

# Faculty Profile

## 1. Personal Details:

- a. Name of the Faculty: Raj Kumar KOTHARI
- b. Academic Degrees: M.A., M.PHIL., PH.D. Diploma in Russian
- c. Department: Political Science
- d. Designation: Professor & Head of the Department
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- f. Google Scholar Access:  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=7pAJLIsAAAAJ&hl=en>
- g. Courses Taught: Political Theory; Western Political Thought; IR
- h. Area of Research Interests: International Relations
- i. Teaching Experience [substantive post only]: 24 Years
- j. Administrative Experience: 13 Years



## 2. Research Publications [Last 5 Years]:

### A. Books: Self Authored & Edited

Serial No.	Title of the Books / Research Papers	Level [international/national/state]	ISBN/ISSN	Name of the Publishing Agency	Year of Publication
01	South Asia: Issues, Challenges and Prospects [Edited Volume]	National	ISBN: 978-81-269-3401-0	Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi	2022
02	India in the New World Order: The Changing Contours of Her Foreign Policy under Narendra Modi [Edited Volume]	National	ISBN: 978-81-2693-0371	Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi	2019

03	India's Connect Central Asia Policy: Emerging Security and Economic Dimensions [Self-Authored]	National	ISBN: 978-81-8064-289-0	Progressive Publishers Kolkata	2019

### B. Research Papers in Edited Volumes [Last 5 Years]

Serial No.	Title of the Research Papers	Level [international / national/state]	ISBN/ISSN	Name of the Publishing Agency	Year of Publication
01	Strategic Balancing in the Indo-Pacific: The Indian Perspective	International	ISBN: 978-620-5-52103-8	C. Vinodan & A. L. Kurian (edited) <b>China's BRI Project: Regional and Global Dimensions</b> (Scholars' Press, London, 2023), pp. 40-59.	2023
02	Challenges and Opportunities for India in the Emerging Global Order: An Overview	National	ISBN 978 93 91 908 98 0	Bimalendu Ghosh et.al. (edited) <b>Indian Foreign Policy and World Order</b> (Kunal Books, 2022) pp. 03-13.	2022

03	Nuclear Weapons, Peace and the Security Dilemma: Evolving Scenario	International	ISBN: 978-93-5479-530-5 (HB)	Suratha Kumar Malik (edited), <b>Dilemmas in World Politics: Exploring the Frontiers</b> SAGE pp. 121-138	2022
04	Democracy in South Asia: An Overview	National	ISBN 978-81-269-3401-0	Raj Kumar Kothari (edited), <b>South Asia: Issues, Challenges and Prospects</b> (New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers and Distributors pp. 23-36	2022
05	Geo-strategic Significance of Bay of Bengal: The China Factor in India's Maritime Connectivity	National	ISBN: 978-81-950332-2-5	Abhisek Karmakar and Pradipta Mukherjee (edited), <b>Exploring Contemporary Issues in Asian Politics</b> (Kolkata: Avenel Press. pp. 23-37.	2021
06	Approaches to the Study of Nuclear Non-proliferation and Selective Proliferation:	International	ISBN: (10): 1-5275-5783-9 ISBN: (13): 978-1-5275-5783-3	Manas Chatterji and Padmanabh M. Kamath (edited) <b>Nuclear Proliferation</b>	2020

	A Framework for Analysis			in South Asia (Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, UK. pp. 92-107.	
07	The State of India's Democracy: A Realistic Assessment	National	ISBN: 978 93 83131 86 0	Jointly authored with Sukanya Mukherji in Parshuram Sial and Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas (ed.) <b>Indian Democracy at 70: Challenges Ahead</b> (Mark Books, New Delhi) 2019. pp. 45-58.	2019
08	Terrorism and the Liberal Order: A Conceptual Framework	International	ISBN: 978-1-78769-920-5	Jointly authored with Priyanka Bhaduri in Ramesh Chandra Das (ed.) <b>The Impact of Global Terrorism on Economic and Political Development: Afro-Asian Perspectives</b> (Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing),	2019

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### C. Research Papers Published in Journals [Last 5 Years]

