

## **Paper No- 18: POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY**

### **Course Objectives**

The aim of the course is to introduce the nature, scope and historical development of political geography. Students learn about geopolitics and geostrategies, the concept of state, nation and nation-state, resource conflicts and politics of displacement. The outcome of this is to make aware about the contemporary geopolitics and strategic significance of territory and sovereignty across the world.

### **1. Introduction**

#### **1.1 Nature and Scope**

#### **1.2 Historical Development**

#### **1.3 Geopolitics and Geo-strategies**

- Glassner, M.I. (1990) Political Geography, Wiley, New York. Chapter 1 and 21
- Dikshit, R.D. (2000) Political Geography, McGraw-Hill, New Delhi. Chapter 1 and 2
- Pounds, N.J.G. (1972) Political Geography, McGraw-Hill, New York. Chapter 15

### **2. State, Nation and Nation State**

#### **2.1 Concept of Nation and State**

#### **2.2 Attributes of State – Frontiers, Boundaries, Shape, Size**

#### **2.3 Territory and Sovereignty**

- Pounds, N.J.G. (1972) Political Geography, McGraw-Hill, New York. Chapter 1
- Glassner, M.I. (1990) Political Geography, Wiley, New York. Chapter 8

### **3. Political Geography of Resource Conflicts**

#### **3.1 Water Sharing**

#### **3.2 Forest Rights and Minerals**

#### **3.3. Issues of Land-Locked States in Asia and Africa**

- Glassner, M.I. (1990) Political Geography, Wiley, New York. Chapter 24 and 29

### **4. Politics of Displacement**

#### **4.1 Issues of Relief, Compensation and Rehabilitation.**

#### **4.2 Dam**

#### **4.3 Special Economic Zones**

- Pounds, N.J.G. (1972) Political Geography, McGraw-Hill, New York. Chapter 9 and 11
- Glassner, M.I., 1990, Political Geography, Wiley, New York. Chapter 38

### **Further Readings**

- Pounds, N.J.G. (1972) Political Geography, McGraw-Hill, New York.
- Adhikari, S. (1997) Political Geography, Rawat Publications, Jaipur.
- Glassner, M.I. (1990) Political Geography, Wiley, New York.