

CBCS SYLLABUS  
SYLLABI OF B.A. PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE  
(CBCS)  
2018

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

COURSE MATRIX

SEMESTER	B.A. Hons	BA Programme
I	DSC 101 UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL SCIENCE DSC 102 Perspectives on Public Administration	DSC 101 UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL SCIENCE
II	DSC 203 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS DSC 204 Western Political Thought	DSC 202 INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
III	DSC 305 COMPARATIVE POLITICS DSC 306 Public Policy and Administration DSC 307 Nationalism In India SEC 301 Public Opinion and Survey Research GE 303 Reading Gandhi	DSC 303 COMPARATIVE POLITICS SEC 301 Public Opinion and Survey Research
IV	DSC 408 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DSC 409 Political Sociology DSC 410 Political Theory: Concepts and Debates SEC 402 Democratic and Legal Awareness GE 404 Feminism: Theory and Practice	DSC 404 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SEC 402 Democratic and Legal Awareness
V	DSC 511 Understanding Global Politics DSC 512 Indian Political Thought DSE 501A Party System in India DSE 501B Human Rights <b>DSE 502 A</b> Electoral Process in India and Working of Parliamentary Democracy <b>DSE 502 B</b> International Organisations	DSE 501A Party System in India DSE 501B Human Rights GE 501 Reading Gandhi <b>DSE 502 A</b> Electoral Process in India and Working of Parliamentary Democracy <b>DSE 502 B</b> International Organisations
VI	DSC 613 India's Foreign Policy in a Globalised World DSC 614 Political Ideology DSE 603A India and Her Neighbours DSE 603B Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India <b>DSE 604A</b> Grass Root Democracy in India <b>DSE 604B</b> Emerging Trends in India Politics	DSE 603A Indian Political Thought DSE 603B India and Her Neighbours <b>DSE 604A</b> Grass Root Democracy in India <b>DSE 604B</b> Emerging Trends in Indian Politics GE 602 Feminism: Theory and Practice

For each course end term examination marks is 60+ Continuous assessment 15 marks, course credit 6 , except for SEC & AECC which are of 2 Credits each . Total credit: 120 For Question Pattern and Class Hours refer to the Regulation.

## Detailed Syllabus

### First Semester

Course DSC 101

#### UNDERSTANDING POLITICAL SCIENCE

##### 1. Politics and Political Science

- (i) Meaning of Politics, Nature and Scope of Political Science
- (ii) Political Science: Science or an Art, Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism.
- (iii) Relationship of Political Science with History, Economics and Sociology
- (iv) Nature and Types of political theory.  
Relationship between Political Theory and Political Philosophy

##### 2. STATE

- (i) Elements of State
- (ii) Difference between State and Government, State and Society, State and Association.
- (iii) Theories of the State: Social Contract, Idealist, Liberal and Neo-liberal, Anarchist.
- (iv) Sovereignty: Features, Kinds, Monistic and Pluralistic Theory : changing concept of Sovereignty in the context of Globalization.

##### 3. THEORIES OF ORIGIN OF STATE

- (i) Social Contract Theory
- (ii) Historical Theory
- (iii) Marxist Theory

##### 4. FUNCTIONS OF STATE

- (i) Liberal Theory of Functions of State
- (ii) Welfare Theory of Functions of State
- (iii) Marxist Theory of Functions of State

##### 5. Rights, Liberty and Equality and Justice: Interrelationship- Different Concepts and Theories.

#### SELECTED READINGS:

## R.BHARGAVA POLITICAL THEORY AND INTRODUCTION

Sushila Ramaswamy, Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts. New Delhi: Macmillan India, 2004.

Adi H. Doctor, Issues in Political Theory. New Delhi: Sterling Publishers, 1985.

R.M. MacIver. The Modern State. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1926.

A.P.D. Entreves, the Notion of the State Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1967.

M.P. Jain, Political Theory: Liberal and Marxian Delhi: Authors Guild Publications, 1979.

A.C. Kapur, Principles of Political Science. New Delhi: S. Chand and Company,

S. P. Varma, Modern Political Theory, Vikash Publishers.

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

Bellamy, R. (1993) 'Introduction: The Demise and Rise of Political Theory', in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts of Politics*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-14.

Glaser, D. (1995) 'Normative Theory', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 21-40.

Bannett, J. (2004) 'Postmodern Approach to Political Theory', in Kukathas, Ch. and Gaus, G. F. (eds.) *Handbook of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 46-54.

Vincent, A. (2004) *The Nature of Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp. 19-80.

ARUN KR. SEN , SUSHIL KR. SEN & SANTILAL MUKHOPADHYAY

SHRI NIRMALKANTI GHOSH , ADHUNIK RASTRA BINGYANER BHOOMIKA

RASHTRABINGYAN PARICHAY

Debasis Chakraborti, Rashtra Bigyan: tattwa O Pratisthan

Amal Roy, Mohit Bhattacharya, Biswanath Ghosh, Adhunik Rashtra Bigyan.

