

# **Add-On Course on Fundamentals of Political Geography**

**Course Code: ADC-**

(Duration: 34 Hours)

Department of Geography and IQAC, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Ranchi

**Commencement of Classes- From 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

**No. of seats: 50**

Course eligibility: 10+2 (intermediate)/ UG/PG (All Social Sciences such as Geography, History, Economic, Political Science, Sociology)

Requirement: NA

Course Fee: 1200/- (including admission application form fee)

Timing: (Flexible) (course completion duration- 34 Hrs spread over 03-04 months)

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Course Registration through College website- [www.sxcra.ac.in](http://www.sxcra.ac.in)

## **About the course:**

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental concepts and theories related to Political Geography. By examining the intricate relationship between geography and politics, students will gain insights into how geographical features shape the behavior of states, influence geopolitics, and contribute to global interactions. Students completing this course would gain a nuanced perspective on how geographical factors shape political decisions, international relations, and conflicts. They would be better equipped to analyze contemporary geopolitical issues and contribute to informed discussions on global politics.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

After the completion of course, the students will have ability to:

1. Assess the significance of Political Geography
2. Develop the knowledge about different theories (heartland and rimland) discussed in the field of Political Geography
3. Build knowledge about boundaries, frontiers and administrative units of India
4. Construct the idea of frontiers and boundaries

**Course Content:**

Sl no	Topic	Hours
	<b>Theoretical Session (34 hrs)</b>	
1.	Evolution, nature and scope of political geography and its relevance	6 hrs
2.	Global Geo-Strategic Views by- Friederich Ratzel's, Richard Hartshorne, Mahan View, Mackinder, Spykman & Seversky	10 hrs
3.	Electoral Geography- electoral systems; Geographical influence in voting	6 hrs
4.	Political Geography of India- Inter-state dispute in India	6 hrs
5.	Concept of frontiers and boundaries, classification with examples, Maritime Boundaries, delimitations: principles and problems, International law of the sea	6 hrs

- **Note- the course will run only in case of minimum admission of 35 students in this course.**