

**2nd SEMESTER
MINOR COURSE**

PLS222N POLITICAL SCIENCE (GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA)

CREDITS: THEORY-4, TUTORIAL: 2

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

Learning Outcomes:

1. Introduce Students to the emergence of Indian Polity
2. Acquaint students with the Constitution of India and the way it provides the ideological and institutional framework for Indian Polity.
3. Introduce Students to the dynamics of political processes in India
4. Introduce students to the identity formations and their role in shaping political discourses

Theory: (4-Credits: 60 Hours)

Unit: I (An Introduction to Indian Constitution)

- 1.1. Constituent Assembly: Formation, Composition and Working
- 1.2. Constitution; and Constitutionalism in India
- 1.3. 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. Supreme Court: Composition, Jurisdiction and Working

UNIT: III (Federalism)

- 3.1. Indian Federalism: Nature & Issues
- 3.2. Decentralization-73rd and 74th Amendments
- 3.3. Party System in India: Working and Dynamics

Unit: IV (Politics of Identity in India)

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

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

Unit: I (Debates)

- 1.1. Need for Electoral Reforms
- 1.2. Politics of Inclusion

Unit: II (Debates-II)

- 2.1. Peasant Movements
- 2.2. Environment Movements

Suggested Readings

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