RashtraBigyan by Anadi Kumar Mahapatra

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SECOND SEMESTER

Course DSC 202

## INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

1. Framing of Indian Constitution: An outline; Philosophy of the Constitution: The Preamble, Salient Features of the Constitution.
2. Fundamental Rights; Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, Amendment of the Constitution
3. Executive: Union and the States.
  - (a) President, Prime Minister, and the Council of Ministers.
  - (b) Governor, Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers.
  - (c) Emergency Provisions.
4. Legislature: Union and the States
  - (a) Council of States and the House of the People - Law-making procedure and Amendment– Speaker
  - (b) State Legislature– composition and functions.
5. Judiciary: Supreme Court and the High Courts– composition and jurisdiction
6. Relations between the Union and the States: Legislative, Administrative, Financial-- Election Commission: composition and functions—Decentralisation : Rural and Urban local bodies.
7. Politics: Party system in India: main features–national parties, regional parties- Coalition Politics: nature and trends- Groups in Indian politics: Business, Working Class and Peasants -- Religion in Indian politics– secularism and the Indian state--Caste in Indian politics– the issue of reservation.

### Selected Readings

- G. Austin, (2010) 'The Constituent Assembly: Microcosm in Action', in *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 15th print, pp.1-25.
- D. Basu, (2012) *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi: Lexis Nexis.
- S. Chaube, (2009) *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, Delhi: National Book Trust.
- P. M. Bakshi, *The Constitution of India*.
- Hiregowder, maheswarappa et al, *The Indian constitution: An Introduction*, Orient Blackswan, 2016.
- Durga Das Basu, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*.
- Granville Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution : The Indian experience*.
- M. V. Pylee, *Constitutional Government in India*.
- Subhas C. Kashyap, *Our Constitution*.
- J. C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics*.
- Shiva Rao, *The Framing of India's Constitution*.
- Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*.
- Durga Das Basu, *Shorter Constitution of India*.
- Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer, *Constitution and Fundamental Rights*.
- A. G. Noorani, *Constitutional Questions and Citizens' Rights*.
- Pran Chopra (ed.), *The Supreme Court versus the Constitution : A Challenge to Federalism*.
- M. C. Setalvad, *Union and State Relations under the Constitution*.
- D. N. Sen, *From Raj to Swaraj*. Paul Brass, *The Politics of India since Independence*.
- Partha Chatterjee (ed.), *State and Politics in India*.
- Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed.), *Politics in India– State Society Interface*.
- S. L. Sikri, *Indian Government and Politics*.
- F. Frankel, Z. Hasan, R. Bhargava, and B. Arora (ed.), *Transforming India: Social*

*and Political Dynamics of Democracy.*

NeeraChandhoke and PravinPriyadarshini (ed), *Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics.*

N. G. Jayal and P. B. Mehta (ed.), *Oxford Companion to Indian Politics.*

M. V. Paylee, *India's Constitution*, 16ed, S. Chand.

Morris Jones, *Government and Politics in India.*

Raghunandan, J. R (2012) *Decentralization and local governments: The Indian Experience*, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi

Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay O Bholanath Bandopadhyay, *Samprotik Bharatiya Rajniti O Prasashan*

*Bharatiya Sashan Byabostha O Rajniti* by Anadi Kumar Mahapatra

Sourendra Nath mitra, *Bharater Sasan baboshya O Rajniti*

Nirmal Kanti Ghosh, *Bharater Sashan Baboshya O Rajniti*

### **THIRD SEMESTER**

Course DSC 303

### **COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

1. Comparative Politics: development, nature and scope.
2. Approaches to the study of Comparative Politics: Institutional and Neo-institutional, Systems and Structural-functional, Marxist.
3. Major governing principles: Constitutionalism; Conventions; Rule of law; Parliamentary sovereignty; Separation of powers; Judicial Review; Democratic Centralism; Referendum and Initiative.
4. Comparative studies of Legislature, Executive and Judiciary: United Kingdom, United States, China and France.
5. Federalism: U.S.A. and Russia.
6. Comparative studies of Party systems: Liberal democracies (U.K., U.S.A), Socialist Political system (People's Republic of China).

#### **Selected Readings**

Subrata Mukherjee, SushilaRamaswamy, *Theoretical Foundations of Comparative Politics*, Orient Blackswan.

