CHAPTER 46

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Doctoral Theses

01. BAKSHI (Pooja)

State Responses to Sexual Violence in Contemporary India: A Case Study of December 2012 Gang Rape in Delhi.

Supervisor: Prof. Navnita C. Behera

Th 24648

Abstract (Not Verified)

This study examines the responses of the Indian state to the Delhi 2012 gang rape case and the manner in which it nuances our understanding about the state's deliberations and actions pertaining to the phenomena of sexual violence. It is broadly located at the inter-sections of key debates in the feminist writings on sexual violence, their interrogations of the state and, feminist engagements with law. The focal point of research is a particular socio-political moment in the contemporary history of India, which was triggered by the gang-rape of a paramedic student in December 2012, in Delhi. This incident sparked extraordinary public protests and received unprecedented media coverage, creating a massive impetus to compel the state to respond, albeit in diverse and often divergent ways. By drawing upon the parliamentary debates, reports of the Justice Verma Committee (JVC), the Justice Usha Mehra Commission and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, it offers a comparative analysis of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill 2012, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 and, the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013. This thesis argues that the state responded in heterogeneous and paradoxical ways and the logic of this heterogeneity is derived from the social impulses driving the state action were themselves diverse and the internal paradoxes of the state. It is such contestations between the dominant, protectionist masculinist frames vis-à-vis progressive feminist stand points that shape the working of the state actors and the eventual law making process, led to some progressive changes, opened up possibilities for more while foreclosing the others.

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1. Introduction 2. Sexual violence and laws in India: A debate 3. December 2012 gang rape in Delhi heterogeneity of social impulses and state actors 4. Contestations between statist and gender sensitive frames 5. The parliament debates: Dominant protectionist masculinities and dissident voices 6. Critical engagements with law making on sexual violence. Conclusion. Bibliography.

02. CHIGURU PRASHANTH KUMAR

Telangana Movement and Political Economy of Media: A Critical Study on Noam Chomsky's Propaganda Model.

Supervisor: Prof. Rekha Saxena

Th 24650

Abstract (Not Verified)

Telangana Movement is one of the contemporary political movement which was under the full scrutiny of the media. The study focused mainly on the socio-cultural and political economy of the communities in the context of Telangana Movement and Media that are linked with each other. Political and social movements need the help of media to broadcast their views and struggles. The research drew the attention to the empirical analysis of the structure of ownership and control of media and the way media market forces operates and influence media content. To prove this, the content analysis of two Telugu newspapers Namaste Telangana and Eenadu has been done. The study is qualitative in nature and used both primary and secondary data. The findings and outcomes of the research work has been presented and analysed through Noam Chomsky's propaganda model, which was very helpful in estimating the role of the media during and aftermath of the Telangana Movement. The findings of the research indicate that the media institution has to be considered as part of the economic system, with close links to the political system. The predominance of what the media products can largely be accounted for different kinds of content, under pressurizing conditions to expand markets and by the underlying economic interests of owners and decision makers. The study concludes that Telugu media gauged the rising sentiments of Telangana citizens and used the arising cultural phenomenon for their materialistic interest. The basic ethics of journalism is to follow truth, fairness and objectivity in the news has been undermined completely.

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- 03. CHOUDHARY (Priyanka)

Politics of Development and Culture: Issues of Progress and Citizenship among the Gadia Lohars of Rajasthan.

Supervisor: Dr. Madhulika Banerjee

Th 24652

Abstract (Not Verified)

This thesis is about the conundrums of citizenship in the context of a nomadic community-called Gadia Lohars of Rajasthan. This thesis argues in the context of the Gadia Lohar community that 'sedentary' lifestyle erodes the basic identity of this

nomadic group of citizens and pushes them further towards marginalization. This thesis is premised upon the theory of post-development critique and anarchist perspective on the state, both of which challenges the process of 'modernization', for its linear perceptions and imaginations of 'progress' and 'development' working in favor of capitalist interest. The anarchist theory believes that the modern state tries to expand its control over the untamed territorial spaces and people. Nomads have always remained the foremost target for state's appropriation. In pre-modern times, nomads were used to devising ways to evade the state authority which increasingly became difficult with gradually evolved 'state-subject' relationship. In India, with the coming of the colonial state, conceptions of modern governance transformed the existing social and economic relationships that lead to the demolition of the 'mutual frame of existence' that nomads shared with sedentary populations in pre-colonial agrarian Indian society. In fact, the other traditionally existing yet amiable and flexible caste categories were rather fixated and concretized by the colonial administration for the convenience of governance. The modern state essentially focuses upon 'settlingdown' the nomadic population and fails to incorporate an alternative vision of 'development' for the non-sedentary citizens. The thesis concludes that modern state's attempts since independence to mainstream the Gadia Lohars by 'settling them down', has largely failed in the state of Rajasthan.

