

with efficiency. An administrator who has no knowledge of political theory is bound to be a failure. Consequently, all new entrants to the Indian Administrative Service have to undergo a course in political theory at the National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

Knowledge about the World

Apart from the utilitarian considerations, the acquisition of knowledge of political theory enriches one's mind and widens one's intellectual horizon. In order to know what is happening in the world around us, at least an elementary knowledge of political science is necessary. In the modern age, an individual cannot lead an isolated life. Each country has to maintain relations with other countries of the world. Those who specialize in the various fields of political science conduct researches to discover hitherto unknown principles underlying political phenomena and make a rich contribution to the realm of knowledge. In the ultimate philosophy, if human life is to enrich knowledge, then political science makes a major contribution to the storehouse of knowledge. Its study helps us a lot in understanding international relations. It explains the governmental system of the other countries. Sidwick observes, 'What, as students of political theory, we are primarily concerned to ascertain is not the structure or functions of the government in any particular historical community, but in the distinctive characteristics of different forms of government in respect of their

structure or their functions; not the particular processes of political change in Athens or England but the general laws or tendencies of change exemplified by such particular processes.'