

BACHELOR OF ARTS
POLITICAL SCIENCE/ IV SEMESTER
INDIAN CONSTITUTION: PROCESSES

Subject Code: NS 202

Total Hours: 75

Teaching Hours per week: 5

Credits: 5

Objectives:

1. To expose students to democratic institutional traditions of India.
 2. To introduce students to the institutional patterns of Indian Political System
 3. To acquaint the students with issues that influences the working of Indian Political System
 4. To develop an ability among students to understand and assess the Indian Political System.
 5. To help students to acquire an ability to reflect upon the political happenings around them.
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Course Learning Outcomes At the end of the course students shall:

- gain insights into the interconnections between social and economic relations and the political process in India.
- understand the challenges arising due to caste, class, gender and religious diversities and also analyse the changing nature of the Indian state in the light of these diversities.
- make sense of the specificities of the political processes in India in the light of changes of the state practices, electoral system, representational forms and electoral behavior.

Show awareness of the party system in India and the development policies adopted by various governments so far

- Understand how social movements are formed and how they impact the political processes

I CHAPTER: INDIAN FEDERALISM (15hrs)

Unitary & Federal Features

Centre-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative
& Financial

Trends in Indian Federalism

Sarkaria Commission: Major recommendations

II CHAPTER: POLITICAL PARTIES (15hrs)

Features of Party System in India

Classification of Political Parties: National & Regional

Ideologies of major National Parties

III CHAPTER: PRESSURE GROUPS AND MEDIA (15hrs)

Pressure Groups – Significance, Types of Pressure Groups in India, Role & Working of Pressure Groups, Techniques of Pressure Groups, Role of Mass Media

IV CHAPTER: ELECTIONS (15hrs)

Constitutional and Statutory Provisions

Election Commission: Organization and Function Anti-Defection Law (52nd amendment)

Electoral Reforms

V CHAPTER: MAJOR ISSUES (15hrs)

Secularism & Communalism

Social Justice

Regional Disparities (article 371J)

Migration

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5. H.M. Rajasekara, Bharatada Samvidhana Mattu Sarakara (Kannada)
6. K. Santhanam, Union-State relations in India.
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10. S.K. Chaube, Constituent Assembly of India: Springboard of Revolution, New Delhi, PPH, 1973.
12. S. Kaushik, Indian Government and Politics, Delhi, Delhi University, 1990.

Journals

- Mainstream
- Seminar
- Indian Journal of Political Science
- Economic and Political Weekly