

**PG Course: Core Course VII**

Semester	Two
Paper Number	MPLS4203
Paper Title	POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE IN INDIA
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	The course aims at providing an understanding about the dynamics of governing India amidst its structural and societal complexities. The course would familiarise the students with the politics of major social identities in Indian politics, viz, caste, tribe and gender as well as contemporary debates on state politics, citizenship issues in an age of cooperative federalism.
Syllabus	<p><b><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approaches to the study of Indian politics</li> <li>2. State politics in India: select states</li> <li>3. Migration, Refugee, Citizenship: contemporary debates</li> <li>4. Regional and autonomy movements</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Identity politics: Conceptual issues (a) Gender (b) Caste (c) Tribe</li> <li>6. Emerging Issues (a) Land (b) Labour (c) Livelihood (d) Environment</li> <li>7. Local governance in India</li> <li>8. Local governance in West Bengal</li> </ol>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Niraja Gopal Jayaland PratapBhanu Mehta eds., <i>The Oxford Companion to Politics in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.</li> <li>2. Ashutosh Kumar ed., <i>Rethinking State Politics in India: Regions within Regions</i>, NewDelhi: Routledge, 2011.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Partha Chatterjee ed., <i>State and Politics in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004.</li> <li>4. Ranabir Samaddar ed., <i>Refugees and the State: Practices of Asylum and Care in India 1947-2000</i>, New Delhi: Sage, 2003.</li> <li>5. Partha Chatterjee, <i>Politics of the Governed</i>, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.</li> <li>6. Bhupinder Brar, Ashutosh Kumar and Ronki Ram eds., <i>Globalization and the Politics of Identity in India</i>, New Delhi: Pearson Longman, 2008.</li> <li>7. Ranabir Samaddar ed., <i>The Politics of Autonomy Indian Experiences</i>, New Delhi: Sage, 2005.</li> <li>8. Niraja Gopal Jayal, ed., <i>Local Governance in India</i>, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006.</li> <li>9. Sujata Patel and Kushal Dev (eds.), <i>Urban Studies</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.</li> <li>10. Pranab Das, ed., <i>Decentralisation, Governance and Development</i>, Orient Blackswan, 2017.</li> </ol>
Evaluation	CIA: 20 End-Semester: 80