G. Almond et. al., *Comparative Politics Today: A World View.*

Rakhahari Chatterjee, *Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis.*

S. N. Ray, *Comparative Politics.*

G. Roberts, *An Introduction to Comparative Politics.*

Alan R. Ball and Guy Peters, *Modern Politics & Government.*

*The Constitution of the People's Republic of China (1982).*

J. Blondel, *An Introduction to Comparative Government*.  
 H. Eckstein and P. E. Apter (ed.), *Comparative Politics: A Reader*.  
 Judith Bara and Mark Pennington (ed.), *Comparative Politics*.  
 R. Hague, M. Harrop and S. Breslin, *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*.  
 J. Harvey and L. Bather, *The British Constitution*.  
 J. Wilson, *American Government*.  
 S. K. Dailey (ed.), *American Politics and Government*.  
 A. H. Birch, *British System of Government*.  
 Dorothy Pickles, *The Government and Politics of France (2 Vols.)*  
 Vincent Wright, *The Government and Politics of France*.  
 J. T. Dreyer, *China's Political System: Modernization & Tradition*.  
 Tony Saich, *Governance and Politics of China*.  
 R. Sakwa, *Russian Politics and Society*.  
 A. Appadorai, *The Substance of Politics*.  
 Eddy Asivartham & K. K. Misra, *Political Theory*, S. Chand.  
 Anup Chand Kapur, *Principles of Political Science*, S. Chand.  
 Anup Chakraborty, *Tulanamulak Sashanbyabostha*  
 D. C. Bhattacharya, *Tulanamulak Rajniti O Bidesher Sasonbyabostha*.  
 Tulanamulok Rajniti by Anadi Kumar Mahapatra

COURSE SEC 301

## PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY RESEARCH

### 1. Introduction to the course

Definition and characteristics of public opinion, conceptions and characteristics, debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll.

### 2. Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling

- a. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.
- b. Sampling error and non-response
- c. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified

### 3. Survey Research

- a. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview
- b. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.

### 4. Quantitative Data Analysis

- a. Introduction to quantitative data analysis
- b. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics

#### 4. Interpreting polls

- (a) Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls
- (b) Politics of interpreting polling

#### **Selected Readings**

- R. Erikson and K. Tedin, (2011) *American Public Opinion*, 8th edition, New York: Pearson Longman Publishers, pp. 40-46.
- G. Gallup, (1948) *A guide to public opinion polls* Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1948. Pp. 3-13.
- G. Kalton, (1983) *Introduction to Survey Sampling* Beverly Hills, Sage Publication.
- Lokniti Team (2009) 'National Election Study 2009: A Methodological Note', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIV (39)
- Lokniti Team, (2004) 'National Election Study 2004', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXIX (51).
- 'Asking About Numbers: Why and How', *Political Analysis* (2013), Vol. 21(1): 48-69, (first published online November 21, 2012)
- H. Asher, (2001) 'Chapters 3 and 5', in *Polling and the Public: What Every Citizen Should Know*, Washington DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- R. Erikson and K. Tedin, (2011) *American Public Opinion*, 8th edition, New York, Pearson Longman Publishers, pp. 40-46.
- A. Agresti and B. Finlay, (2009) *Statistical methods for the Social Sciences*, 4th edition, Upper saddle river, NJ: Pearson-Prentice Hall,
- S. Kumar and P. Rai, (2013) 'Chapter 1', in *Measuring Voting Behaviour in India*, New Delhi: Sage.
- R. Karandikar, C. Pyne and Y. Yadav, (2002) 'Predicting the 1998 Indian Parliamentary Elections', *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 21, pp.69-89.
- M. McDermott and K. A. Frankovic, (2003) 'Horserace Polling and Survey Methods Effects: An Analysis of the 2000 Campaign', *Public Opinion Quarterly* 67, pp. 244-264.
- K. Warren, (2001) 'Chapter 2', in *In Defense of Public Opinion Polling*, Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 45-80.
- W. Cochran, (2007) 'Chapter 1', *Sampling Techniques*, John Wiley & Sons.
- G. Gallup, (1948) *A Guide to Public Opinion Polls*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 14-20; 73-75.
- D. Rowntree (2000) *Statistics Without Tears: an Introduction for Non Mathematicians*, Harmondsworth: Penguin.

#### **Suggested Student Exercises:**



1. Discussion of readings and Indian examples.
2. Groups of students to collect examples of and discuss various sample based studies across many fields: e.g. consumer behaviour, unemployment rates, educational standards, elections, medicinal trials etc.
3. Non-random sampling: The students have to identify one group of people or behaviour that is unique or rare and for which snowball sampling might be needed. They have to identify how they might make the initial contact with this group to start snowball rolling.
4. Give the students the electoral list of an area . The students have to draw a random sample of n number of respondents.
5. For this activity, working with a partner will be helpful. The class should first decide on a topic of interest. Then each pair should construct a five-item self report questionnaire. Of the five items, there should be at least one nominal response, one ordinal response and one interval. After the common questionnaire is constructed putting together the questions from everyone, working in pairs, the questionnaire should be administered on 10 different individuals.
6. Give the students a questionnaire from any public opinion survey and ask them to identify the type of variables.

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

Course DSC 404

#### **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

1. Origin and growth of International Relations (IR) – meaning and scope of IR.
2. Basic concepts: National Power; National Interest; Balance of Power; Bipolarity and Unipolarity; Neo-colonialism.
3. Major Theories of IR: Realist Theory and its Variants; Liberal Theory and its Variants; Marxist Theory; Feminist Theory.
4. Diplomacy; Propaganda.
5. Cold War– an outline;
6. Collective Security: Meaning and Safeguards --Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, Devices under U.N. Charter --Disarmament and Arms Control, Obstacles to Nuclear Disarmament ---Non Proliferation Regime– Basic ideas of NPT, CTBT, FMCT, MTCR.
7. Contemporary issues: Globalization; Environment; Energy; Terrorism.

