

The Department of Political Science, Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi is currently working on **an ICSSR sponsored Research Project titled Mapping Trajectories of Indo – Central Asia Relations**. The study aims to shed light on how five Central Asian Republics became independent, sovereign nations following the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Due to the energy resources and untapped market Central Asia have become the major focus region for the great powers and regional powers. India and Central Asia share a long history. The 21st century has seen a notable rise in India's efforts to engage with Central Asia. Project tries to explore two primary concerns of India: securing and diversifying India's energy supplies in order to sustain economic growth, and keeping a check on the rise of radical Islamist groups that may pose a threat to India's security in addition, India is keen to tap the considerable commercial potential of the Central Asian region.

Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, Professor in the Department of Political Science, Maharaja Agrasen College, is the Principal Investigator of the Research Project. Dr. Ritu Kohli, Dr. Anurag Tripathi and Mr.Saurabh Dube are co-Project Investigator of the same. The research team include Dr. Kaushalendra Singh (Research Associate). In 24 months, the research project is expected to be finished (March 2022 to March 2024). The total allocated/sanctioned fund for the Research Project (in five installments) would be Rupees Seven Lakh only (Rs 7,00,000/-).