

# SYLLABUS

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## SYLLABI AND READING LIST

### BA (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE

A) CORE COURSE

1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER

**Paper – I Understanding Political Theory**

Unit – I

- (a) What is politics : Theorizing the 'Political'
- (b) Approaches to political theory : Normative, Historical and Empirical

Unit – II Traditions of Political Theory

- (a) Liberal, Marxist
- (b) Anarchist, Conservative

Unit – III Critical and contemporary prospective in Political Theory

- (a) Feminist
- (b) Post – modern

Unit – IV

- (a) Democracy, The History of an idea
- (b) Participatory Democracy : concept and implications

Unit – V

- (a) Procedural Democracy : Concept, Features, Critique
- (b) Deliberative Democracy : Concept, Implication, Critique

**Essential Readings:**

1. Bhargava, R, Why Do we need Political Theory in Bhargava R and Acharya A.
2. Bannett, J (2004) Post Modern Approach' to political Theory, in Kukathas Ch and Gaus, G.F. (ed) Handbook, of Political Theory, New Delhi, Sage, PP. 46-54.
3. Roy, A. 'citizenship' in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A (eds) Political Theory : An Introduction, New Delhi : Person Longman, P.P. 130-146.
4. C.B. Barepherson, Democratic Theory : Essay in Retrieval Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1977.
5. M.P. Jain Political Theory, Liberal and Marxian, Delhi Authros Guide, 1985.
6. Political Theory – Asirvatham.
7. Political Theory – A.C. Kapoor
8. Political Theory – A. Roy and M. Bhattacharyas.
9. Politics - Palsrav Foundation

## Paper – II Constitutional Government and Democracy of India

### Unit – I

- (a) Constituent Assembly: Composition and working, Philosophy of the Institution.
- (b) Preamble and Salient Features of the Constitution

### Unit – II

- (a) Fundamental Rights and Duties
- (b) Directive Principles of state policy

### Unit – III

- (a) The legislature : Parliament
- (b) The Executive : President and Prime Minister

### Unit – IV

- (a) The Judiciary : Supreme Court
- (b) Judicial Review, Judicial Activism

### Unit – V

- (a) Federalism : Relationship between centre and state
- (b) Local self Government : Rural and Urban

## BOOKS FOR REFERENCE SUGGESTED READING

1. G. Austin, 'Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a nation'.
2. D.D. Basu, ' Introduction to the Constitution of India'
3. M.V. Pylee 'India's Constitution
4. D.C. Gupa 'Indian Govt. and Politics'
5. Indian Govt. and Politics.
6. Indian Govt. and Politics – B.L. Phadia
7. Commentary on the Indian Consitution – Nor Jennings
8. The Indian Political system – N.D. Palmer
9. The Govt. and Politics India - w.H. Morn's – Jones
10. Indian Constitution of India – Subhas Kashya

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Paper – III – Political Theory – Concept and Debates

- Unit – I Importance of Freedom
- (a) Negative freedom : Liberty
  - (b) Positive Freedom : Freedom as Emancipation and Development
- Unit – II Significance of Equality
- (a) Formal Equality : Equality of Opportunity Political Equality  
Egalitarianism : Background, Inequalities and differential treatment
- Unit – III Indispensability of Justice
- (a) Procedural Justice, Distributive Justice
  - (b) Global Justice
- Unit – IV The Universality of Rights
- (a) Natural Rights
  - (b) Moral and Legal Rights
- Unit – V Major Debates
- (a) Why should we obey the state ? issues of political obligation and civil disobedience
  - (b) Are human rights universal ? Issue of cultural relativism.

**Suggested Readings**

1. Political Theory - E. Barkly
2. Pol. Theory - E. Asirvatham
3. Pol. Theory - A. P. Gauba
4. Pol. Theory - Roy and Bhattacharya
5. Political Theory - M.P. Jain
6. Comparative Political - J.C. Johari
7. Political Theory - Bishnu Bhagban
8. Political Theory - Hazary, Baral, Padhi

Paper - IV  
**POLITICAL PROCESS IN INDIA**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Unit – I

- (a) Party system : Features, Trends
- (b) Electoral Process, Electoral Reforms

Unit – II Determinants of voting Behaviour

- (a) Caste
- (b) Religion

Unit – III Regionalism in Indian Politics

- (a) Regional political parties
- (b) The politics of Secession and Accommodation

Unit – IV Affirmative Action policies:

- (a) Women
- (b) Class

Unit – V The changing Nature of the Indian State

- (a) Developmental
- (b) Welfare and Coercive Dimensions

### Suggested Readings

1. Rajni Kothari - Politics in India
2. Caste and Politics in India - R.Kothari
3. Y. Yadav and S. Palshika - Party system and electoral politics
4. R.Despande - How gendered was Women's  
Participation
5. S. Kumar - Religious practices among Indian  
Hindu
6. J. Panthan - Understanding Indian Secularism