#### **Selected Readings:**

A. Hurrell and N. Woods, *Inequality, Globalization and World Politics*.  
 Aneek Chatterjee, *International Relations Today: Concepts and Applications*.  
 Banerjee, A. *Marxist Theory and Third World*. New Delhi: Sage, 1984.  
 Beitz, C.A. *Political Theory and International Relations*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1977.  
 Bull H., *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in International Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1977.  
 Burton, J.W. *International Relations: A General Theory*. Bombay: Allen and Unwin, 1971.  
 C. Sylvester, *Feminist Theory and International Relations in a Postmodern Era*.  
 Deutsch, K. *The Analysis of International Relations*. Eaglewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1968.  
 Dougherty, J.E. and Pfaltzgraff, Jr., R.L. *Contending Theories of International Relations*. New York: Philadelphia, 1971.  
 Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations: the Struggle for Power and Peace*.  
 Holsti, K. *International Politics: Framework for Analysis*. Eaglewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1983.  
 J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*  
 J. Stiglitz, *Globalization and Its Discontent*. Joseph Frankel, *International Relations in a Changing World*, London.  
 Joseph Frankel, *International Relations in a Changing World*, London.  
 Joshua S. Goldstein, *International Relations*. Kaplan, Mortan. *System and Processes in International Politics*. New York: Wiley and Sons, 1962.  
 Kanti Bajpai and Siddharth Mallavarapu, *International Relations in India; bringing Theory Back Home*.  
 Kegly and Wittkopf. *World Politics: Trends and Transformation*, New York: St. Martin Press, 1985.  
 Lieber, R.J. *Theory and World Politics*. London, Allen and Unwin, 1972.  
 Mishra, K.P. and Blum, R., eds. *Approaches to International Politics*, New Delhi: J.N.U., 1981.  
 Morgenthau, H. and Thompson, K. *Politics Among Nations. Struggle for Power and Peace*. New Delhi: Kalyani Press, 1985.  
 Morgenthau, H. *Politics Among Nations*. Calcutta, Scientific New Agency, 1969.  
 N. D. Palmer and H. C. Perkins, *International Relations*.  
 R. Jackson and G. Sorensen, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and*  
 Scott Burchillet. al., *Theories of International Relation*.  
 Stephanie Lawson, *International Relations*.  
 W. Laquer, *A History of Terrorism*.  
 GOUTAM KUMAR BASU ,ANTARJATIK SAMPARKA : TATTA O BIBARTAN  
 Nirmal Kanti Ghosh O Pitam Ghosh, Antorjatic Samparko  
 JAYANT KR.ROY,PRAFULLA KR.CHAKRABORTY, ANTARJATIK SAMPARKER  
 ITIHAS  
 Antarjartik Samparka by Nirmal Kanti Ghosh  
 Antarjartik Samparka by Debashis Chakrabarty

B. L. Fadia, *Antarashtriya Sambandh (in Hindi)*, Sahitya Bhawan Publications, 2017 (IR)

1. Outline of the Legal system in India:
  - (a) System of courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India - criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction, specialized courts such as juvenile courts, Mahila courts and tribunals.
  - (b) Role of the police and executive in criminal law administration.
  - (c) Alternate dispute mechanisms such as Lok Adalats, non-formal mechanisms.
2. Brief understanding of the laws applicable in India
  - (a) Constitution - fundamental rights, fundamental duties, other constitutional rights and their manner of enforcement, with emphasis on public interest litigation and the expansion of certain rights under Article 21 of the Constitution.
  - (b) Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction - provision relating to filing an FIR, arrest, bail

search and seizure and some understanding of the questions of evidence and procedure in Cr. P.C. and related laws, important offences under the Indian Penal Code, offences against women, juvenile justice, prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes., Concepts like Burden of Proof, Presumption of Innocence, Principles of Natural

Justice, Fair comment under Contempt laws.

- (c) Personal laws in India : Pluralism and Democracy
  - (d) Laws relating to contract, property and tenancy laws.
  - (e) Laws relating to dowry, sexual harassment and violence against women
  - (f) Laws relating to consumer rights
  - (g) Laws relating to cyber crimes
  - (h) Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights
3. Practical application: Visit to either a (i) court or (ii) a legal aid centre set up by the Legal Services Authority or an NGO or (iii) a Lok Adalat, and to interview a litigant or person being counselled. Preparation of a case history.
  4. Access to courts and enforcement of rights
    - (a) Critical Understanding of the Functioning of the Legal System
    - (b) Legal Services Authorities Act and right to legal aid, ADR systems
    - (c) Practical application :What to do if you are arrested ; if you are a consumer with a grievance; if you are a victim of sexual harassment; domestic violence, child abuse, caste, ethnic and religious discrimination; filing a public interest litigation. How can you challenge administrative orders that violate rights, judicial and administrative remedies
  5. Using a hypothetical case of (for example) child abuse or sexual harassment or any other violation of a right, preparation of an FIR or writing a complaint addressed to the appropriate authority.