Serial Nos	Title with Page Nos.	Name of the Journal	ISSN/IS BN	Whether Peer Reviewed	Year of Publication
01	“Interplay of Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy of Russia Under Vladimir Putin: A Conceptual Framework”	<b>International Journal of Political Science</b> , Vol. 8, No. 2, July-December 2022, pp. 65-72.  <b>Link:</b> <a href="#">IJOPS 14636 2022 Original article by author.pdf</a>	(ISSN: 2454-9371)	yes	2022
02	“Educational Thinking of Vidyasagar and Tagore: Contemporary Relevance in the Context of NEP 2020”	<b>Journal of Indian Institute of Public Administration</b> (Regional branch, Odisha) Vo. XXVII, 2021, pp. 232-245.	ISSN: 2231-556 X	Yes	2021
03	“India’s Strategic Interests in Central Asia: Expanding Vistas of Partnership	<b>World Affairs</b> , Vol. 24, No. 1, Spring 2020, pp. 100-116.	Online ISSN: 0974-0937	Yes	2020

	in the Post-Soviet Era”				
04	“Emerging Trends in Russia’s South Asia Policy: A Conceptual Framework ”	<b>International Journal of Political Science</b> , Vol. 6, No. 1, January-June 2020, pp. 27-32. Web Link: <a href="#">IJOPS VOL.6 NO.1 JAN-JUN 2020.pdf</a>	(ISSN: 2454-9371)	Yes	2020
05	Civil Society in the Third World: Reality or Hoax”	<b>International Journal of Research on Social and Natural Sciences</b> Vol. IV, Issue 2, December 2019, pp. 1-11. (Online) Web Link: <a href="file:///C:/Users/Raj%20Kumar/OneDrive/Books-Articles%20for%20Publications/Raj%20Kumar%20Kothari-Pol%20Sc-Article-Civil%20Society.pdf">file:///C:/Users/Raj%20Kumar/OneDrive/Books-Articles%20for%20Publications/Raj%20Kumar%20Kothari-Pol%20Sc-Article-Civil%20Society.pdf</a>	ISSN (Online) 2455-5916	Yes	2019
06	“Cultural Commonalities in South Asia: The Indo-Centric Perspective ”	<b>International Journal of South Asian Studies</b> [Pondicherry University] Vol. 11, No. 1, January-June 2018, pp. 12-19.	ISSN 0974-2514	Yes	2018

**Research papers presented in conferences/seminars [Last 5 years]:**

Sl. No	Title of the Paper Presented	Title of the Conference / Seminar with Date/Year	Organized By	Whether International / National / State / Regional / College or University Level
01	Participated and presented a paper entitled: "A Framework of Indian Democracy in Theory and Practice"	Two-day national seminar on <i>The State of Indian Democracy: Issues and Challenges</i> held on March 3-4, 2023.	organised by the Department of Political Science, MPC College, Baripada, Odisha in collaboration with Odisha Political Science Association	National
02	Participated and presented a paper entitled: "India's Foreign Policy in Theory and Practice"	one-day state level seminar on <i>India at 75: Introspections and Explorations</i>	organised by the Rastrabiggan Charchakendra, West Bengal held at Krishnapada Ghosh Memorial Trust Hall, Sealdaha, Kolkata on January 12, 2023.	State Level

03	Participated and presented a paper titled: "Democracy in Western Political Thinking: The South Asian Context"	<i>Revisiting the State of Democracy in South Asia: Emerging Issues and Concerns</i>	organised by the Department of Political Science, Galsi Mahavidyalaya, Purba Burdwan District, West Bengal in collaboration with BIPS, Kolkata held on December 23, 2022.	International
04	Understanding Human Rights in the Twenty First Century: Theory and Practice	Delivered key note address at the national conference on <i>Understanding Human Rights in the Twenty First Century: Theory and Practice</i>	organised by the Department of Political Science, Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata in collaboration with the Centre for Studies of South and South East Asian Societies, Kazi Nazrul University, West Bengal held on December 20, 2022.	National



05	Political Economy of Regional Integration in South Asia	<i>Political Economy in South Asia</i> held on December 17, 2022.	organised by the Department of Political Science, Khudiram Bose Central College, Kolkata in collaboration with the Bengal Institute of Political Studies	National
06	Human Security: A Conceptual Framework	international seminar on <i>Human Security &amp; Governance: Challenges &amp; Prospects</i> held at New Alipore College, Kolkata.  held on August 17, 2022.	organised by Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security and Governance, Delhi; and IQAC & Department of Political Science, New Alipore College, Kolkata	State Level
07	Global Environmental Politics: India's Stand in the Evolving Scenario	workshop on <i>Teaching and Research Capacity Building in Political Science and International Relations</i> on July 6, 2022 at 6.30 pm onwards through virtual mode.	organised by the School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala	International

