

## STATE AND POLITICS IN INDIA

Programme	B. A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	<b>POL2MN102</b>				
Course Title	State and Politics in India				
Type of Course	Minor				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	4	4	-	-	60
Pre-requisites	Fundamental ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	The course delves into the core principles shaping Indian governance, offering a comprehensive exploration of the Indian judicial system, the nuanced interplay between federalism and unitary features within the Constitution, and the organizational structures of both central and state governments.				

### Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO 1	Students will gain a profound understanding of the foundations that underpin India's political landscape, equipping them with insights into the judiciary, federal structures, and overall governance dynamics.	U	F	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO 2	Students will develop a knowledge of the composition and powers of the judicial system in India. Upon completing this module, students will be proficient in analysing and understanding the roles of judicial activism, judicial review, and constitutional remedies in addressing fundamental rights.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO 3	Students shall be able to examine the directive principles of state policy and understand their role in shaping governance and public policy.	U	C	Instructor-created exams / Home Assignments

CO 4	Students shall critically analyse contemporary challenges and issues gaining an understanding of the roles of judicial activism, judicial review, and constitutional remedies in addressing Fundamental rights	An	K	Assignment / Observation of Practical Knowledge
CO 5	Students shall demonstrate an enhanced ability to critically evaluate legal decisions and articulate informed perspectives on minority rights, fundamental rights, and religious freedom.	An	K	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO 6	By the end of this module, students will gain a solid understanding of how the Indian Constitution was created by the Constituent Assembly and the salient features of the Indian Constitution	An	P	One Minute Reflection Writing assignments
* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C) # - Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)				

**Detailed Syllabus:**

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs (48+12)	Marks (70)
<b>I</b>	<b>Executive</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
	1	The Union Executive- President- Election of the President – Impeachment- Powers and Functions of the President -Vice President	3	
	2	Prime Minister and The Council of Ministers - Appointment of the Prime Minister- Powers and Functions	3	
	3	State Executive – Governor; Constitutional Position of Governor- Appointment -Powers and Functions	3	
	4	Chief Minister- Appointment of Chief Minister - Powers and Functions of Chief Minister-Council of Ministers	3	
	<b>Sections from References:</b> Pylee, M.V. (2005) Constitutional Government in India. Delhi: S. Chand & Company. Sarkar, Sudhir Ranjan. (1973) Judicial Control of Administrative Action in India. Bombay: N.M. Tripathi Pvt. Ltd. Rao, P. S. Narayana. (1985) Independence of the Judiciary. Calcutta: Eastern Law House. Sharma, J.N. (2006) Constitutional Law of India. Allahabad: Central Law Agency.			

	<p>Bhagwati, P. N., &amp; Bhagwati, P. R. (2004) <i>Courting the People: Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Basu, D. D. (2013) <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>. Nagpur: LexisNexis Butterworths.</p> <p>Austin, Granville. (1999) <i>The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p>		
<b>II</b>	<b>Legislature</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>
	5    The Union Legislature - Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, composition, powers and functions - Role of Speaker	4	
	6    Legislative Procedure , Parliamentary committees, Parliamentary Privileges.	4	
	7    State Legislature- Organisation, Powers and Functions.	4	
	<p><b>Sections from References:</b></p> <p>Dua, A. S. (2018). <i>The President of India: Powers and Functions</i>. New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.</p> <p>Shukla, S. K. (2016). <i>Vice President of India: Constitutional Perspectives</i>. Mumbai: Lexis Nexis.</p> <p>Kashyap, S. C. (2017). <i>The Prime Minister and the Cabinet System</i>. Delhi: Pearson India Education Services.</p> <p>Arora, R. K. (2019). <i>Indian Civil Service: Historical Evolution and Contemporary Relevance</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Baxi, U. (2015). <i>Governors and Governance in India</i>. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan.</p> <p>Singh, M. K. (2018). <i>Chief Minister and State Council of Ministers</i>. Kolkata: Rupa Publications.</p> <p>Gupta, A. K. (2020). <i>State Public Service Commissions: A Comprehensive Study</i>. New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Basu, D. D. (2016). <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>. Allahabad: Lexis Nexis.</p> <p>Chand, H. (2017). <i>Constitutional Bodies in India: Role and Functioning</i>. Mumbai: Eastern Book Company.</p> <p>Subramanian, K. (2019). <i>Cabinet Responsibility in India: A Comprehensive Analysis</i>. Delhi: Cambridge University Press India.</p> <p>Maheshwari, S. R. (2018). <i>Comparative Politics: Government and Politics in India and the United States</i>. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Verma, S. P. (2015). <i>Impeachment of the President of India: An Analytical Study</i>. New Delhi: Manas Publications.</p>		
<b>III</b>	<b>Judiciary</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>
	8    The Supreme Court- Composition , Powers and Functions	3	
	9    The High Courts -Composition, Powers and Functions.	3	
	10   Subordinate Courts, Judicial Activism, Judicial	4	