#### Selected Readings

Creating Legal Awareness, edited by Kamala Sankaran and Ujjwal Singh (Delhi: OUP, 2007)

Legal literacy: available amongst interdisciplinary courses on Institute of Life Long Learning

(Delhi University) Virtual Learning Portal namely vle.du.ac.in

Reading list for course on Legal Literacy

- Multiple Action Research Group, Our Laws Vols 1-10, Delhi. Available in Hindi also.
- Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, Legal Literacy Series Booklets. Available in Hindi

also.

- S.K. Agarwala, Public Interest Litigation in India, K.M. Munshi Memorial Lecture, Second Series, Indian Law Institute, Delhi, 1985.
- S.P. Sathe, Towards Gender Justice, Research Centre for Womens' Studies, SNDT Women's University, Bombay, 1993.
- Asha Bajpai, Child Rights in India : Law, Policy, and Practice, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2003
- Agnes, Flavia Law and Gender Equality, OUP, 1997.
- Sagade, Jaga, Law of Maintenance: An Empirical Study, ILS Law College, Pune 1996.

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- B.L. Wadhwa, Public Interest Litigation - A Handbook, Universal, Delhi, 2003.
- Nomita Aggarwal, Women and Law in India, New Century, Delhi, 2002.
- P.C. Rao and William Sheffield Alternate Dispute Resolution: What it is and How it Works, , Universal Law Books and Publishers, Delhi, 2002
- V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India by Mahendra P. Singh, Eastern Book Co. 10th edition 2001.
- Parmanand Singh, 'Access to Justice and the Indian Supreme Court', 10 & 11 Delhi Law Review 156, 1981-82.

## FIFTH SEMESTER

(Choose either DSE A or B)

COURSE DSE 501A

## PARTY SYSTEM IN INDIA

### 1. POLITICAL PARTY

- i. Meaning of Political Parties and Kinds of Political Parties
- ii. Features and Characteristics of Indian Party System
- iii. Emerging Trends in Indian Party System

### 2. NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES

- i. INC: Organization, Ideology, Policies and Nature of Mass Support
- ii. BJP: Organization, ideology, Policies and Nature of Mass Support
- iii. Electoral Performance of INC and BJP

### 3. SAME MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES

- i. CPI (M) Organization, Ideology, Policies and Nature of Mass support
- ii. BSP: Organization, Ideology, Policies and Nature of Mass Support
- iii. Electoral Performance of CPI(M) BSP , AITMC.

### 4. REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES

- i. Emergence of Regional Political Parties and Regionalization of Regional Forces.
- ii. Impact of Regional Political Parties and National Politics : Different Coalitions at Centre

#### SELECTED READINGS:

B. Shankar and V. Rodrigues, (2011) 'The Changing Conception of Representation: Issues, Concerns and Institutions', in *The Indian Parliament: A Democracy at Work*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 105-173.

Bidyut Chakrabarty and Rajendra K. Pandey, *Indian Government and politics*, SAGE India.

V. Hewitt and S. Rai, (2010) 'Parliament', in P. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 28-42.

Hasan F. Frankal, R. Z. Bhargave and B, Arora *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*.

Rajni Kothari, *Parties and Party Politics in India*.

B. Arora and D.v. Demey( eds.) , *Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective*.

P.R. Desouza and E. Sridharan (eds.), *India's Political Parties*.

S. Baruah (eds.), *Parties and Party Politics in India*.

Z. Hasan ( ed.), *Parties and Party Politics in India*.

R. Roy and P. Wallace (ed.), *Indian Politics and the 1998 Elections : Regionalism, Hindutva and State Politics*.

Z.Hasan, (ed.), *Parties and Party Politics in India*.

B. Arora ed., *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*.

C. Jaffrelot, *India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in India*.

A. Kohli, ed., *The Success if India's Democracy*.

*Bharatiya Sashan Byabostha O Rajniti* by Anadi Kumar Mahapatra

COURSE DSE 501B

#### HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Human Rights: Historical Background: A Brief History of Human Rights Theory  
-----Difference between Civil Liberties, Democratic Rights and Human Rights ---Are Human Rights Universal ?---Are Human Right Incontrovertible or Subjective ? -- Ethics and Social Practice

2. Aspects of Human Rights--Human Rights and Theoretical Traditions --Human Rights: Modernity and Democratization -- The State and Human Rights Theory --Human Rights and World Politics

3. Areas and Issues in Human Rights: Nature of Human Rights Violation --Human Rights and United Nations --State: Protection and Regulation (With Special reference to India)

4. Social Aspects : Women and Human Rights --Children and Woman Rights --Poverty and Human Rights --The Environment and Human Rights

Darren JO' Byrne, Human Rights: An Introduction, New Delhi: Pearson Education in South Asia, 2008.