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04. DEEPIKA

Land Acquisition and State in an Era of Globalization: A Study of Haryana.

Supervisor: Prof. Sunil K. Choudhary

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Abstract (Verified)

Land has emerged as an all important resource occupying the centre-stage in the new drive for development throughout the world, and especially in India. Unquestionably, land is required for development, be it industrialization, infrastructure building, town planning or some other purpose. But the problem becomes more complex and polarized when a scarce resource like land needs to be allocated to competing and often for conflicting uses. Moreover, what provokes this issue is the active participation of government authority as a taker of land, for providing this scarce resource for industrial development and other uses. The land-losers are inclined, on their part, to feel victimized and marginalized against such organized effort to take land in which the government itself becomes an active party. In this regards, it is interesting to study the role of the state within such changed milieu when at one side the power of the state is decentralized and at the same time the state no longer protects agricultural land as it used to during the Nehruvian period of state led

planned development paradigm. With the opening of the economy and entry of private competitors who are wooing for land acquisition, the issue of compensation and rehabilitation has become a critical task of 'governance' which leads widespread protest all over. Hence, there is a need to comprehend the issues relating to acquisition of land and the complexities associated with it. Therefore, this research examines the issues and challenges of compensation and rehabilitation due to acquisition of land and the role of state within the border couture of development discourse with special reference to Haryana in globalized era.

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1. Introduction 2. Land acquisition: Concepts and theoretical debates 3. Land acquisition acts and amendments in India: Theoretical and historical implications 4. Globalization and land acquisition policies of Haryana: A critical analysis. Conclusion and recommendations: The way. Bibliography. Appendix.

05. KAMAL KUMAR

Environmental Justice and Forest Laws: A Study of India.

Supervisor: Dr. Subhendu Ranjan Raj

Th24903

Abstract (Not Verified)

The study has evaluated the Indian forest laws, and more specifically the 'Forest Right Act' (FRA) of 2006 and its subsequent amendment brought in 2012, with the purpose of analysing its environmental justice (EJ) content with a special reference to the state's approach towards traditional knowledge—possessed by the forest communities especially tribals. Adopting the social environmental justice perspective (SEJP), this study demonstrates that the FRA appears to be in sync with the EJ principles like local participation, distributional equity, basic human rights, and social justice. However, much has still to be done to promote specially the patterns of traditional knowledge in the context of forest governance. This thesis argues that a better understanding of local practices and customs based on traditional knowledge is the prerequisite for evolving a sustainable and inclusive forest management structure. It further states that environmental justice, in the Indian context, does not only about providing participation to the locals in the forest management, but it is also about recognizing the significance of traditional knowledge in managing and preserving the natural resources including forests. Also, the assurance of EJ through forest laws may not only empower the marginalised forest communities, but also may help the government to internalise the democratic and social justice values into the forest governance. Lastly, this study stresses upon the need of developing a "mixed knowledge system" encompassing the elements of both traditional and modern knowledge which may enable the state to sustainably manage and conserve the forests. In summary, with apt recognition and inclusion of traditional knowledge into the forest laws and policies, the Indian state may find itself in a better position to ensure EJ to its indigenous communities by promoting the three of its core principles (local participation, social justice, and sustainable development) as suggested by the SEJP.

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- 1. Introduction 2. History and evolution of environmental justice 3. Ndestanding the contours of the global discourse on environmental justice developing a model of analysis 4. Forests laws and policies in colonial and post-colonial India 5. Indian forest laws and the question of traditional knowledge: A social environmental justice perspective. Conclusion. Annexure. Bibliography.
- 06. JAMES (Ks Luckyson)

Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) and Human Rights: A Case Study of Manipur.

