

B.A.(Prog.) Political Science
Discipline Specific Core Course-(DSC-8) (Major)

DSC-8 : PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN INDIA

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Public Institutions in India MDSC-4B	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with institutions that are significant in the functioning of Indian democracy. It is designed to help students get a thorough understanding of the different functions performed by public institutions including maintaining law and order, eliciting accountability from the state, regulating the institutional space, and enhancing state accountability and its capacity to frame and implement social and economic policies. The purpose is to make students aware of the complex functions performed by the institutions of the state in contemporary contexts.

Learning outcomes

After completing this course, students will

- understand the design and performance of specific institutions
- become aware of the historical contexts in which institutions emerge
- develop the tools to understand the challenges faced by contemporary institutions
- acquire an understanding of what enhances institutional capacity of states

SYLLABUS OF MDSC-4B

UNIT – I (6 Hours)

Studying Public Institutions

UNIT – II (6 Hours)

Framing Public Policy

Niti Aayog

UNIT – III (6 Hours)

Conducting Elections

Election Commission of India (ECI)

UNIT – IV (6 Hours)

Securing Citizens

The Police

UNIT – V (7 Hours)

Ensuring Rights

National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC)

UNIT – VI (7 Hours)

Regulatory Institutions

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

UNIT – VII (7 Hours)

Transparency and Accountability

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)

Essential/recommended readings

Unit wise reading list

1. Studying Public Institutions

D. Kapur, P. B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav eds. (2017), *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, [Introduction, pp. 1-32].

D. Kapur and P. B. Mehta eds. (2005), *Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press [Introduction, pp. 1-27].

2. Framing Public Policy: Niti Aayog

A. Rajan, (2016), 'The Institutional Identity of India's Niti Aayog', *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, Vol.LXII, No.1, January-March 2016, pp.111-117.

S. Mehrotra and S. Guichard eds. (2020), *Planning in the 20th Century and Beyond: India's Planning Commission and the Niti Aayog*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, [S. Guichard and S. Mehrotra, 'Planning for a 21st Century India' (Chapter One: pp. 1-22); P. Sen, 'Plan, but Do Not Over-plan: Lessons for Niti Aayog' (Chapter 13: pp. 264-282); S. Mehrotra, 'Why Does India Need a Central Planning Institution in the 21st Century' (Chapter 14: pp.283-217)

3. Conducting Elections: Election Commission of India

E. Sridharan and M. Vaishnav (2017), 'Election Commission of India', in D. Kapur, P.B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav (eds.) *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 417-463.

U.K. Singh and A. Roy (2018), 'Regulating the Electoral Domain: The Election Commission of India', *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 17 August 2018.

S. Kumar (2022), *Elections in India: An Overview*, Routledge, London and New York.

U. Singh and A. Roy (2019), *Election Commission of India: Institutionalising Democratic Uncertainties*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.

4. Securing Citizens: The Police

A. Verma, (2005), 'The Police in India', in D. Kapur and P. B. Mehta eds., *Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 194-257.

A. Verma, (2007), 'Police Agencies and Coercive Power', in S. Ganguli, L. Diamond and M. F. Plattner eds., *The State of India's Democracy*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.121-142.