K.G. Kannabiran, The Wage of Impunity, Orient Longman, 2004.

C.J. Nirmal ed., Human Rights in India: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives, OIP, Delhi, 2004.

M. Cranston. What are Human Rights? London: The Bodley Head, 1973.

J. Hoffman and P. Graham, (2006) 'Human Rights', *Introduction to Political Theory*, Delhi, Pearson, pp. 436-458.

SAHRDC (2006) 'Introduction to Human Rights'; 'Classification of Human Rights: An Overview of the First, Second, and Third Generational Rights', in *Introducing Human Rights*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

DSE 502A

## **ELECTORAL PROCESS IN INDIA AND WORKING OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY**

### **UNIT I ELECTION SYSTEM IN INDIA**

(i) Features, Merits and Demerits of Election System in India

(ii) Election Commission: Compositions and Functions

(iii) Electoral Process in India

(iv) Proposals for Reforms in Indian Electoral System

### **UNIT II**

Voting Behaviours: Meaning, Features and Determinants

Political Participation in India: Meaning, Features and Determinants

Lok Sabha Elections since 1952 and Politics of Government Formation

### **UNIT III**

Politics of Political Defection

Politics of Reservation

Parliamentary Democracy in India: Main Features

Dynamics of Features of Politics in India

### **UNIT IV WORKING OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN INDIA 1950-1967, 1967-1977, 1977-1979, 1980-89, 1989-2012**

Parliamentary v. Presidential: The Debate

Reasons for Demand for Scrapping of Parliamentary System and Its replacement

A Case for Adoption for the Presidential System  
A Case for the Retention of the Parliamentary System  
Suggestion for Reforms in the Parliamentary System  
Conditions essential for success of Indian Parliamentary Democracy.

### **SELECTED READINGS**

P.R. Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1974.  
Hasan, ed., Politics and Party System in India.  
Norman D. Palmer, Indian Political System, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1963.  
J.R. Sewach, Dynamic of Indian Government and Politics, New Delhi: Sterling, 1990.  
C.H. Philips, Politics and Society in India, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1963.  
M.V. Pylee, Constitutional Government, Bombay: Asia Publishing, 1968.  
K.R. Bombwall, Indian Constitution and Administration, Ambala Cantt: Modern Publishers, 1970.  
A.S. Narang, Indian Government and Politics, Delhi: Gitanjali Press, 1994.  
C.P. Bhambhari, Politics in India since Independence, Delhi: Shipra 1990.  
K.C. Marbandan, Aspects of Indian Polity (Vol. I and II), Jullunder: ABS, 1990.  
V.R. Mehta, Democracy, Modernization and Politics in India, New Delhi: Manohar, 1988.

DSE 502B

### **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **UNIT I**

- (i) Emergence of UNO
- (ii) An Evaluation of UN Charter
- (iii) UNO and Its Organs: ECOSOC, UNESCO, WHO
- (iv) General Assembly
- (v) United Nation Development Programme (UNDP)

#### **UNIT II**

- (i) Security Council of UNO Composition and Functions
- (ii) Role of Security Council in maintaining World Peace

(iii) India's Contribution in maintaining World Peace

### UNIT III

(i) International Court of Justice Composition and Functions

(ii) IMF : Composition and Functions

(iii) European Union

### UNIT IV

(i) SAARC: Composition and Functions

(ii) ASEAN : Composition and Function

(iii) WTO: Composition and Functions

### **Selected Readings:**

DSE 502B

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(i) SAARC: Composition and Functions

(ii) ASEAN : Composition and Function

(iii) WTO: Composition and Functions

#### **Selected Readings:**

J.A. Moore and Pubantz, The New United Nations

J. Goldstein and J.C. Pevehouse, International Relations

P. Taylor and A.J.R. Groom, The United Nations at the Millennium

S.B. Garcis and J. Varwick, The United Nations : An Introduction

R. Thakur, Past Imperfect, Future Uncertain, The UN at Fifty

RADHA RAMAN CHAKRABORTY SAMASAMAYEK ANTARJATIK SAMPARKA

Nirmal Kanti Ghosh, Antarjatic Sangathan O Jatipunja

COURSE GE 501

## READING GANDHI

**1. Gandhi in his own words: A close reading of Hind Swaraj.**

**2. Commentaries on Hind Swaraj and Gandhian thought:**

- "Introduction", M.K.Gandhi, Hind Swaraj and other writings ed. A.J.Parel (1997).
- B.Parekh, Gandhi (1997), chs. 4 ("Satyagraha") and 5("The critique of modernity").
- D.Hardiman, Gandhi in his time and ours (2003), ch.4("An alternative

modernity”

### 3. Gandhi and modern India.

- a. Nationalism.
- b. Communal unity
- c. Women’s Question
- d. Untouchability.