Supervisor: Dr. Ajay K. Mehra

Th 24644

Abstract (Not Verified)

This thesis is to conduct a critical inquiry about the purpose, merits and demerits of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in Manipur. After the independents of India, the law and order situations in Assam was deteriorated which threatens the territorial integrity of the state. Since neither the police nor the normal legal framework are meant to deal with the emergence of insurgency and armed rebellion in the Naga Hills, the president promulgated the Armed Forces (Assam and Manipur) Special Powers Ordinance in the parliament on 22 May 1958 and came into force on 12 September 1958. The AFSPA is one of the many special laws passed by the parliament which empowers the armed forces in counter-insurgency operations in aid of civil administration in areas declare as 'disturbed'. No wonder, the AFSPA has emerged as one of the most controversial laws in force for the past six decades. During this period, there have been many complaints of misused and abused of this Act by the armed forces. The Act has failed to its real aim of controlling insurgency. The numbers of insurgent groups and their activities have increased in the Northeast over the years. No wonder, in India's Northeast, even in Jammu and Kashmir, there is widespread demand for the repeal of this Act. The comparative analysis of AFSPA and some of the special laws in India and around the world is necessary to find out the best provisions of the law for its effective implementation in the country. Winning the hearts and minds of the people is the most effective doctrine in fighting insurgency. Independent institutional mechanism should be instituted to redressing the grievances of the people.

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- 1. Introduction 2. Manipur 3. The AFSPA: In a comparative perspective 4. The AFSPA in Manipur. Conclusion. Appendices. Bibliography.
- 07. JHA (Ashutosh Kumar)

Comparing the Federal Second Chamber of Canada and India on Provincial Representation.

Supervisor: Prof. Rekha Saxena

Th 24644

Abstract (Not Verified)

Canda in 1867 and India in 1947 adopted Westminster model of government prevalent in England. Both the countries further modified it to add a component of Parliamenatry framework. The federal principle could find a place because of regional and ethnic diversities. However in both the countries Parliamenatry principle remained predominant over the federal principle. The fundamental rationale for a Second Chamber in a federal theory is its importance in securing and protecting the interests of the units / regions. It is also understood as the house of revision where its wisdom because of a certain profile can lead to better discussions and advice to hasty decisions from the lower house. If regionalism is constitutive of federal political formation then Bicameralism is the institutional device to articulate that function. Federalism is an essential tool to balance diversity. So regionalism can be looked as containing ethnic and cultural dimensio and not only territorial dimension and federal constitutional contract is best recourse to control territorial or cultural regionalism. It has been seen that Parliamentary federations gives primacy to popularly elelcted chamber but it in no way means that Federal Second chamber are considered secondary. On the other hand if we analyse we find that except money bill Rajya sabha in India enjoys co-equal powers to Lok sabha. An account of Canadian Senate and Rajya Sabha gives two differential account of the functioning of the two upper houses in Parliamentary federation. Whereas Rajya Sabha has behqaved as a chamber guarding federal interests the Canadian Senate has failed in its duty to be a protector of the regional voice and has behaved as a partisan appointed chamber. There has beeen rallying cries for reform of the Senate but it is still struggling to find its relevance as a federal second chamber.

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1. Introduction 2. Second chamber in federal theory 3. Representation: A theoretical framework 4. Canadian sabha: Assessment of its federal concern 6. Rajya sabha: Fulfilling regional obligation?. Conclusion. Bibliography.

08. मंगल देव

नये राज्यों की मांग एवं क्षेत्रीय राजनीतिक आर्थिक आकांक्षाएँ: उत्तर प्रदेश के विशेष संदर्भ में। निर्देशक : डॉ. अभय प्रसाद सिंह

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सारांश (असत्यापित)

इस शोध का प्रमुख उद्देश्य इस तथ्य का अध्ययन करना है कि भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों में नए राज्यों के गठन की मांग से सम्बंधित आन्दोलन क्षेत्रीय राजनीतिक दलों द्वारा ही क्यों संचालित किये जाते हैं। साथ हीए उस क्षेत्र की ऐतिहासिकए सामाजिकए राजनीतिक आर्थिक आयामों का अध्ययन भी करना है जिससे ऐसे कारकों की पहचान की जा सके जिससे उन क्षेत्रों के ऐसे आंदोलनों में जनता की सहभागिता रहती है। इस

