

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE - POLITICAL SCIENCE

DSC-3 (Minor) : Indian Government and Politics

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Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Indian Government and Politics MDSC 2A	4	3	1	0	12 th Pass	NIL

Learning Objectives

This course aims to familiarize students with constitutional government and nature of politics in India and the relationship between the two. It focusses on the originary moment of the Indian Republic through an understanding of the philosophy and the features of the Constitution while demonstrating how the processes of state formation and nation making coincided with constitution-making and the interlacing between the two. The course also introduces students to the institutions of the state, the constitutional rules governing them and the political trajectory of their evolution. The course then proceeds by way of familiarity with varied political processes that have dominated the nature of Indian politics including reflections on the development paradigm followed by the Indian state and a critical perspective on the character of Indian state itself. While focusing on the constitutional framework and design laid down for governance, the course delves deeper into the political processes through which a divergent space for actual politics is carved out, in India.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students would demonstrate:

- Understanding of the Indian Constitution, its basic features and the rights and duties of the citizens as well as the constitutional obligations of the state
- Knowledge of state institutions in India, the constitutional provisions governing them and actual their working
- Understanding into the nature of Indian society and its relationship with politics through the prism of caste, class, gender, religion, etc.
- Knowledge of party system and political parties in India
- Awareness of the development debates in India and its relationship with the social movements

SYLLABUS OF MDSC-2A

UNIT – I

Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Federalism

UNIT – II

State formation and nation building: Integration of princely states, linguistic re-organisation of states

UNIT – III

Political institutions at the Centre and State levels: Parliament, Judiciary, Prime Minister, Chief Minister

UNIT – IV

Social structure and political power: caste, class, gender

UNIT – V

Religion and politics: debates on secularism and communalism

UNIT – VI

Political parties and party systems

UNIT – VII

Development strategies: planned economy, neo-liberal restructuring

UNIT – VIII

Social movements: workers, farmers, environmental, and women's movements

UNIT – IX

The nature of state in India: developmental, welfare, regulatory

Essential/recommended readings

Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Federalism

B R Ambedkar, 2010, Basic features of the Indian Constitution, in Valerian Rodrigues (ed), *The essential writings of BR Ambedkar*. Oxford University Press, India.

D DBasu, 2011, Fundamental Rights and Duties (pp. 79- 142), in *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.

ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2010, Duties of State and Citizens, in *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, NBT, India.

D DBasu, 2011, Distribution of Legislative and Executive Powers, in *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.

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