This component will contain the following selections from Gandhi’s *India of my Dreams* (compiled R.K.Prabhu): “The meaning of Swaraj” (no.2); “In defence of Nationalism” (no.3); “India’s cultural heritage” (no.45); “Regeneration of Indian women” (no.54); “Women’s education” (no.55); “Communal unity” (no.59); “The curse of untouchability” (no.61); “Religious tolerance in India” (no.62); “The problem of minorities” (no.66)

### 4. Gandhi’s Legacy

- a) Tolerance: Anti - Racism Movements (Anti - Apartheid and Martin Luther King)
- b) The Pacifist Movement
- c) Women’s Movements
- d) *Gandhigiri*: Perceptions in Popular Culture

### Selected Readings

B. Parekh, (1997) ‘The Critique of Modernity’, in *Gandhi: A Brief Insight*, Delhi: Sterling Publishing Company, pp. 63-74.

K. Ishii, (2001) ‘The Socio-economic Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi: As an Origin of Alternative Development’, *Review of Social Economy*. Vol. 59 (3), pp. 297-312.

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R. Ramashray, (1984) ‘Liberty Versus Liberation’, in *Self and Society: A Study in Gandhian Thought*, New Delhi: Sage Publication.

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R. Iyer, (2000) ‘Chapter 10 and 11’, in *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 251-344D.

R. Iyer, *Moral and Political Thoughts of M. K. Gandhi*, OUP, 2 Vols.

Hardiman, (2003) ‘Gandhi’s Global Legacy’, in *Gandhi in His Time and Ours*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 238-283.

Manimala, (1984) ‘Zameen Kenkar? Jote Onkar: Women’s participation in the Bodhgaya struggles’, in M. Kishwar and R. Vanita (eds) *In Search of Answers: Indian Women’s Voices from Manushi*, London: Zed Press.

M. Shah, (2006) 'Gandhigiri; A Philosophy of Our Times', *The Hindu* Available at <http://www.hindu.com/2006/09/28/stories/2006092802241000.htm>, Accessed: 14.04.2013.

A. Ghosh and T. Babu, (2006) 'Lage Raho Munna Bhai: Unravelling Brand 'Gandhigiri'', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41 (51), pp. 5225 – 5227.

H. Trivedi (2011) 'Literary and Visual Portrayal of Gandhi', in J Brown and A Parel (eds) *Cambridge Companion to Gandhi*, Cambridge University Press 2011, pp. 199-218.  
Pannalal Dasgupta, *Gandhi Gabeshona*.

## SIXTH SEMESTER

(Choose either DSE A or B)

COURSE DSE 603A

### INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

1. Ancient Indian Political Thought: Main Features– Contribution of Kautilya.
2. Medieval Political Thought: Main Features.
3. Indian Awakening and birth of Modernity: Rammohun and Syed Ahmed Khan
4. Ideas of Nationalism: Bankimchandra, Tilak and Rabindranath
5. M. K. Gandhi: ideas on State and Trusteeship.
6. Alternative trends in political ideas:
  - a) B. R. Ambedkar: on social justice.
  - b) M. N. Roy: Radical Humanism.
  - c) Narendra Deva: contributions to Socialism.

### Selected Readings

Beni Prasad, *The State in Ancient India*.

R. S. Sharma, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*.

V. P. Verma, *Ancient and Medieval Political Thought*.

R. P. Tripathi, *Some Aspects of Muslim Administration*.

R. P. Tripathi, *The State and Religion in Mughal India*.

Bidyut Chaskrabarty and Rajendra K. Pandey, *Modern Indian POLITICAL THOUGHT*, sage India.

M. Habib and Afzahuddin Khan, *The Political Theory of the Delhi Sultanate*.

B. B. Majumder, *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas: From Rammohan to Dayananda*.

T. Pantham and K. L. Deutsch (ed.), *Political Thought in Modern India*.

U. N. Ghosal, *The History of Hindu Political Theories*.

Anthony Parel (ed.), *Gandhi, 'Hind Swaraj' and Other Writings*.

Buddhadeva Bhattacharyya, *Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi*.

Sachin Sen, *The Political Thought of Rabindranath*.

M. K. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj*.

Bhikhu Parekh, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy: A Critical Examination*.

Rabindranath Tagore, *Nationalism*.

Bidyut Chakraborty and Rajendra Kumar Pandey (ed.), *Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context*.

Sankar Ghose, *Socialism and Communism in India*.