शोध में केंद्र और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा उन क्षेत्रों की उपेक्षाए आर्थिक पिछड़ापनए असंतुलित विकास का कारण तथा उन क्षेत्रों के क्षेत्रीय नेताओं एवं राजनीतिक दलों की महत्वाकांक्षाओं के कारणों का पता लगाने का प्रयास किया गया है। इस शोध विषय का कार्य क्षेत्र उत्तर प्रदेश है। विभिन्न प्रकार की विविधताओं से युक्त और 20 करोड़ से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले राज्य उत्तर प्रदेश के चार भागों ;पूर्वांचलए हरितप्रदेशए अवध और बुंदेलखंड में विभाजन की मांग और समर्थन विभिन्न राजनीतिक दलों द्वारा की जा रही है। यह अनुसन्धान ऐतिहासिकए विश्लेषणात्मक और अनुभवमूलक अन्वेषण पर आधारित है। जिसके अंतर्गत फील्ड सर्वे में 200 व्यक्तियों व् विभिन्न पक्षों के साक्षात्कार लिए गएए जिसमें से 57: लोगों ने विभाजन के पक्ष में मत व्यक्त किया। इस सर्वेक्षण से प्राप्त तथ्यों और साक्षात्कार जिनत आंकड़ों के आधार पर निष्कर्षतः उत्तर प्रदेश का सुशासनए विकास और बेहतर सार्वजनिक सेवा के लिए कम से कम पूर्वांचल और हिरत प्रदेश में विभाजन आवश्यक है। लेकिन विभाजन का आधार केवल राजनीतिक व् आर्थिक आकांक्षा ही न हो अपितु इस निर्णयन में प्रशासनिक सुविधा और आर्थिक संभाव्यता को भी महत्त्व दिया जाना चाहिए। शोध के अंतिम निष्कर्ष के रूप में कहा जा सकता है कि संघीय शासन में क्षेत्रीय आकांक्षायें लोकतांत्रिक राजनीति की अभिव्यक्ति है। इससे जहाँ सत्ता में भागीदारी और आर्थिक विकास में साझेदारी बढ़ती है वही संघीय व्यवस्था प्रतिस्पर्धी और सहयोगी बनती है।

विषय सूची

1.भूमिका 2. भारत में राज्यों के गठन का इतिहास 3. नए राज्यों की मांग में क्षेत्रीय कारकों की भूमिका 4. भारतीय राज्यों के विकास का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन 5. उत्तर प्रदेशः राजनीतिक आर्थिक परिदृश्य 6. उत्तर प्रदेश में नए राज्यों के गठन की मांग. निष्कर्ष. संदर्भ ग्रंथ सूची. परिशिष्ट।

09. MEENA (Harsh)

Tribal Aspirations and the Party System in Rajasthan.

Supervisor: Prof. Rekha Saxena

Th 24646

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10. PURI (Ellora)

Impact of Organized Political Violence on Gender Relations: A Case Study of Violence in Jammu and Kashmir.

Supervisor: Dr. Nachiketa Singh

Th 24653

Abstract (Not Verified)

This thesis interrogates the question of whether gender relations change because of organised, and protracted conflict, and, if they do, in what ways. It is an analytical study making use of qualitative methods: ethnography, interviews, oral testimonies, textual analysis, archival work, biographical studies, and discourse analysis. Gender relations are understood to

encompass gender roles that men and women are expected to carry out; gender identities that prescribe specific characteristics to different sexes; gendered power structures which give women and men unequal access to societal resources; and gender ideologies that legitimise these roles, identities, and power structures. The contention of this thesis is that any societal change, in this case, gender-relations, cannot be studied divorced from contexts, history, and narratives. It is long-term historical continuities that determine how the shock to the system like outbreak of political violence affects social changes. It also argues that while gender roles, gender institutions, and gender identities can all be impacted by such a systemic shock, gender ideologies are far too entrenched to change that easily. The thesis uses the conflict in Jammu and Kashmir as a case study to understand this relationship between political violence and gender relations. The amount of diversity that the state presents in terms of communities, terrains, and differing histories, gets reflected in how conflict took shape in multiple fashions in the region. One of the ways the differences get illuminated is in the manner gender relations were affected thereof. After looking at the visible effects of political violence on women in J&K, the thesis concludes that gender relations get reconfigured differently depending upon the contexts in which violence manifests. So mass-based insurgent movements seem to provide more scope for altering gender relations than movements using terroristic means for political ends, especially those that invoke religious distinctiveness as opposed to ethno-cultural symbolism.

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11. ROVISO

Politics and Culture in Post-Independent India: A Comparative Study of the Maoists and the Naga Struggle.

Supervisor: Dr. Om Prakash

Th 24647

Abstract (Not Verified)