08	Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for India	Russia's Invasion of Ukraine On June 4, 2022.	Department of Political Science, Meghnad Saha College, Dinajpur, West Bengal.	National level webinar
09	Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Strategic Options for India	Global Rise of Incredible India March 26-27, 2022	Indian Political Science Association [59 <sup>th</sup> All India Political Science Conference] held at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.	International
10	Strategic Balancing in the Indo-Pacific: The Indian Perspective	two-day international Web-Conference on <i>China's Belt Road Initiatives: Regional and Global Implications</i> held on November 6-7, 2021.	organised by Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies in association with School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India.	International
11	Role of the Civil Society and the Contemporary Education System	One Day State Level Seminar on <i>Present Education System, Teachers and the Role of Civil Society</i> held on September 5, 2021	September 5, 2021.	State Level

12	“Importance of Research”	“Importance of Research” at the International Student Research Conference [on zoom virtual platform] Held on December 6, 2020	organised by the Dhaka University Research Society, Dhaka	International
13	“US-India Relations”	Participated as one of the panelists in the panel discussions [through virtual mode] entitled: “US President Election 2020 and Asia-US Relations”	organised by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance and the Department of Political Science and Sociology, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh on October 31, 2020.	International
14	“Geo-politics of the Indo-Pacific: India’s Strategic Interests and Concerns”	Presented a paper and Chaired session at the two-day international webinar on <i>India in the Indo-Pacific: Interests, Challenges and Prospects</i>	organised by the Department of Politics and International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand, India on October 14, 2020.	International
15	Pandemic and the International Health Regime:	<i>Pandemic, Migration and Politics of Life</i> [On Zoom Platform]	Organised by Vidyasagar University in association with the Calcutta	International

	Emerging Challenges		Research Group (CRG) on September 24-25, 2020.	
16	The Indian Imperative and the New World Disorder	<i>India and the New World Order: Issues and Challenges</i>  Link of the Webinar: Google Meet	Organised by the Department of Political Science, Vivekananda Mission Mahavidyalaya, East Medinipur, West Bengal on September 21, 2020.	National
17	Colonialism and Nationalism in 19 <sup>th</sup> Century India: Through the Prism of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee	<i>Oupanibeshik Bharate Rashtrabhabna O Bangla Sahitya</i>  YouTube Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/1yahDPj9wMA">https://youtu.be/1yahDPj9wMA</a>	<i>Sahitya</i> jointly organised by the Department of Bengali and Political Science, in collaboration with IQAC of Derozio Memorial College held on August 21-22, 2020 [virtual mode through google meet platform].	International

18	India's South Asia Policy: Emerging Strategic Scenario	<i>The India-Nepal-China Triad and India's Foreign Policy: The Present Scenario</i>	Department of Political Science, Netaji Nagar College for Women, Kolkata on August 7, 2020.	International
19	Key Note Address "Changing Equations in India-China Relations: Emerging Trends"	India-China Border Crisis: A Rising Threat to Neighbours	Narajole Raj College, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal On July 20-21, 2020	National
20	Security Dilemma in India-China Relations: Rising Concerns	The Rising Dragon and the Dancing Elephant: Dynamics of Sino-Indian Strategic Contestation in South Asia in Contemporary Times	organised by the Department of Political Science, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal on June 4, 2020.	International
21	Theorising Post-Covid International Order: From Anarchy to International Society	<i>The Dawn of a New International Order: Covid-19 and Aftermath</i> On June 8, 2020.	organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, West Bengal on June 8, 2020.	International

22	Developing hypotheses and key questions	<i>Research Methodology in Social Sciences</i> On May 16, 2020.	jointly organised by the Department of Political Science, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Kolkata in collaboration with the Bengal Institute of Political Studies, Centre for Studies of South and Southeast Asian Societies, Kazi Nazrul University, West Bengal	National
23	India in the Twenty First Century: Rising or Constrained Power	<i>India's Foreign Policy in the Changing International Order: The Emerging Maritime Narrative</i> On January 18, 2020.	Kalinga Institute of Technology [KIIT], Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.	National
24	Contextualizing Human Security in Asia Key Note Address	<i>Human Security: An Asian Perspective</i> On January 16, 2020	Department of Political Science, Bidhan Chandra College, Rishra, Hooghly, West Bengal. India.	International