K. N. Mukherjee, The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore.  
 M. N. Roy, From Communism to Radical Humanism.  
 G. P. Bhattacharjee, Evolution of Political Philosophy of M. N. Roy.  
 Yusuf Meherally (ed.), Narendra Deva : Socialism and National Revolution.  
 W. N. Kuber, Dr. Ambedkar: A Critical Study.  
 Susobhan Sarkar, On the Bengal Renaissance.  
 A. T. Embree (ed.), Sources of Indian Tradition (Vol. 1)  
 Subrata Dasgupta, The Bengal Renaissance– Identity and Creativity: From Rammohan Roy to Rabindranath Tagore.  
 V. R. Mehta, Foundations of Indian Political Thought: An Interpretation  
 Sudipta Kaviraj, The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and the Formation of Nationalist Discourse in India.  
 Partha Chatterjee, Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse.  
 Shan Mohammad (ed.), Selected Writings and Speeches of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan  
 Kalyan Kumar Sarkar, Bharatiya Rashtrachintar itihash  
 Debashish Chakraborty, Bharatiya Rashtrachintar Dhara

Neetu Sharma, Adhunik Bharatiya Rajnitik Chintan (in hindi), Gullybaba Publishing House (indian political thought)

B. L. Fadia, Bharatiya Rajnitik Chintan (in hindi), Sahitya Bhawan Publications, 2017 edition (indian political thought)

COURSE DSE 603B

### **India and Her Neighbours**

#### **1. INDIA AND PAKISTAN**

- (i) Colonial Legacies
- (ii) Geographical and Strategic Importance
- (iii) Demographic, Socio-Cultural Composition
- (iv) Natural Resources
- (v) Development, Democracy and Dictatorship
- (vi) Nuclear Policy of India and Pakistan
- (vii) Kashmir Question
- (viii) Areas of Cooperation and Conflict

#### **2. INDIA AND BANGLADESH**

- (i) Colonial Legacies
- (ii) Geographical and Strategic Importance
- (iii) Demographic, Socio-Cultural Composition
- (iv) Natural Resources
- (v) Development, Democracy and Dictatorship

- (vi) Refugee Problem
  - (vii) Ganga Water Issue
  - (viii) Areas of Cooperation and Conflict
3. INDIA AND SRILANKA
- (i) Geographical and Strategic Importance
  - (ii) Demographic, Socio-Cultural Composition
  - (iii) Natural Resources
  - (iv) Development and Democracy
  - (v) Tamil Question
  - (vi) Areas of Cooperation and Conflicts

4. INDIA AND NEPAL

- (i) Historical Relations with Nepal
- (ii) Geographical and Strategic Importance
- (iii) Demography and Socio-Cultural Composition
- (iv) Development and Democracy
- (v) Areas of Cooperation and Conflict

**Selected Readings:**

DSE 604A

GRASSROOT DEMOCRACY IN INDIA

1. Historical Background of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India after Independence  
Constitutional Recognition of PRIs in India after Independence
2. GRAM PANCHAYAT  
Gram Sabha  
Composition and Functions of Gram Panchayat
3. PANCHAYAT SAMITI  
Composition and Functions  
Zila Parishad – Composition and Functions
4. Features of 73 rd & 74th Amendments  
Composition and Functions of Municipal Corporation
5. Democratic Decentralisation in India: Critical Evaluation

Selected Readings:

Z. Haran, E. Sridharan and R. Sudharshan (ed.), India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices and Controversies.

R. Samaddar, The Politics of Autonomy, Indian Experiences

N.G. Jayal, A Prakash and P. Sharma (eds.), Local Governance in India: Decentralization and Beyond.

KUMARESH CHAKRABARTY, BHARATER BARTAMAN RAJNITI PRASHASAN O BIDHI

SOMA GHOSH, JANA PRASHASAN : TATTA O PROYOG

Jana Prashasan by Pran Gobindo Das

Jana Prosashan by Subhash Som

DSE 604B

#### EMERGING TRENDS IN INDIAN POLITICS

1. Casteism: Meaning, Features, Impact of Caste on Indian Politics, Communalism and Secularism: Meaning, Features, Causes and Impact on Indian Politics.

Regionalism: Meaning, Causes and Features, Regional Imbalances: Indicators and Impact on Indian Politics.

2. (i) Emergence of Regional Political Parties

(ii) Regional Political Parties with Special Reference to National Conference, Akali Dal, DMK, Telgu Desham

(iii) Impact of Regional Political Parties on National Politics

3.(i) Coalition Politics in India

(ii) Coalition Politics in States

4. Globalization: Meaning, Features and its Effect on Indian Economy

Issues of Environment in India

Selected Readings:

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- Dr. Malay Banerjee, Bharatiya Rajnitir Samprotik Probanata.

COURSE GE 602

### Feminism: Theory and Practice

1. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy
  - (a) Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism
  - (b) Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism
  - (c) Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions
2. History of Feminism
  - (a) Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America
  - (b) Feminism in the Socialist Countries: China, Cuba and erstwhile USSR
  - (c) Feminist issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on India
3. The Indian Experience
  - (a) Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India
  - (b) Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights
  - (c) Understanding Woman's Work and Labour – Sexual Division of Labour, Productive and Reproductive labour, Visible - invisible work – Unpaid (reproductive and care), Underpaid and Paid work, - Methods of computing women's work , Female headed Households

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- Forbes, Geraldine (1998) *Women in Modern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-150.
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