



Teaching Learning Centre
Department of Economics
Department of Political Science
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and

The Centre for Indian Knowledge System
Ramanujan College
(Accredited Grade 'A++' by NAAC)
University of Delhi

are organising an

Online Two-Week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course

on the theme

REVISITING KAUTILYA'S ARTHASHASTRA

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under the aegis of

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CALL FOR REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION

RAMANUJAN COLLEGE

Ramanujan College, a constituent College of the University of Delhi was established in 1958 as an evening college. The College has been accredited Grade "A++" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in its Second Cycle.

At present, Ramanujan College offers sixteen undergraduate programmes in different disciplines. Besides this, the college has been awarded the DDU KAUSHAL (Deen Dayal Upadhyay - Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood) Kendra (2016) by UGC and Teaching Learning Centre (2017) by the Ministry of Education. The College also offers short-term diploma, certificate, and executive development programmes on contemporary and skill-oriented themes to complement the regular graduation courses. It is also the Study Centre of School of Open Learning (SOL), Non-Collegiate Women Education Board (NCWEB) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for various courses.

In 2018, the College conducted a Course on Human Rights, Environment and Ethics through its National Resource Centre (NRC), under the Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) scheme of MoE. The College has also entered into Memorandum of Understanding(s) with foreign universities. It is also working for collaboration with other higher education institutions located in remote areas of the country, under the Vidya Vistar Scheme of the University of Delhi.



TEACHING LEARNING CENTRE RAMANUJAN COLLEGE

Teaching Learning Centre (TLC) is mandated by the Ministry of Education (MoE) to organise Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), Faculty Orientation and Induction Programmes (FIPs), discipline specific and interdisciplinary refresher courses, conferences, workshops, through offline and online modes. These programmes are based on indepth subject knowledge, quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, and on an interdisciplinary approach as is envisaged in the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

The TLC, Ramanujan College has been set up with the aim of "Reaching the Unreached" teachers in terms of regional diversity and geographically remote areas of the country. It has successfully conducted more than hundred learner-centric programmes since October 2017 and trained over one lakh teachers across the country in various discipline specific and interdisciplinary programmes.

In the TLC Programmes, distinguished and internationally acclaimed resource persons deliver lectures and conduct sessions on wide ranging disciplines/topics of relevance in the contemporary and ever evolving global scenario to benefit the teaching fraternity, corporates and researchers. The sessions are also uploaded for larger audiences on the official YouTube Channel of the College.

Ramanujan College is a pioneer in offering offline/online courses for faculty members of higher education institutions and research scholars through the customised Learning Management System (LMS), designed by the College's Research Development and Services Cell. It is predominantly participant-friendly and incorporates evaluation methods and comprehensive feedback systems to judge learning outcomes. The LMS is hosted on cloud with high scalability and reliability. The College has installed its own cloud Infrastructure to host its servers for research and data analysis

CONCEPT NOTE

Kautilya, also known as Chanakya or Vishnugupta, was the Indian political philosopher and statesman, who helped Chandragupta Maurya to establish the first unified state in Indian history in the fourth century B.C. Kautilya's Arthashastra, the oldest treatise and exhaustive compilation on statecraft, and on the issues of the political economy, was discovered in the early part of the 20th century. A written guide for "those who govern", it is one of the greatest Indian treatises on the art of governance and administration in contemporary times. It extensively discusses war, diplomacy, peace, intelligence and security. Kautilya underlined the role of knowledge management to economic prosperity.

The Arthshastra is the most comprehensive treatise on Statecraft, virtually dealing with every aspect of governance and skillful management of the affairs of the State. Kautilya's Saptang Theory, seven constituent elements of the State, even though propounded in the context of a monarchical state, holds relevance even today in the context of republican and democratic governments. Kautilya is not only pragmatic in his approach but treads rather skilfully the fine balance of religion, ethics and politics.

Kautilya's ideas and concepts have astonishingly found relevance not only in the contemporary political economy and economics of governance but also in the practice of management. Contemporary management theories have drawn many concepts from Kautilya's writings (Arthashastra, Chanakya Niti, Nitishastra). His writings have influenced several branches of management; e.g. strategic management, human resource management, and financial management. Based on understating and interpretations of Kautilya's writings, several authors in current times have drawn valuable insights for corporate social responsibility, value based management, land management, organizational system, recruitment system for top positions, feedback system, etc.

This Programme is an endeavour to build a holistic understanding of the text “Kautilya Arthashastra” with an inter-disciplinary approach. It would raise the following topics for discussion in the context of the ancient text.

THEMATICS

- **Chanakya, Kautilya and Vishnugupta - Three Honorifics of One Person**
- **Outer Framework of Kautilya Arthashastra**
- **Thinking and Writing in Kautilya Arthashastra**
- **Kautilya’s Theory of State : Concepts of Dharma, Danda and Artha**
- **Saptanga Theory of Kautilya**
- **Fiscal Policy and Taxation System**
- **City Planning and Disaster Management**
- **Prominence of Espionage and the Role of Spies and Envoys**
- **Warfare, Diplomacy and Ethics**
- **Rajamandala Theory**
- **Relevance of Kautilya’s Arthashastra in 21st Century**

RESOURCE PERSONS

- **Keynote Address by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai**, Director, Chanakya International Institute of Leadership Studies, University of Mumbai
- **Dr. Amna Mirza** (Associate Professor, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia)
- **Dr. Anna Nath Ganguly** (Senior Assistant Professor, Political Science Programme, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Amity University, Noida)
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- **Dr. Asawari Bapat** (First Secretary), Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Kathmandu)
- **Col. P.K. Gautam (Retd.)** (Honorary Distinguished Fellow, Center for Military History and Conflict Studies, United Service Institution of India, New Delhi)
- **Dr. D.K. Srivastava** (Chief Policy Advisor, Ernst and Young, India, and former Senior Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi)
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- **Dr. Suresh Rangarajan** (Professor & Head, Department of International Relations & Politics, Central University of Kerala)

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

Faculty members (regular/adhoc/temporary) in teaching profession, research scholars and postgraduate students are eligible to apply for this programme.

All those who meet the eligibility criterion are required to register and pay a **Non-Refundable fee of INR 1450/- by visiting**

rcmoocs.in

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 05 December 2023

After successful registration & payment, the participants will receive a confirmation via email. Please keep checking the spam folder of the email as the bulk email sent may end up in the spam folder.

An official group has been made for communication with the participants on "Telegram." You are therefore requested to install the Telegram App either from the Play Store or App Store. The link to join the official group will be provided in the confirmation mail.

IMPORTANT:

- Registration is mandatory for participation.
- Attempting and submitting all the quizzes and assignments are mandatory, and each participant should score a **minimum of 50% in total** to avail of the programme completion certificate.
- Graded certificates on the basis of performance will be awarded to the participants.
- As part of the Ministry of Education's requirement under the PMMMNMTT scheme, all participants need to submit online feedback for each session.

- **No Objection Certificate (NOC) or Leave is NOT REQUIRED to participate in the Programme. However, participants are expected to inform their authorities about their participation.**
- Failing to meet any of the above conditions will result in the denial of completion certificate.

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