		review, Public Interest Litigation, Tribunals		
	<p><b>Sections from References:</b>  D'souza, Rochelle. 2018. Parliamentary Democracy in India: A Critical Appraisal. New Delhi: Oxford  Chatterjee, Shibani Kinkar. 2020. The Indian Parliament: A Critical Appraisal. Mumbai: Allied  Sharma, R.K. 2015. Role of the Speaker in the Lok Sabha. Delhi: Academic Excellence.  Legislative Procedure and Parliamentary Committees: Mukherjee, Subrata. 2019. Parliamentary Committees in India: Structure, Role, and Functioning. Kolkata: K.P. Bagchi &amp; Company.  Sen, Amartya. 2017. Parliamentary Sessions and Opposition Leadership in India. Chennai: Orient Blackswan.  Rao, C.L. 2016. Parliamentary Privileges in India. Hyderabad: Asia Law House.</p>			
<b>IV</b>	<b>Federal and Unitary Features</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	11	Federal Features- Division of Powers- Union List- State List- Concurrent List	4	
	12	Unitary Features- Centre State Relations- Administrative Relations.	4	
	13	Fiscal Federalism and Financial Relations, Decentralization	3	
	14	Challenges to Indian federalism	3	
	<p><b>Sections from References:</b>  Dua, J.C. 2005. Federal Structure of India: A Study of Union-State Relations. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company.  Ghai, Yash. 1982. The Political Economy of Indian Federalism. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.  Basu, Durga Das. 2013. Introduction to the Constitution of India. Nagpur: Lexis Nexis.  Austin, Granville. 1999. Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.  Sharma, Brij Kishore. 2001. Distribution of Legislative Powers in India. Lucknow: Eastern Book Company.</p>			
<b>V</b>	<b>Open Ended Module</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>
	1	<p><b>Case studies /Group assignments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interstate issues and regional politics</li> <li>Role of the Judiciary in the Strengthening of Indian Democracy</li> <li>Engage in discussions on contemporary governmental issues and propose practical solutions.</li> </ol> <p><b>Real-World Issues</b>  <b>Open-Ended Discussions</b>  <b>Group Assignment</b></p>		
	Sections from References:			

**Books and References:**

- Austin, Granville. 2008. *Indian Constitution: A Cornerstone of a Nation*. New Delhi: OUP.
- Avasthi, A. P. 2012. *Indian Government and Politics*. New Delhi: Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal.
- Basu, Durga Das. 2010. *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall.
- Chakrabarthy, Bidyut. 2008. *Indian Government and Politics*. New Delhi: Sage.
- Chandra, A., W. H. J. Hubbard, and S. Kalantry. 2019. "The Supreme Court of India: An Empirical Overview of the Institution." In *A Qualified Hope: The Indian Supreme Court and Progressive Social Change*, edited by G. N. Rosenberg, S. Krishnaswamy, and S. Bail, 43-76. Cambridge University Press.
- Choudhry, Sujit, Madhav Khosla, and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, eds. 2016. *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Fadia, B. L. 2010. *Indian Government and Politics*. New Delhi: Sahitya Bhavan Publications.
- Johari, J. C. 2008. *Indian Political System*. New Delhi: Anmol Publications.
- Kanth, Laxmikanth. 2010. *Indian Polity*. New Delhi: TATA Magrow.
- Kashyap, Subhash C. 2019. *Constitution Of India - A Handbook For Students*. India: Vitasta Publishing Pvt. Ltd.

**Note:** The course is divided into five modules, with four modules together having total 14 fixed units and one open-ended module with a variable number of units. There are total 48 instructional hours for the fixed modules and 12 hours for the open-ended one. Internal assessments (30 marks) are split between the open-ended module (10 marks) and the fixed modules (20 marks). The final exam, however, covers only the 14 units from the fixed modules. The 70 marks shown in the last column, distributed over the first four modules, is only for the external examination.

**Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :**

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	CO 1				3							
CO 2	CO 2	3										
CO 3	CO 3				3							
CO 4	CO 4		2		3							
CO 5	CO 5				3							
CO 6	CO 6	3										

**Correlation Levels:**

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

**Assessment Rubrics:**

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments (20%)
- Final Exam (70%)

**Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :**

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	