

Course 6 D: ELECTORAL POLITICS AND VOTING BEHAVIOUR

(Skill Enhancement Course (Elective), 4 credits)

I. Learning Outcomes:

Students at the successful completion of the course will be able to;

1. Acquaint student with the structure and manner of functioning of Election Commission of India.
2. Understand the political issues in Electoral Politics.
3. Provide an overview on voter turnout, voting behavior in India.
4. Aware of the role of new media and technology in election campaign.
5. Develop an understanding of the required skills for data collection, research in election management.

II. Syllabus:(Hours: Teaching: 60, Training: 10, Others incl. unit tests: 05)

Unit: 1

Electoral Democracy-Electoral Politics in India-Pre and Post-Independence, Nature, Characteristics-Electoral Process: Nature and Significance.

Unit: 2

Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions-Merits and Demerits of Electoral system in India-Political Participation-General Elections in India since 1952-Elections to Local Bodies-State Election Commission.

Unit: 3

Issues in Electoral Politics: Corruption, Money power, rigging, booth capturing, undemocratic party system, politics of Political Defections and Reservations-Need of Reforms in present Electoral System-Reports of Tarkunde, Goswamy, Indrajeet Gupta Committees.

Unit: 4

Public Opinion: Meaning and its role in Democratic Politics-Voting Behaviour: Meaning, Nature and determinants of voting behavior: Caste, Religion, Language, Region etc.

Unit: 5

Management of Elections: Moral Code of Conduct, Filing Election Nominations and Affidavits - Use of new techniques and methods in election campaigns: Membership drive, Responsibility

Management, Booth Management, New ways of generating funds, Polling research, Opinion

Polls, Predictions, Techniques of interpreting collected election data, use of print, electronic and social media in elections.

III. References:

1. Basu, D.D, Introduction to Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2018.
2. P.R.Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1974.
3. C.P.Bhambhari, Politics in India since Independence, Delhi, Shipra Publications, 1990.
4. J.C.Aggarwal&N.K.Choudari, Election in India, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
5. R.Ali, Representative Democracy and Concept of Free and Fair Elections, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
6. D.Anand, Electoral Reforms-Curbing Role of Money Power, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, 2005.
7. A.Bajpai, Indian Electoral System-An Analytical Study, Nardeen Book Centre, New Delhi, 2002.
8. A.K.Bhagat, Elections and Electoral Reforms in India, Vikas Publications, New Delhi, 2006.
9. R.P.Bhalla, The Electoral System, Its Operation, and Implications for Democracy in India, Teaching Politics, New Delhi, 1989.
10. R.Hegde, Electoral Reforms-Lack of Political Will, Bangalore, Karnataka State Janata Party, 1987.
11. P.N.Sharma, Elections and National Politics, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2004.
12. Eldersveld, S.J, Experimental Propaganda Techniques and Voting Behaviour, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1986.
13. Eldersveld, S.J, Theory and Method in Voting Behaviour Research, The American Political Science Review, New York, 1992.
14. Jain, S, State Funding of Elections and Political Parties in India Journal of the Indian Law Institute, Allahabad, 1999.
15. Sridharan, E, Toward State Funding of Elections in India : A Comparative Perspective on Possible Options, The Journal of Policy Reforms, 3:3, pp.229-254.
16. Rosenblum, N, Political Parties as Membership Groups, Columbia Law Review, 100(3), pp.813-844.
17. Web resources suggested by the Teacher concerned and the College Librarian including reading material.

IV. Co-Curricular Activities (*Training of students by the teacher: Total 10 hours*):

A). Mandatory:

1. **FOR TEACHER:** Training of students by teacher in the classroom for a total of not less than 10 hours on collection of data relating to General Elections to Lok Sabha/Assembly or elections to Local bodies for a particular period, analysis of data by using statistical tools, preparation of questionnaire on voting behavior, identifying techniques for interpretation of election data and imparting skills involved in political campaigning by using new media.

2. **FOR STUDENT:** Students have to visit to nearby residential colony or street or a village, collect data regarding their voting behavior, voter turnout by interviewing the voters using formal and informal questionnaire, interaction with the voters and individually submit his / her observation as a hand-written Fieldwork/Project work Report not exceeding 10 pages in the given format to the teacher.

