

## **COMPLEMENTARY COURSES FOR OTHER BA PROGRAMMES**

### **COURSE I AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Course Rationale:** The course follows a basic historical-analytical framework of the discipline. It stresses upon a critical understanding of constitutional design and institutional framework of government. Integral to the course is the understanding that ideas of democracy and freedom and corresponding social relations and political and institutional practices took shape the discipline in a more meaningfully. The course aims therefore to develop among students the ability to comprehend contemporary politics as a relationship between institutional structures and historically constituted political processes.

#### **Module I**

- i. Political Science: Definition, Nature & Scope of the Discipline.
- ii. Approaches to the study of Political Science: Traditional, Behavioural, Post-Behavioural and Marxian approaches

**(20 Hours)**

#### **Module II: Essential Concept in Political Science.**

- i. State-Concept-Origin of State-Evolutionary Theory.
- ii. State in a Globalised Era.
- iii. Key Concepts in Political Science: Liberty - Positive and Negative, Equality – Formal and Political, Law - Rule of Law, Justice-Distributive Justice.

**(30 Hours)**

#### **Module III: Major Political Ideologies.**

- i. Liberalism.
- ii. Gandhism.
- iii. Marxism.
- iv. Fascism.

**(20 Hours)**

#### **Module IV: Democracy and Classification of Government.**

- i. Democracy: Liberal, Deliberative and Representative.
- ii. Forms of Government: Parliamentary & Presidential, Federal & Unitary.

**(20 Hours)**

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## COURSE II

### INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Course Rationale: The course acquaints students with the fundamental texts and diverse traditions of Indian political thought in the pre-modern and modern periods. The course tries to examine the problems and prospects of studying political thought in India and also seeks to recognize the continuity and change in various traditions like Brahmanic and Shramanic streams of political thought in the Indian sub-continent.

#### MODULE I:

- Manu : Social Laws
  - Buddhist Philosophy
  - Kautilya : Theory of State
- (20 hours)

#### MODULE II:

- Jyothirao Phule : Caste Slavery
  - Mahatma Gandhi : Swaraj and Non-Violence
  - Jawaharlal Nehru : Secularism and Development
  - B.R. Ambedkar : Social Justice and Dignity
- (30 hours)

#### MODULE III

- M.N. Roy : Radical Humanism
  - Aurobindo Ghosh : Spiritual Nationalism
  - Jayaprakash Narayan : Total Revolution
- (20 hours)

#### MODULE IV

- Narayana Guru : Humanity and Fraternity
  - Ayyankali : Social Justice
  - E.V. Ramaswamy : Rationalism and Self-Respect
- (20 hours)

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**COURSE III**  
**CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL POLITICS**

**Course Rationale:** The course offers a brief survey of the contemporary international issues in the context of the changing global political environment. It specifically intends to examine the sovereign existence of nation states and the growing significance of regional groupings. An attempt is made to get the students acquainted with the major global political concerns such as terrorism, ethnic crisis and question of gender and environment.

**MODULE I- GLOBALISATION: CONCEPT AND PERSPECTIVES**

- i. Understanding Globalisation: Economic, Political, Technological and Cultural Dimensions.
- iii. Globalisation and Democracy: State, Sovereignty and the Civil Society.

**(25 Hours)**

**MODULE II- CONTEMPORARY WORLD ACTORS**

- i. United Nations and Reforms.
- ii. WTO, IMF, World Bank.

**(20 Hours)**

**MODULE III- GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS**

- i. Ecological Issues: Climate Change and other Environmental Issues: Bio- Diversity, Resource Scarcity, Uneven Development.
- ii. International Environmental Agreements.
- iii. Environmental Movements and Sustainable Development.

**(25 Hours)**

**MODULE IV- CONTEMPORARY WORLD ISSUES**

- I. Poverty and inequality.
- II. International Terrorism.
- III. Nuclear Proliferation, Arms control and Disarmament.
- IV. Rise of Extreme Right Movements.

**(20 Hours)**

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## **COURSE: IV**

### **RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA**

**Course Rationale:** The purpose of the course is to inculcate a comprehensive knowledge of the concept of Human Rights. For that, the course provides a better understanding of the origin, evolution of rights and various steps taken by the national and international agencies for the protection and promotion of the Human Rights. This course also aims at comprehensive knowledge of the concept in the Indian context through dealing with various Human Rights movements. Some of the debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges which help the students for the better understanding of Human Rights.

#### **Module I**

- i. Meaning of Human Rights.
- ii. Evolution of Human Rights.
- iii. Approaches to Human Rights.

**(25 Hours)**

#### **Module II**

- i. The International Covenants on Human Rights.
- ii. The UDHR, the International Covenant on Civil.
- iii. Economic and Political Rights.
- iv. International Covenants on Women Children and Minorities.

**(20 Hours)**

#### **Module III**

- i. Human Rights in India.
- ii. Constitutional provisions; Fundamental Rights; Directive principles of State Policy.
- iii. Public Interest Litigation; Right to information Act; Protection of Civil Rights Act;
- iv. National/State Human Rights Commissions.

**(25 Hours)**

#### **Module IV**

- i. Human Rights protection movements.
- ii. Amnesty International/ Human Rights Watch/People's Union for Civil Liberties.
- iii. Human Rights and Dalits.

**(20 Hours)**

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## **COURSE: V**

### **INDIAN CONSTITUTION: SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA**

**Course Rationale:** This course acquaints students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working overtime. The Indian Constitution accommodates conflicting impulses (of liberty and justice, territorial decentralization and a strong union, for instance) within itself. The course traces the embodiment of some of these conflicts in constitutional provisions, and shows how these have played out in political practice. It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra- constitutional environment.

#### **Module I**

- i. Constituent Assembly.
  - ii. Salient Features of the Indian Constitution.
  - iii. The Preamble.
  - iv. Fundamental Rights.
  - v. Fundamental Duties.
  - vi. Directive Principles of State Policy.
- (25 Hours)

#### **Module II**

- I. Indian Federalism – Structure and Features.
  - II. Decentralisation – Panchayat Raj Institutions.
- (20 Hours)

#### **Module III**

- I. Union Government: Indian Parliament – Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha.
  - II. Executive – President and Prime Minister.
  - III. Judiciary – The Supreme Court-Judicial review.
  - IV. Public Interest Litigation and Judicial Activism-Lok Pal.
- (25 Hours)

#### **Module IV**

- I. Challenges to the Indian Political System: Caste, Communalism, Terrorism, Regionalism and Naxalism.
- (20 Hours)

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