

BA General Course: Discipline Specific Core II

Semester	II
Paper Number	GPSCR2051T
Paper Title	Indian Government and Politics
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5+1 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper aims at familiarizing the students at a general level with the basic theoretical issues existing within the Indian polity. It takes them further into understanding the constitutional framework with reference to major political institutions and offices. Further it introduces the students to the key issues in the Indian political system.
Syllabus	<p>Module I (40 marks)</p> <p>1) Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics and Nature of the State in India: Liberal, Marxist and Gandhian. (06 lectures)</p> <p>2) Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles. (10 lectures)</p> <p>3) Institutional Functioning: Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary (08 lectures)</p> <p>4) Power Structure in India: Caste, class and patriarchy (06 lectures)</p> <p>Module II (40 Marks)</p> <p>5) Religion and Politics: debates on secularism and communalism (06 lectures)</p> <p>6) Parties and Party systems in India (08 lectures)</p> <p>7) Social Movements: Workers, Peasants, Environmental and Women's Movement (10 lectures)</p> <p>8) Strategies of Development in India since Independence: Planned Economy and Neo-liberalism (06 lectures)</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Essential Texts</p> <p>Abbas, H., Kumar, R. & Alam, M. A. (2011) <i>Indian Government and Politics</i>. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011.</p> <p>Chandhoke, N. & Priyadarshi, P. (eds.) (2009) <i>Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics</i>. New Delhi: Pearson.</p>

	<p>Chakravarty, B. & Pandey, K. P. (2006) <i>Indian Government and Politics</i>. New Delhi: Sage.</p> <p>Chandra, B., Mukherjee, A. & Mukherjee, M. (2010) <i>India After Independence</i>. New Delhi: Penguin.</p> <p>Singh, M.P. & Saxena, R. (2008) <i>Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns</i>. New Delhi: PHI Learning.</p> <p>Vanaik, A. & Bhargava, R. (eds.) (2010) <i>Understanding Contemporary India: Critical Perspectives</i>. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.</p> <p>Menon, N. and Nigam, A. (2007) <i>Power and Contestation: India Since 1989</i>. London: ZedBook.</p> <p>Austin, G. (1999) <i>Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of a Nation</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Austin, G. (2004) <i>Working of a Democratic Constitution of India</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Jayal, N. G. & Mehta, P. B. (eds.) (2010) <i>Oxford Companion to Indian Politics</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>10 objective type questions to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each (10x2=20)</p> <p>2 essay type questions to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each (2x10=20)</p> <p>(Total= 40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>