

PLS222M

**2nd SEMESTER
MAJOR COURSE**

POLITICAL SCIENCE (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA)

CREDITS: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL: 2

OBJECTIVES: The course is meant to acquaint students with different aspects of India polity and its processes. The paper will help students to understand the post-independence political, social and economic transformation in India.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Introduce Students to the emergence of Indian Polity
2. Acquaint students with the Constitution of India and the way it provides the ideological and institutional framework for Indian Polity.
3. Introduce Students to the dynamics of political processes in India
4. Introduce students to the identity formations and their role in shaping political discourses

THEORY: (4-CREDITS: 60 HOURS)

UNIT: I (AN INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN CONSTITUTION)

- 1.1. Constituent Assembly: Formation, Composition and Working
- 1.2. Constitution; and Constitutionalism in India
- 1.3. Fundamental Rights & Directive Principles of State Policy

UNIT: II (WORKING OF INSTITUTIONS)

- 2.1. Union Legislature: Structure & Powers
- 2.2. Union Executive: Position and Powers of the President and Prime Minister
- 2.3. Supreme Court: Composition and Jurisdiction

UNIT: III (FEDERALISM)

- 3.1. Indian Federalism: Nature & Issues
- 3.2. Decentralization-73rd and 74th Amendments
- 3.3. Party System in India: Coalition Politics

UNIT: IV (POLITICS OF IDENTITY IN INDIA)

- 4.1. Caste
- 4.2. Religion
- 4.3. Region

TUTORIALS (2 CREDITS: 30 HOURS) [ASSIGNMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, VIVA-VOCE]

UNIT: I (DEBATES)

- 1.1. Need for Electoral Reforms
- 1.2. Politics of Inclusion

UNIT: II (DEBATES-II)

- 2.1. Peasant Movements
- 2.2. Environment Movements
- 2.3. Democratic Movements

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Bipin Chandra, et al, "The National Movement and its Legacy" in *India Since Independence*, Bipin Chandra et al, Penguin Publications, p.24-37
- Granville Austin, "The Constituent Assembly- Microcosm in Action" in *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, Oxford University Press, p.1-22
- Niraja Gopal Jayal, *Gentle Leviathan: Welfare and State in India*, Social Scientist, 1998, Vol. 9. No. 9/12, p.18-26,
- Partha Chatterjee, *Democracy and Economic Transformation in India*, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 43, No. 16, 2008
- Arvind Verma, "Police Agencies and Coercive Power" in *The State of India's Democracy*, ed. Sumit Ganguly, M. Plattner, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 2007
- S. Palshikar, (2008) *The Indian State: Constitution and Beyond*, in R. Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.143-163.
- R. Deshpande, (2005) 'State and Democracy in India: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation', Occasional Paper, Series III, No. 4, Special Assistance Programme, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune.
- M. Mohanty, (1989) 'Duality of the State Process in India: A Hypothesis', *Bhartiya Samajik Chintan*, Vol. XII(1-2)
- Mahendra Pal Singh "The Federal Scheme", in (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Constitution of India*, Sujit Chowdhry, Madhav Khosla and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Oxford University Press, p.451-465

**2nd SEMESTER
SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)**

PLS2225

2: DEMOCRATIC AWARENESS WITH LEGAL LITERACY

Credits: THEORY: 02, TUTORIAL: 02

Course Objective: The Proposed course aims to acquaint student with the structure and manner of functioning of the legal system in India. It aims to familiarize student should be aware of the institutions that comprise the legal system □ the courts, police, jails and the system of criminal justice administration. Have a brief knowledge of the Constitution and laws of India, an understanding of the formal and alternate dispute redressal (ADR) mechanisms that exist in India, public interest litigation.

Theory (02 Credits)

Unit I:

- 1.1 Outline of the Legal System in India.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Role of the Police and Executive in Criminal Law Administration.
- 1.4 Alternative Dispute Mechanisms such as Lok-Adalats, Non-formal Mechanisms.

