# B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND YEAR

# FOURTH SEMESTER

(Under CBCS w.e.f 2020-21)

#### **Course-4: INDIAN POLITICAL PROCESS**

### **Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Know and understand the federal system of the country and some of the vitalcontemporary emerging issues.
- Evaluate the electoral system of the country and to identify the areas of electoral reforms.
- Know the constitutional base and functioning of local governments with special emphasison 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Acts.
- Understand the dynamics of Indian politics, challenges faced and gain a sensitivecomprehension to the contributing factors.
- Apply the knowledge and critically comprehend the functioning of some of the regulatoryand governance institutions.
- Propose theoretical outline alternate models

UNIT-I:	FEDERAL PROCESSES					
	1. Features of Indian Federal System- Centre-State Relations-					
	Legislative, Administrative and Financial					
	2. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations-Restructuring Centre-					
	State Relations-Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission,					
	M.M.Punchi Commission					

UNIT-II:	ELECTORAL PROCESSES
	1. The Election Commission of India, Powers and Functions.
	2. Issues of Electoral Reforms, Voting Behaviour-Determinants and

Problems of Defections.

UNIT-III:	GROSSROOT DEMOCRACY-DECENTRALISATION					
	1. Panchayat Raj system-Local and Urban Governments-Structure,					
	Powers and Functions.					
	2. Democratic Decentralization-Rural Development and Poverty					
	alleviation with reference to 73 <sup>rd</sup> and 74 <sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment					
	Acts, Challenges and Prospects.					

UNIT-IV:	SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES TO INDIAN
	POLITICAL SYSTEM
	1. Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.
	Politics of Reservation, Criminalization of Politics and Internal threats to Security.

UNIT-V:	REGULATORY AND GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS			
	NITI Ayog, Finance Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General			
	of India.			
	2. Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission,			
	Lokpal and Lokayukta.			

# REFERENCE BOOKS:

>	M.V.Pylee	:	Indian Constitution
			Constitutional Government in India
>	D.D.Basu	:	An Introduction to the Constitution of India
>	Rajni Kothari	:	Politics in India, Caste in Indian Politics
>	PeuGhosh	:	Indian Government and Politics
>	Prof.Lalaiah, P.Venkataramana,	:	Indian Government-Politics
	K.SaiBaba&K.Mallesam,		
	Prof.V.RaveendraSastry (ed)		
>	M.R.Biju	:	Democratic Political Process
>	J.K.Chopra (ed)	:	Local Self-Government and Municipal
			Administration
>	Susan Bayly	:	Caste, Society and Politics in India (From the
			Eighteenth Century to the Modern Age)
>	SubharataDutta	:	Democratic Decentralisation and Grossroot
			Leadership in India
>	H.V.Hande	:	Dr.B.R.Ambedkar& The Making of the Indian
			Constitution
>	S.K.Sharma&UshaSarma	:	Politics and Administration in India- A
			Retrospective Survey
>	Hari Prasad Chhetri	:	Panchayatraj System and Development Planning
>	B.C.Fadia	:	Indian Government and Politics
>	UpendraBaxi&Biku Parekh	:	Crisis and Change in Contemporary India
>	M.Lakshmikant	:	Indian Polity,Governance in India
>	N.G.Jayal (ed)	:	Democracy in India
>	Peter Ronald deSouza&E. Sridharan	:	India's Political Parties
>	O.P.Tiwari	:	Federalism and Centre-State Relations in India
>	AthulKohli (ed)	:	The Success of India's Democracy
>	C.B.Raju	:	Social Justice and the Constitution of India
>	V.K.Garg	:	Caste and Reservation in India

> U.Baxi	:	The Indian Supreme Court and Politics
		Parliamentary Procedure, Law Privilege, Practice &Precedents
➤ VishnooBhagwan&VidyaBhushan	:	Indian Administration
> S.H.Patil	:	The Constitution, Government and Politics in India

#### **ANNEXURE**

# **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course I & III
- A Field Visit to a Court / District Jail / Local Government Office to observe the structure and functioning
- Viva voce interviews.
- Computerised adaptive testing, literature surveys and evaluations.
- Encouragement to students to contribute articles to the magazines and seminars

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## **Course 5:WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

# **Learning Outcomes:**

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

- Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
- Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
- Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in WesternPolitical Thought.
- Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought

UNIT-I:	ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and
	Education
	2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship,
	Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT-II:	MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	
	1. St.Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.	
	2. NiccoloMachiavelli-State and Statecraft.	

UNIT-III:	CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT		
	Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.		
	2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural		
	Rights and Limited Government		

3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social
Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty

UNIT-IV:	UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT			
	1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.			
	2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.			

UNIT-V:	MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT			
	Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and			
	Class Struggle.			
	2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.			

# **REFERENCE BOOKS:**

>	O.P.Gauba	:	Western Political Thought
>	G.H.Sabine	:	A History of Political Theory
>	E.Baker	:	Greek Political Theory : Plato and His
			Predecessors
>	Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila	:	A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx
	Ramaswamy		
>	ShefaliJha	:	Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx
>	B.N.Ray	:	Western Political Thought
>	RadheyShamChaurasia	:	History of Western Political Thought
>	P.B.Rathod	:	Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From
			Plato to Padua
>	Andrew Hakes	:	Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and
			Science
>	HaratiDwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah,	:	Political Thought
	K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy		
	&V.Bhogendracharyulu,		
	Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)		
>	Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay	:	An Introduction to Political Theory,
			Western Political Thought
>	William Ebenstien	:	Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present
			Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues
>	J.P.Sudha	:	History of Political Thought
>	H.J.Laski	:	Political Thought from Bentham to Locke
> (	C.L.Wayper	:	Political Thought

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### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- ➤ All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course I & III
- Peers and self-assessment, out puts from individuals and collaborative work.
- Assignments that encourage the study of standard Reference Books available at library
- Assignments of the emerging trends after Marxian Philosophy in the era of globalisation