25	Environmental Governance in India: Emerging Scenario	<i>South Asia Beyond Terrorism: Peace, Development and Human Security</i> on December 19-20, 2019.	School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam, Kerala.	International
26	Nuclearisation of South Asia: Implications on Regional Security	9 <sup>th</sup> international conference organised by and held at the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Conflict Prevention and Management, Acharya Bangalore B-School, Bangalore on October 2-4, 2019.	Acharya Bangalore B-School, Bangalore, Karnataka, India	International
27	Debating India's Nuclear Doctrine: Emergent Scenario	<i>Nuclear Proliferation in Asia</i>	Organised by Tillotoma Foundation at the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum, Kolkata on July 12, 2019.	National
28	India's Maritime Connectivity : Importance of the Bay of Bengal	Maritime Issues in the <i>Bay of Bengal Region</i>	Organised by and held at the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), Dhaka on July 11, 2019.	International
29	Theorising Asia's Rise in the	<i>Asia in Motion: Asia on the Rise?</i>	Organised by the AAS-in-Asia held at	International

	Twenty First Century		Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. During July 1-4, 2019.	
30	India's Neighbourhood Policy in the Post-Cold War Years: Features, Challenges and Prospects	<i>India's 'Neighbourhood First' Policy: Emerging New Trends</i>	Organised by and held at the VPM's Centre for International Studies, Mulund, Mumbai on June 24-25, 2019.	National
31	South China Sea Imbrogio: India's Perceptions and Policies Under Narendra Modi	<i>Empowering Culture of Peace, Sustainable Development and Defending Democracy</i> held at Jakarta, Indonesia on May 2-4, 2019.	Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA)	International
32	Democracy and the Process of State Building: The South Asian Context	Democracy and Development	Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal, held on March 25-26, 2019.	National



33	Geo-Strategic Importance of Central Asia in India's Foreign Policy	Ganga to Volga: India's Connectivity with Inner Asia	Organised by the Centre for Inner Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, New Delhi March 6-7, 2019	International
34	Democracy in South Asia: A Comparative and Historical Perspective with Reference to India and Pakistan	Seminar on the theme <i>Indo-Centric Parliamentary Democracy in South Asia: Retrospect and Prospect</i>	Organised by and held at Kanchrapara College, West Bengal on February 26-27, 2019.	National
35	Soft Power in Theory and Practice	<i>Soft Power and Public Diplomacy in India and China</i>  February 21-22, 2019	Department of International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, in collaboration with Department of Education, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India	International

36	Democracy and Discontent in South Asia	Challenges to the Post-Colonial Democracies: India and Her Neighbours in South Asia February 14-15, 2019	Galsi Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with the Bengal Institute of Political Studies, Kolkata held at Galsi Mahavidyalaya, East Burdwan, West Bengal, India.	International
37	China's Rise in the Twenty First Century: Implications on World Politics	International seminar on <i>The Chinese Way: The New Normal?</i> December 17-18, 2018.	Universite Catholique de Louvain, Belgium [Video Conferencing through SKYPE]	International
38	Human Rights and the Status of Refugees in South Asia: India's Perceptions and Policies	National Seminar On India in South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities November 22, 2018.	Department of Political Science, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal in collaboration with the Bengal Institute of Political Studies, Kolkata	National

39	The Making of Refugees in South Asia: The Need for a Regional Mechanism	25 <sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science on the theme: <i>Borders and Margins</i> July 21-25, 2018	International Political Science Association Held in Brisbane, Australia.	International
40	Emerging Trend in India-China Relations: Areas of Convergence and Divergence	25 <sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science on the theme: <i>Borders and Margins</i> July 21-25, 2018	International Political Science Association Held in Brisbane, Australia.	International
41	US Policy towards China under Trump Administration: Implications for India	<i>Trump Presidency, US Relations with India, China, Near East and Iran</i>	VPM Centre for International Studies, Mulund, Mumbai on April 27-28, 2018.	National
42	Parliamentary Democracy in India: An Assessment	Indian Democracy at 70: Challenges Ahead	Department of Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Chakradharpur, Jharkhand & Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi held at Chakradharpur, India on April 6-7, 2018.	National

**Research Projects: Nil**

Serial No.	Title of the Research Project(s)	Funding Agency	Date of Award	Duration of the Project	Research Grants Amount	Status of the Project

