

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER**  
**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE -2 (CORE-2)**  
**PS220C: POLITICAL SCIENCE: INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**THEORY (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)**                      **CREDITS: THEORY -4, TUTORIAL: 2**  
**MAXIMUM MARKS: 60, MINIMUM MARKS: 24**

*Objectives: The course is meant to acquaint students with different aspects of India polity and processes. The paper will help students to understand the post-independence political, social and economic transformation in India.*

**Theory: (4-Credits: 60 Hours)**

**Unit: I (An Introduction to Indian Government)**

- 1.1. Constituent Assembly: An Overview
- 1.2. Features of Indian Constitution
- 1.3. Ideological Basis of Indian Constitution: Democracy, Secularism and Socialism
- 1.4. Fundamental Rights & Directive Principles of State Policy

**Unit: II (Working of Institutions)**

- 2.1. Union Legislature: Structure & Powers
- 2.2. Union Executive: Position and Powers of the President and Prime Minister
- 2.3. Judiciary: Position and Jurisdiction of Supreme Court
- 2.4. Election Commission of India: Structure & Functions

**UNIT: III (Federalism)**

- 3.1. Indian Federalism: Nature & Emerging Issues
- 3.2. Decentralisation (73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendments)
- 3.3. Changing Nature of Party System in India
- 3.4. Coalition Politics: Emergence and Challenges

**Unit: III (Critical Issues in Indian Politics)**

- 4.1. Caste
- 4.2. Religion
- 4.3. Region
- 4.4. Development

**TUTORIALS: (2-CREDITS: 30 HOURS)**  
[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]  
**Maximum Marks: 30**

**Unit: I (Debates)**

- 1.1. Need for Electoral Reforms
- 1.2. Debates on Nationalism
- 1.3. Politics of Inclusion

**Unit: II (Debates-II)**

- 2.1. Peasant Movements
- 2.2. Environment Movements
- 2.3. Women's Movements