

**B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**FIRST YEAR**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**(Under CBCS w.e.f 2020-21)**

**Course-2: BASIC ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT**

**Learning Outcomes:**

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Understand the Origin and Evolution of the concept of Constitutionalism and classification of Constitutions.
- Acquaint themselves with different theories of origin of State.
- Understand and analyses organs and forms of Governments along with a deep insight into the various agents involved in the political process.
- Apply the knowledge to analyse and evaluate the existing systems

<b>UNIT-I :</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION</b>
	1. Meaning, Definition, Origin and Evolution of Constitution.
	2. Classification of the Constitutions-Written and Unwritten; Rigid and Flexible.

<b>UNIT-II :</b>	<b>ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT</b>
	1. Theory of Separation of Powers-B.D.Montesquieu.
	2. Legislature-Unicameral and Bicameral-Power and Functions, Executive-Types, Powers and Functions. Judiciary-Powers and Functions.

<b>UNIT-III :</b>	<b>FORMS OF GOVERNMENT</b>
	1. Unitary and Federal forms of Governments-Merits and Demerits.
	2. Parliamentary and Presidential forms of Governments- Merits and Demerits.

<b>UNIT-IV :</b>	<b>DEMOCRACY</b>
	1. Meaning, Definition, Significance, Theories and Principles of Democracy.
	2. Types of Democracy: Direct and Indirect Democracy-Methods, Merits and Demerits-Essential Conditions for Success of Democracy.

<b>UNIT-V :</b>	<b>POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESSURE GROUPS AND PUBLIC OPINION</b>
	1. Meaning, Definition and Classification of Political Parties: National and Regional-Functions of Political Parties.
	2. Pressure Groups (Interest Groups)- Meaning, Definition, Types, Functions and Significance of Public Opinion.

**REFERENCE BOOKS:**

➤ SukhbirBhatnagar	:	<i>Constitutional Law and the Governance</i>
➤ A.C.Kapur	:	<i>Select Constitutions</i>
➤ R.C.Agarwal	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ VidyaDhar Mahajan	:	<i>Political Theory (Principles of Political Science)</i>
➤ M.R.Biju	:	<i>Democratic Political Process</i>
➤ PeterRonald de Souja&E.Sreedharan (ed)	:	<i>Indian Political Parties</i>
➤ JadiMusalaiah, V.Vasundhara Devi &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Science Concepts, Theories &amp; Institutions</i>
➤ Laski. H.J.	:	<i>Grammar of Politics</i>
➤ A.Appadorai	:	<i>Substance of Politics</i>
➤ Eddy Ashirvadam&K.K.Misra	:	<i>Political Theory</i>
➤ SushilaRamaswamy	:	<i>Political Theory: Ideas &amp; Concepts</i>
➤ S.P.Varma	:	<i>Modern Political Theory</i>

**ANNEXURE****CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

• All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I
• Study of the outline features of Constitutions of U.S.A, U.K., Australia, Canada, South Africa, China and Japan in comparison to the Constitution of India.
• Study projects on selected local real time problems.
• Field visits to government establishments.