

FAQ – Public Policy & Social Impact Certificate Program

6-Month Add-On Course | 12 Credits | NSQF Level 6 | UGC-Aligned

Hansraj College (University of Delhi) & Bharatiya Neeti Samvad Kendra

1. What is this course about?

This is a six-month, 12-credit, UGC-aligned certificate program in Public Policy & Social Impact, jointly offered by Hansraj College, University of Delhi (NAAC A++ ranked, NIRF #12) and Bharatiya Neeti Samvad Kendra, a national public policy think tank.

The course blends academic instruction, field immersions, workshops, and data-driven learning to equip students and professionals with practical policy-making skills.

2. Who can apply?

- Second-year undergraduates from any discipline
- Graduates from any field
- Working professionals in governance, CSR, NGOs, or policy roles
- Aspirants preparing for Civil Services, UPSC, or other competitive exams

3. What will I learn from this course?

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Conduct basic field surveys and prepare structured policy briefs
- Use data visualization and analysis tools (Excel, Tableau/Power BI, SPSS/NVivo basics)
- Understand Indian constitutional frameworks (PESA, FRA, governance models)
- Engage with communities ethically during field immersions
- Write, evaluate, and present policy recommendations

4. How will this help my career?

This course strengthens profiles for:

- Civil Services (UPSC/State PCS) – builds policy exposure
- Policy research fellowships (ISPP, O.P. Jindal, IIM, international think tanks)
- NGO, CSR, and Development Sector roles
- Higher studies – recognized by UGC and eligible for Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

5. What is the course delivery format?

- Hybrid learning: Online interactive lectures and offline workshops
- Field immersion: Guided visits to rural, tribal, or urban communities. The choice of field work will be as per the participant's preference, usually in the area where they are residing
- Workshops: Training in data tools, visualization, and communication in policy practice
- Policy Talk Series: Exposure to policymakers, academicians, and practitioners

6. What kind of faculty will teach the program?

Faculty will include:

- Professors from the University of Delhi and other leading institutions
- Senior civil servants and policymakers
- Public policy practitioners, regulators, and NGO leaders
- Community experts with ground-level experience

7. What certificate will I receive?

Participants will receive a joint certificate from:

- Hansraj College, University of Delhi
- Bharatiya Neeti Samvad Kendra (BNSK)

The certificate is aligned with UGC regulations and NSQF Level 6, carrying 12 credits under the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).

8. How much is the fee and are scholarships available?

- Course Fee: ₹11,500 (one-time payment)
- Limited need-based scholarships or fee concessions may be available (subject to approval).

9. Will I get internships or placements after the course?

Yes. Students performing well will have opportunities for:

- Internships with BNSK and partner think tanks/NGOs
- Co-authoring policy briefs and research papers
- Participation in policy talk events and national-level forums

10. How much time do I need to commit?

- Lectures: Approximately 4–6hours per week (online or offline)
- Workshops: Monthly intensive skill sessions
- Field Immersions: Choice-based field visits in the participant’s location (rural, urban, or tribal areas)
- Assignments and Project Work: Ongoing throughout the course

11. What is the attendance and assessment criteria?

- Attendance: Minimum 65% in lectures and 100% in field work
- Assessment:
 - Offline essay-based examination and viva at Hansraj College
 - Submission of a project report and issue brief
 - Continuous evaluation based on assignments and participation

12. How do I apply?

- Last date of registration: September 15, 2025
- Mode of application: Online (QR code/website link provided)
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