3. Suggested Fieldwork/Project work Format:

Title Page, Student Details, Acknowledgements, Index page, Objectives, Step-wise process, Findings, Conclusion and References.

4. Max marks for Fieldwork/Project work Report: 05

5. Unit Tests /Internal Examinations

b). Suggested Co-Curricular Activities

1. Training of students by a related field expert.
2. Reading Local Daily newspaper either print or online.
3. Reading Editorial pages, blogs and websites for various ideological perspectives.
4. Assignments.
5. Discuss the debates around any recent Ordinance, Bill or Act in the Parliament or State Legislature.
6. Discuss any contemporary practice or event that violates the true spirit of democracy and political equality.
7. Seminars, Group discussions, Quiz, Debates etc.
8. Witness any incident occurred in your surroundings that would be considered for obstacle for reforms in politics
9. Invited lectures and presentations on related topics by experts in Electoral Politics.
10. Read the guidelines issued by Supreme Court in landmark cases relating to Political Defections, Anti-democracy acts of political parties.
11. Arrange Guest Lectures inviting election authorities such as District Returning Officer /Observers / Experts in Election Management.

Four - Year B.A. (Hons)
Domain Subject: **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

IV Year B. A.(Hons) – Semester – V

Max Marks: 100

Course 7 D: **LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES**

(Skill Enhancement Course (Elective), 4 credits)

I. Learning Outcomes:

Students at the successful completion of the course will be able to;

6. Make familiar with legislative procedures and practices.
7. Equip the students with the adequate skills of participation in deliberative processes and democratic decision making.
8. Understand complex policy issues, draft new legislation, analyze ongoing bills, make speeches and floor statements.
9. Provide skills to be part of a legislative support team and expose them to real life legislative work.
10. Enhance understanding of procedures, practices, different committees and motions in the House.

II. Syllabus:(Hours: Teaching: 60, Training: 10, Others incl. unit tests: 05)

Unit: 1

Brief Introduction on Legislative bodies, roles and responsibilities-Constitutional Provisions of Legislative Procedures: Articles 107-122, Kinds of Bills: Ordinary Bills, Money Bills, Finance Bills, Constitution Amendment Bills and Private Member Bills.

Unit: 2

Powers and Functions of People's Representatives in Legislative Process: Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislatures, Political Heads of Rural and Urban Local Governments.

Unit: 3

Drafting of the Bill-First Reading and Departmental Standing Committee-Second and Third Reading-Framing rules and regulations, Passage of the Bill, Consent by the President of India and Gazette Notifications.

Unit: 4

Legislative Committees in India: Role in reviewing government policies, finances, programmes and legislation, Types of Committees: Department Standing Committees, Select Committees, Joint Parliamentary Committees, Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee, Business

Advisory Committee, Ethics Committee etc.

Unit: 5

Budget process: Reviewing the Union Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries-Motions and Hours in the House: Question Hour : Rules of putting questions, Types of Questions-Rules relating to Calling Attention Motion, Adjournment Motion, Privilege Motion, Censure Motion, No-Confidence Motion, Cut Motion including Resolutions, Discussion and Short Discussion

III. References:

1. Basu, D.D, Introduction to Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, 2018.
2. Jayal, N.G., and Mehta, P. (eds), The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.
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6. Mehra, A.K, The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation, New Delhi, Routledge, 2017.
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11. Kapur, D., Mehta, P. &Vaishnav, M (eds), Rethinking Public Institutions in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2017.
12. Kashyap, S. Reviewing the Constitution, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2000.
13. Kashyap, S.Our Parliament, National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2015.
14. Web resources suggested by the Teacher concerned and the College Librarian including reading material.

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A). Mandatory:

1. **FOR TEACHER:** Training of students by teacher in the classroom for a total of not less than 10 hours on conducting of a Mock Parliament, Conduct of Sessions, preparation of budget, formulation of policy, Collection and analysis of data for legislation, Imparting skills on asking questions and identifying communication skills.

2. **FOR STUDENT:** Students have to visit to a legislative/ local body unit nearby, observe legislative/ local body meetings, interact with stakeholders, monitor media and press releases, understanding political process and individually submit his / her observation as a hand-written Fieldwork/Project work Report not exceeding 10 pages in the given format to the teacher.

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5. Assignments.
6. Discuss the debates around any recent Ordinance, Bill or Act in the Parliament or State Legislature.
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