The study intends to understand the Maoist and Naga struggles in India. It explores the relationship of the movements with the Indian state. It foregrounds the nature of politics and the cultural aspects linked with the movements. Arguably, the two movements exhibit revolutionary ideals and are organized on revolutionary lines. The issues in both cases concern the peasantry, land, culture, democracy and neutrality as well as the instrumentality of the state in India. The host societies of these movements are apparently seen as 'plain tribes' of mainland India and "hill tribes" of the Nagas occupying the North-eastern region of India. Interestingly, a distinction is made on the basis of cultural habitat and identity - linking tribes in Jharkhand and Nagaland. Over the period of time both these movement have spiraled into major political and security conflicts and as some argue they represent the aspirations of the people, to stand for their rights; protect their identity and freedom. Therefore, an assessment of their politics within larger framework and understanding of revolution in world historical context as well as particular historical lessons emanating from Indian perspective is undertaken in this study. An attempt has been made to use comparative tools to explore the answers to some of the questions that the research throws up, notwithstanding the limitations. In this study, effort has been made to choose and analyze the nature of State's response to these movements, and also the societal developments that evolved in the context of these two movements. The nature of state in India and debates on democracy are also put to critical scrutiny in this study. In conclusion, it situates the two movements within India's democratic politics. It asserts that the Maoist struggle is a

revolutionary movement while the Naga struggle is an ethnic movement, posed in revolutionary pattern.

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12. संदीप

बजार अर्थव्यवस्था में शिक्षा का अधिकारः दिल्ली राज्य के निजी विद्यालयों के संदर्भ में।

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सारांश (असत्यापित)

प्रस्त्त शोध का उद्देश्य ृशिक्षा का अधिकार अधिनियम.2010ः के क्रियान्वयन में निजी विद्यालयों के उत्तरदायित्व की समीक्षा करना रहा है। इस शोध के माध्यम से यह जानने का प्रयास किया गया है कि उभरती हुई नव उदारवादी आर्थिक राजनीतक वातावरण में निजी क्षेत्र समता और सामाजिक न्याय को स्थापित करने में अपनी भूमिका किस सीमा तक पूरा कर रहा हैः इस अध्ययन की आवश्यकता का एक पहलू यह भी है कि क्या यह वास्तव में सामाजिक न्याय हेत् प्रयास हैं अथवा राज्य के साधनों का निजी हितों मे प्रयोग करना हैं: इसके साथ साथ इस शोध का उद्देश्य यह जानना भी है कि आर्थिक अशक्त वर्ग एवं वंचित वर्ग के विद्यार्थियों का निजी विद्यालय द्वारा समावेशन और समंजन का व्यवाहरिक पक्ष कितना स्टढ़ है। जिससे यह विद्यार्थी अपना भविष्य स्धार सकेंगे और समाज समानता की और बढ़ेगा। उपरोक्त कारणों की जांच करना ही शोधार्थी का प्रयास रहा है। इसके पक्ष में दिये गए व्यवहारिक कारण ही इसकी महता को स्वयंसिदध और सर्वसिदध करते हैं। दरअसल जांच की महता उन पक्षों को उजागर करना होता हैं जो शायद समाजए शिक्षा और राज्य सरकार के सामने नए पहल्ओं को रख सकें। इसके साथ साथ इसकी महत्ता आर्थिक अशक्त वर्ग के छात्रों की समस्याओं को पहचानना और उनके निराकरण हेत् संस्त्तियाँ करना भी हैं। शोधार्थी का म्ख्य रूप से दो तर्क यह हैं कि क्या वास्तव में निजी क्षेत्र सामाजिक न्याय हेत् कटिबद्ध और प्रतिबद्ध हैं या केवल यह राष्ट्रीय साधनों और संस्थाओं का निजी हितों मे प्रयोग करने का एक नया मॉडल हैं। इसके साथ साथ शोधार्थी का मूल तर्क यह भी है कि नए वातावरण में इन आर्थिक अशक्त वर्ग एवं वंचित वर्ग के विद्यार्थियों का समायोजन बड़ी कठिन च्नौती हैं।

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Education, as a human right has been considered an essential tool for achieving the goals of Democracy, Equality, Development and Peace at universal level. In the context of the Supreme Court decision on the J. P. Unnikrishnan case in 1993, in the 86th amendment education has been accepted as a fundamental right and included in Article 21(A). Article 21A proclaims: "the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine." The primary purpose of the present study is to explore and analyse the detailed accounts of Human Rights, Child Rights, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (2009) and legal discourse to Right to Education. The study also tries to find out if the implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (2009) has been done in true spirits or not by means of a case study of schools of Meerut and Ghaziabad Districts. The financial dimensions involved, administrative Dimensions and Schemes implemented for Right to children to Education and are also studied herewith. The study discusses various provisions & constraints pertinent to implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (2009) in Indian Schools. The present study is primarily qualitative in nature. Thus, the research methods employed for this study are analytical and interpretative. The study revealed that it is a dire need to take the corrective measures, which could cure the education system from all directions. Regular in service trainings of teachers; better infrastructure of schools; proper mid-day meals; appointment of required teachers and availability of text and reference books for all students are the essentials to make the system run successfully.

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