### E-learning material, if any: Nil

Course Details	Name of the Institution	Date/year of uploading	Quadrant I, II, III, IV	Link

### Research Supervision (Ph.D.)

Serial No.	Name of the student	Research Topic	Name of the institution	Date of Registration	Year of Award of the Degree
01	Eyasin Khan	<i>Human Rights and the Status of Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal</i>	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2014	2018
02	Nilanjana Nayak	<i>India-Bangladesh Relations Since 1990s</i>	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2011	2021
03	Siddhartha Sankar Manna	Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka: Implications for India's Security	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2014	2020
04	Sukanya Mukherjee	India's Strategic Policy towards Central Asia: Emerging Security and Economic Dimensions	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2014	2019
05	Sonika Sharma	Soft Power Diplomacy in Indian Foreign Policy: Emerging Scenario	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2016	2022
06	Kalyanasis Bhattacharya	Quest for Ethics in Politics: Conceptualizing Political	Vidyasagar University,	2016	Thesis submitted,

		Forgiveness Vis-à-vis Global Justice	West Bengal.		Viva Pending
07	Ankita Charkaborti	The Status of Indian Migrants in Myanmar During the Colonial and Contemporary Periods	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2016	2022
08	Priyanka Bhaduri	The Status of Indian Migrants in Myanmar During the Colonial and Contemporary Periods	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2016	2022
09	Ankita Ganguly	Human Security in the Post-Cold War Years: An Indian Perspective	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2019	Continuing
10	Madhubanti Ganguly	Regional Connectivity in South Asia Since 1990s: The Indian Perspective	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2020	Continuing
11	Rukmini Bhattacharya	Fiscal Federalism in India	Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal	2022	Continuing

### Research Supervision (M.Phil.)

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Research Topic	Name of the Institution	Year of Registration	Year of Award
01.	Kartick Ch. Bhunja	Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka:	Vidyasagar University,	2008	2010

		India's Involvement	West Bengal.		
02	Eyasin Khan	Maoist Movement in Nepal: Implications on India-Nepal Relations in Recent Years	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2009	2011
03	Sukanya Mukherji	Terrorism in South Asia: Implications for India-Pakistan Relations	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2012	2014
04	Swarup Rana	Nuclear Power as a Factor in India's Energy Security: Contemporary Scenario	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2012	2014
05	Snehasis Bhattacharyya	India's 'Look East' Policy: A Case Study of India-ASEAN Relations	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2013	2015
06	Indrajit Mondal	India-Bangladesh Relations: The UPA Era	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2013	2015
07	Sonika Sharma	Geo-strategic Importance of South China Sea: India's Perceptions and Policies	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2014	2016

08	Ranjit Das	Trafficking of Women and Children: The South Asian Context	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2014	2016
09	Souvik Manna	Soft Power Diplomacy in Indian Foreign Policy	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2015	2017
10	Sharmistha Banerjee	Nuclear Politics in South Asia: Emerging Trends	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2015	2017
11	Riya Basudhar	Refugees in South Asia: Implications for Regional Security	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2016	2018
12	Swarup Rana	India's Foreign Policy under Narendra Modi	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2017	2019
13	Madhubanti Ganguly	Soft Power in India's Foreign Policy Strategy Under Narendra Modi (2014-2020)	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2018	2020
14	Nur Alam Mollah	India's Indo-Pacific Strategy	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2019	2021

15	Nivedita Ponda	India's Act East Policy	Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.	2019	2021
16	Rina Jana	Human Rights of Enclave Dwellers	Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal	2022	Pursuing

**D. Programmes Conducted / Organised as Convenor / Organising Secretary at DHWU [Last Five Years]**

Serial No.	Date	Name of the Programme	Sponsored By	
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**E. Other Relevant Information, if any:**

Serial No.	Achievements / Awards	Assignment Details [Membership of Professional Bodies/Editorial Board/BOS/BORS etc.]
01	Awarded Ford Foundation Fellowship for pursuing Ph.D. under the Ford Foundation Programme in International Relations in 1990	
02		Member of International Political Science Association
03		Member of Indian Political Science Association
04		Member of West Bengal Political Science Association
05		Member of International Studies Association
06		Honorary President of the Bengal Institute of Political Studies, Kolkata.



07		Member of BORS & BOS in Political Science at Bankura University, West Bengal
08		Member of BORS, School of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
09		Member of the BOS in Political Science at Hindi University in West Bengal.

**Date: April 01, 2023.**

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