

Select Readings:

- Constitution of India: Government of India.
 G. Austin: The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation.
 G. Austin: Working a Democratic Constitution
 S.K. Chaube: The Constituent Assembly--- Springboard of a Revolution (latest edition).
 M.V. Pylee: India's Constitution.
 S.C. Kashyap ed.: Perspectives on the Constitution.
 R. Bhargava (ed.): Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution.
 D. D. Basu: Introduction to the Constitution of India.
 S. K. Chaube: The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution.
 B. Shankar and V. Rodrigues: The Indian Parliament: A Democracy at Work P. B. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.): The Oxford Companion to Politics in India. D. Kapur and P. B. Mehta (eds.): Public Institutions in India.
 B. Kirpal et.al (eds.): Supreme but not Infallible: Essays in Honour of the Supreme Court of India.
 B. Arora and D. Verney (eds.): Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in a Comparative Perspective.

ভারতীয়সংবিধান (বাংলাসংস্করণ)

দূর্গাদাসবসু: ভারতেরসংবিধানপরিচয়

সুভাষসিকশ্যপ: আমাদেরসংবিধান (অনুবাদঃ পার্থসরকার)

অমলকুমারমুখোপাধ্যায়: ভারতীয়সংবিধানেরসহজপাঠ

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SEMESTER -V

MDC-MN-3Politics in India I: Structures

Course Objectives:

This course, being complementary to the next core course (CC-5), seeks to stress on the structural dimensions of Indian politics, within which the political process operates. With the nature and trends in Indian politics background, it familiarizes the students with the 'backbone' of the political process.

Learning Outcomes: After completing the course the students will be able to understand:

1. The systemic, ideological and programmatic aspects of political parties
2. The rationale of major interest groups
3. The electoral logistics
4. The rationale and structural dynamics of civil service

Module I:

1. Politics in India: nature and trends.
2. Party system: features and trends – major national political parties in India: ideologies and programmes. Rise of state-centric political parties: Overview. Major political parties in West Bengal: ideologies and programmes.
3. Interest groups: role of business groups; working class, peasants.

Module II:

4. Election Commission: composition, functions, role. Electoral reforms.
5. Federal institutions: Inter-governmental forums--- Interstate Council, Zonal Councils: composition, function, role; Finance Commission.
6. Civil Service: evolution; role; Generalist versus Specialist debate; Neutrality issue.

Select Readings:

- N.G. Jayal and P.B. Mehta (eds.), *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*.
 Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.), *Politics in India*.
 Partha Chatterjee, *State and Politics in India*.
 Z. Hasan (ed.) *Parties and Party Politics in India*.
 Z. Hasan, *Parties and Party Politics in India*.
 S. R. Maheswari, *Public Administration in India: The Higher Civil Service*.
 P. DeSouza and E. Sridharan (eds.) *India's Political Parties*.
 R. Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*.
 E. Sridharan, *Coalition Politics and Democratic Consolidation in Asia*.
 S. K. Das, *The Civil Services in India: Oxford India Short Introductions*.
 Subrata Mitra, *Politics in India: Structure, Processes and Policy*.
 L. Lobo, M. Sahu and J. Shah (eds.), *Federalism in India: Towards a Fresh Balance of Power*.
 R. Hardgrave and S. Kochanek: *India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation* (Latest edition).
 Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*.
 Sudha Pai, *Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India: A Critical Analysis*.

MDC-MN-4 Indian Political Thought – I

Course Objectives:

This paper is designed for a mix of basic and intensive understanding of some important concepts and themes shaping Indian political thought. It takes off from the ancient times and navigating through the medieval period it reaches the modern era.

Learning outcomes:

After completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Acquaint themselves with the nature and form of statecraft of the ancient India.
2. Explain the core ideas in Medieval political thought.
3. Understand the landmark initiatives in Modern Indian political thought.
4. Critically engage with the evolution of political thought in India over centuries.

Module I:

- 1 Ancient Indian political ideas: overview.
2. Kautilya: Saptanga theory, Dandaniti, Diplomacy.

3. Medieval political thought in India: overview (with reference to Barani and Abul Fazal). Legitimacy of kingship.

4. Principle of Syncretism.

Module II:

5. Modern Indian thought: Rammohun Roy as pioneer of Indian liberalism – his views on Rule of law, Freedom of thought and social Justice.

6. Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Vivekananda and Rabindranath Tagore: Views on Nationalism.

7. M.K. Gandhi: views on State, Swaraj, Satyagraha.

Select Readings:

S. A. A. Rizvi, A History of Sufism in India (Vol.2)

Amit Dey, Sufism in India

V.R. Mehta, Foundation of Indian Political Thought.

T. Pantham and K. Deutsch (eds.), Political Thought in Modern India.

A. Altekar, (1958) 'The Kingship', in State and Government in Ancient India, 3rd edition

Advaita Ashram, Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda.

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

J. Bandopadhyay, Social and Political Thought of Gandhi

D.D. Kosambi, Ancient India.

Romila Thapar, From Lineages to State.

K.A. Nizami ed., Politics and Society during the Early Medieval Period.

B. Bhattacharya, Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Gandhi.

B.R. Nanda, Gandhi and His Critics.

Partha Chatterjee, Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World.

Rabindranath Tagore, Nationalism.

Sudipta Kaviraj, The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay and the Formation of Nationalist Discourse in India.

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

Bidyut Chakrabarty and R.K. Pandey, Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context.

ভারতীমুখার্জী: প্রাচীনভারতের রাষ্ট্রনৈতিক চিন্তা

সুধীন্দ্রনাথ ভৌমিক: নব্যবঙ্গের রাষ্ট্রচিন্তার ধারা

নৃসিংহ প্রসাদ ভাদুড়ি: দণ্ডনীতি

সত্যব্রত চক্রবর্তী (সম্পাদ): ভারতবর্ষ: রাষ্ট্রভাবনা

সুমিত সরকার: আধুনিক ভারত

সরল চট্টোপাধ্যায়: ভারতীয় স্বাধীনতা সংগ্রামের ক্রমবিকাশ

মনস্বিতাসান্যাল (অনু.): ভারতীয় জাতীয়তাবাদের সামাজিক পটভূমি (A R Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism—র অনুবাদ)

দিলীপ কুমার বিশ্বাস: রামমোহন সমীক্ষা

তরুণ কুমার বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়: নেতাজী সুভাষ চন্দ্রের রাষ্ট্রদর্শন

দেবজ্যোতি বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়: রবীন্দ্রনাথের জাতীয়তাবাদ-বিরোধী স্বদেশপ্রেম