Unit II:

- 2.1 Brief Understanding of the Laws applicable in India.
- 2.2 Constitution- Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, other Constitution Right sand their manner of Enforcement, with emphasis on Public Interest Litigation and Expansion of Certain Rights under Article 21 of the Constitution
- 2.3 Laws Relating to Criminal Jurisdiction - Provision relating to filing an FIR, Arrest, Bail Search and Seizure.
- 2.4 Important offences under the Indian penal Code: Offences against Women, Juvenile Justice, Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Tutorial (02 Credits)

Unit III:

- 3.1 **Access to Courts and Enforcement of Rights**
 - (i) Critical Understanding of the Functioning of the Legal System.
 - (ii) Legal Services Authorities Act and Right to Legal Aid, ADR systems.

Unit IV:

Practical application

- 4.1 **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 Abuses, Caste, Ethnic and Religious Discrimination; Filing a Public Interest Litigation. How can you challenge Administrative **Orders** that Violate Rights, Judicial and Administrative Remedies?
- 4.2 **Using a Hypothetical Case:** of (for example) Child Abuse or Sexual Harassment or any other Violation of a Rights, Preparation of an FIR or writing a Complaint addresses to the appropriate Authority.

Suggested Readings:

- 1 Kamala Sankaran and Ujjawal Singh (Ed.), **Creating Legal Awareness**, (Delhi: OUP, 2007).
- 2 **Legal Literacy:** A available amongst Interdisciplinary Courses on Institute of Life Long Learning (Delhi University) Virtual Learning Portal namely vllle.du.ac.in
- 3 Multiple Action Research Group, **Our Laws Vols 1-10**, Delhi. Available in Hindi also.
- 4 Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, **Legal Literacy Series Booklets**.
- 5 S.K. Agarwala, **Public Interest Litigation in India**, K.M. Memorial Lecture, Second Series, Indian Law Institute, Delhi, 1985.
- 6 S.P. Sathe, **Towards Gender Justice**, Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University, Bombay, 1993.
- 7 Asha Bajpai, **Child Rights in India: Law, Policy, and Practice**, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2003.
- 8 Agnes, **Flavia Law and Gender Equality**, OUP, 1997.
- 9 Sagade, Jaga, **Law of Maintenance: An Empirical Study**, ILS Law Collage, Pune 1996.
- 10 B.L. Wadhwa, **Public Interest Litigation- A Handbook**, University Delhi, 2003.
- 11 Nomita Aggarwal, **Women and Law in India**, New CENTURY, Delhi, 2002.
- 12 P.C Rao and William Sheffield **Alternative Dispute Resolution: What it is and how it works**, Universal law Books and Publisherd, Delhi, 2002.
- 13 V.N. Shukla's **Constitution of India** Eastern Book CO. 10th edition 2001.
- 14 Parmanand Sing, 'Access to Justice and the Indian Supreme Court, 10 & 1 Delhi Law RAW Review 156, 1981-82.

Government Degree College, Baramulla

SEMESTER 1st

Multidisciplinary Course

Subject: Political Science

Title: **Indian Political System**
Credit: Theory 03

Code: **PLS022I**
Contact Hours: 48 (Th)

Objectives: The Course is meant for students from different academic background and is expected to help them in understanding the political system in India. It will introduce students to the processes leading to emergence of modern India.

Unit: I Making of Indian Constitution

- 1.1. Political Ideals and Ideas Basic to its Formation
- 1.2 Constituent Assembly Debates
- 1.3 Features of the Constitution
- 1.4 Indian Constitutionalism

Unit: II Working of Institutions

- 2.1 Parliament-Composition and Working
- 2.2 Union Executive
- 2.3 Supreme Court-Composition and Jurisdiction
- 2.4 Election Commission and Electoral Reforms

Unit: III Democracy in India

- 3.1. Neo-Liberal V/s Welfare State
- 3.2. Social Movements
- 3.3. Cultural Minorities V/S Majoritarianism

Suggestive Reading:

1. Bipin Chandra, et al, "The National Movement and its Legacy" in India Since Independence, Bipin Chandra et al, Penguin Publications, p. 24-37
2. Granville Austin, "The Constituent Assembly- Microcosm in Action" in The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford University Press,
3. Dr. B. L Fadia (2020), "Indian Government and Politics" ,SahityaBhawan.
4. D.D Basu, "Introduction to the constitution of India", Lexis Nexis, New Delhi.
5. Peu Ghosh, " Indian Government and Politics", PHI Learning.
6. Andrew Heywood (2021), ' Political Ideologies' ,Red Globe Press.