

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD

PRAYAGRAJ-211002

BA SYLLABUS

NEP 2020

SECOND SEMESTER

2025-26

B.A. SEMESTER-II (2025-26)
PAPER-I
POLITICAL THEORY (Concepts) (Credits – 4)

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends.
- To reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Course Outcomes:

Students would be able to:

- Understand the various traditions and approaches of political theory and appreciate how they get reflected in organizing social living
- Understand multiple frames by which the idea of political community is debated
- Understand the significance of theorizing and of applying theory into practice

UNIT-I

Concepts : Rights, Justice and Citizenship

UNIT-II

Nation and Nationalism

UNIT-III

Emergence of Civil Society and Cosmopolitanism.

UNIT-IV

Socialism and Fascism : Their critique

UNIT-V

Democracy-Participation and Representation.

Essential Readings:

Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp.106-128.

Owen, D. (2003) 'Democracy', in Bellamy, R. and Mason, A. (eds.) Political Concepts. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 105-117.

Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-258.

McKinnon, Catriona et. al. (2008). Issues in Political Theory, UK:OUP.

Andrew Heywood (2004). Political Theory- An Introduction, New York: Palgrave MacMillan.

Eddy Asirvatham and K K Mishra (2010). Political Theory, New Delhi: S. Chand Publishing. (English & Hindi)

M.P. Jain (2019).Marxism and Liberalism, Mumbai: Book Age Publishers (English and Hindi)

B.A. SEMESTER-II (2025-26)

PAPER II

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MODERN GOVERNMENTS (DETAILED STUDY OF CONSTITUTION OF INDIA) (Credits – 4)

Course Objectives: The purpose of this course is to equip students to understand government and politics through a comparative perspective. The course is expected to bring to the students a thorough understanding of the historical contexts in which Indian Political System and institutional structures take distinct forms and acquire unique features. The course aims at acquainting students with the manner in which comparison is used as a method to understand the historical transformations in governmental forms, regime types, and political systems.

Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, students would be able to:

- Understand the nature, evolution and characteristics of the Indian Political System
- Understand the methodology of comparisons and acquire an analytical approach towards understanding similarities and differences among key political institutions
- Students will develop critical understanding about regimes, structures, functions and processes in politics
- Understand patterns of governance and political diversity/complexity as set in the Indian Constitution

UNIT I

- a) Constituent Assembly-Organization, Powers and Function
- b) Objectives and Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: Preamble

UNIT-II

- a) Procedure of Amendment and Federalism
- b) Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Duties

UNIT-III

President, Prime Minister: Council of Ministers

UNIT-IV

Parliament-Organization, Powers and Functions

Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Court- Powers and Functions, Judicial Review

UNIT-V

Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies, Party System

Essential Reading

Austin G. (1999). *The Indian constitution: the cornerstone of a nation*. Oxford University Press.

Basu D. das. (2022). *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (26th ed.). Lexis Nexis.

Choudhry S. Khosla M. & Mehta P. B. (2016). *The oxford handbook of the Indian constitution* (First). Oxford University Press.

Pylee M. V (2017) *Constitutional Amendments in India*, Universal Law Publishing

Pylee M. V. (1997). *India's constitution* (6th ed.). S. Chand.

Strong C. F. (1963). *A history of modern political constitutions*. Putnam Publications.

Zhang Q. (2012). *The constitution of China: a contextual analysis*. Hart Publishing.

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- पाइली, एम0वी0 (2018). भारत का संविधान ए एस. चॉद प्रकाशन ।
- आस्तिन, ग्रेनविले (2019). भारतीय राष्ट्र की आधारशिला, वाणी प्रकाशन ।
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