports, et cetera (please specify) in Various Programs (UG /PG / Certificate/ Diploma Courses) during the last 5 years

Program & Field of Recognition	Year	General		SC		ST		Cat. 1		OBC		Total	
		Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.
Three students awarded meritorious Madanjeet Singh Group Scholarship	2008-2009	1	2	1								1	2
Twelve students awarded meritorious Madanjeet Singh Group Scholarship	2009-10	8	2	1								8	2

68. Any Other Information

69. Contact Information of Institution / Department

Name of Contact Person	Dr.P.Lazarus Samraj
Address for Communication	The Co-ordinator, Center for South Asian Studies, Pondicherry University.
FAX Numbers	Nil
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70. Any efforts made by the Department to promote Campus Recruitment - NA

71. Healthy practices of the Department.

(1) Promoting pluralism and secularism among the students of South Asia.

- (2) Promoting peace and harmony in the world of multiculturalism.
- (3) Encouraging the students to formulate problem solving mechanism for the Challenges of South Asian region.
- (4) Conducting weekly seminar on current topics at the School Level.
- (5) Conducting regular seminars on Common Problems of South Asia
- (6) Special Problems solving Project in the fourth semester
- (7) Encouraging the students to participate in the seminar/symposium/cultural Activities/sports and other competition.
- (8) Motivate the students to write on current issues in the proposed students journal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

M.A. South Asian Studies is Unique mainly because of Good will Ambassador Madanjeet Singh Group Scholarship is gracious enough to sanction 16 scholarships (The Scholarship covers the entire tuition fees, travel –round trip economy air fare, boarding and lodging.

Are there any overseas students? Yes

First Year - 10 students (Nepal, Bhutan, Bangaldesh, Afghanisthan, Sri Lanka)
 Second Year – 2 students (Nepal, Bhutan)

Has the department organized

- **Lectures:**

The Center for South Asian Studies organized series of lectures on various topics related to South Asia inviting Scholars from various Universities for the benefit of students and researchers.

- 1.Dr.Sunil Dutt, New Delhi. Date:05.02.09 & 06.02.09
- 2.Dr.Suriya Narayana, Chennai Date:06.03.09.
- 3.Dr.A.Shanmugam, Chidambaram Date:19.03.09.
- 4.Dr.Ramagopal, Chidambaram, Date:01.04.09.

Workshops: NA

- **Seminars:**

A Two day National Seminar on “Electoral Reforms in India”

South Asian Studies organized a two days National Seminar on “**Electoral Reforms in India**” on 23rd and 24th March 2006. Mr.L.Premasekara, Coordinator i/c and

Dr.P.Lazarus Samraj organized a two-day seminar in a successful manner. This was the first seminar organized by the South Asian Studies Programme with a specific purpose and it was conducted successfully. Eminent scholars from various Universities participated and presented their papers and actively took part in discussions and gave valuable suggestions for electoral reforms in India. In this seminar totally 22 papers were presented and accepted.

A Two day National Seminar on Emerging Challenges in South Asian Regional Cooperation

With the financial support of the Pondicherry University and the Center for South Asian Studies a two day National Seminar on Emerging Challenges in South Asian Regional Cooperation is organized. The total budget of the Seminar is Rs.1, 50,000/-. We have received scholarly abstracts from more than sixty scholars from all over India.

A Two day National Seminar on Democratic Experimentation in South Asia

With the financial support of the Pondicherry University and the Center for South Asian Studies a two day National Seminar on Democratic Experimentation in South Asia is organized on 26th & 27th March 2009

- Conferences: NA

If yes, what is the nature and extend of student participation?

No. of students who have passed the following during the last six years

- NET :Nil
- SLET :Nil
- CAT :Nil
- TOEFEL :Nil
- GRE :Nil
- G-MAT :Nil
- KAS :Nil
- IAS :Nil
- Defense entrance :Nil
- Others :Nil

Titles of Research Projects :

Is there any Student Counseling center in the department. Yes

Is there any Grievance Redressal cell? Yes

When did the Alumni – Association of the department got established? How many members are actively involved ? Give enrolment statistics.

Yet to create

Place:

Date:

Signature with Seal of Chairperson