

## INDIAN POLITY: POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING TRENDS

Programme	B.A. Political Science Honours				
Course Code	<b>POL3MN202</b>				
Course Title	<b>INDIAN POLITY: POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING TRENDS</b>				
Type of Course	Minor				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours
	4	4	-	-	60
Pre-requisites	Ability to read and understand academic articles and books with critical knowledge				
Course Summary	This course offers a comprehensive understanding of the Indian state system and polity. It examines the concept and functioning of democracy in India, analyzing its types, threats and electoral mechanisms. The course further delves into emerging trends in Indian democracy, including e-governance, digital participation, identity politics, the impact of new media, and evolving data protection laws.				

### Course Outcomes (CO):

CO	CO Statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	Understand the structure, functioning, and ideological foundations of the Indian party system, including the classification and legal recognition of parties.	U	F	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO2	Evaluate the nature of Indian democracy, assess the role of opposition, and identify major challenges such as communalism, casteism, and electoral illiteracy affecting democratic integrity.	E	P	Practical Assignment / Observation of Practical Skills
CO3	Develop an insight into different electoral systems and their application in India, understanding how they impact political participation and representation.	An	M	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work

CO4	Interpret the role of identity—caste, religion, region, language, gender, and sexuality—in shaping political behavior, policy-making, and representation in Indian democracy.	C	P	Seminar Presentation / Group Tutorial Work
CO5	Evaluate the opportunities and threats posed by digital governance, new media, data privacy issues, and information integrity in contemporary democratic practices in India	E	P	Instructor-created exams / Quiz
CO6	Apply theoretical knowledge to real-world political events and trends, enhancing their analytical, research, and collaborative skills.	C	M	Viva Voce
* - 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)
I	<b>PARTY SYSTEM</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>
		<b>INDIAN PARTY SYSTEM</b>	<b>6</b>	
	1	<b>Political Party-Definition</b>  Types: -one party, two party & multi-party		
	2	<b>Features of Indian party system</b>  (Multi-party system, coalition, influence of caste & religion, defection, personality cult, etc.)		
	3	<b>functions of political parties</b>		
	<b>CLASSIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA</b>		<b>6</b>	
4	<b>Classification by Election commission of India</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National parties (BJP, INC, CPI(M),etc)</li> <li>• State Parties (Shiv Sena,BJD, Trinamool Congress,etc.)</li> </ul> & Regional parties (TDP, DMK, TRS, AGP etc)			
5	<b>Anti-defection law- 10th Schedule (52<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Act 1985)</b> (Definition and objectives)			

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Giovanni Sartori (1976). *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis*. Cambridge University Press.

Anthony Downs (1957). *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Harper and Row.

Arend Lijphart (1999). *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. Yale University Press.

S. E. Finer (1975). *Adversary Politics and Electoral Reform*. Anthony Wigram.

R. Kothari (1964). "The Congress 'System' in India," *Asian Survey*, Vol. 4, No. 12, pp. 1161–1173.

Paul R. Brass (1994). *The Politics of India Since Independence*. Cambridge University Press.

	<p>Zoya Hasan (2009). <i>Politics of Inclusion: Castes, Minorities, and Affirmative Action</i>. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Suhas Palshikar, K. C. Suri, Yogendra Yadav (2014). “Party Competition in Indian States,” <i>Oxford Handbook of Indian Politics</i>, Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Christophe Jaffrelot (2003). <i>India’s Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in North India</i>. Columbia University Press.</p> <p>Yogendra Yadav &amp; Suhas Palshikar (2008). “Ten Theses on State Politics in India,” <i>Seminar</i>, Issue 591.</p> <p>Elections in India: Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha results and analyses, published regularly by the <i>Election Commission of India</i>.</p> <p>Rajni Kothari (1969). <i>Politics in India</i>. Orient BlackSwan.</p> <p>E. E. Schattschneider (1942). <i>Party Government</i>. Holt, Rinehart and Winston.</p> <p>Austin Ranney (1962). <i>The Doctrine of Responsible Party Government</i>. University of Illinois Press.</p> <p>Election Commission of India – <i>Handbook on Political Parties and the Election Symbols Order (1968)</i>.</p> <p>K. C. Suri (2005). “Parties under Pressure: Political Parties in India Since Independence,” <i>UNRISD Programme on Democracy, Governance and Human Rights</i>, Paper No. 15.</p> <p>Vernon Hewitt (2008). <i>Political Mobilisation and Democracy in India: States of Emergency</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>Subhash C. Kashyap (2009). <i>Our Constitution</i>. National Book Trust, India.</p> <p>D. D. Basu (2015). <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i>. LexisNexis.</p> <p>M.P. Jain (2013). <i>Indian Constitutional Law</i>. LexisNexis.</p> <p><i>Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu &amp; Ors.</i> (1992) – Landmark Supreme Court judgment on anti-defection.</p>		
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		<i>Rai Sahib Ram Jawaya Kapur vs State of Punjab</i> (1955) – Contextualizes legislative functions and responsibilities.		
<b>II</b>	<b>DEMOCRACY: THE INDIAN CASE</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>
	6	<b>Meaning and definition of Democracy</b> (popular sovereignty, rule of law, and political equality)	<b>6</b>	
	7	<b>Conditions necessary for the success of a democracy</b>		
	8	<b>the role of opposition in a Democratic country</b>		
9	Major threats to Indian democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communalism</li> <li>• Casteism</li> <li>• Linguism</li> <li>• criminalisation of politics</li> <li>• Illiteracy and Electoral un awareness</li> <li>• Apoliticism</li> </ul>	<b>6</b>		
		<b>SECTIONS FROM REFERENCES:</b>  Robert A. Dahl – <i>Democracy and Its Critics</i> (1989)  Giovanni Sartori – <i>The Theory of Democracy Revisited</i> (1987)  John Dunn – <i>Western Political Theory in the Face of the Future</i> (1979)  Jean-Jacques Rousseau – <i>The Social Contract</i> (1762)  Hannah Pitkin – <i>The Concept of Representation</i> (1967)  Joseph Schumpeter – <i>Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy</i> (1942)  David Altman – <i>Direct Democracy Worldwide</i> (2011)  Shauna Reilly – <i>Design, Meaning and Choice in Direct Democracy: The Influence of Ballot Propositions on Voter Decision-Making</i> (2012)  Ashutosh Varshney – <i>Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India</i> (2002)  Paul R. Brass – <i>The Production of Hindu-Muslim Violence in Contemporary India</i> (2003)  Christophe Jaffrelot – <i>India’s Silent Revolution: The Rise of the</i>		

<p><i>Lower Castes in North India</i> (2003)</p> <p>M. N. Srinivas – <i>Social Change in Modern India</i> (1966)</p> <p>Robert D. King – <i>Nehru and the Language Politics of India</i> (1997)</p> <p>Paul R. Brass – <i>Language, Religion and Politics in North India</i> (1974)</p> <p>Milan Vaishnav – <i>When Crime Pays: Money and Muscle in Indian Politics</i> (2017)</p> <p>Kanchan Chandra – <i>Why Ethnic Parties Succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Head Counts in India</i> (2004)</p> <p>Yogendra Yadav and Suhas Palshikar – "Ten Theses on State Politics in India" in <i>Seminar</i> (2003)</p> <p>Pratap Bhanu Mehta – <i>The Burden of Democracy</i> (2003)</p> <p>Partha Chatterjee – <i>The Politics of the Governed: Reflections on Popular Politics in Most of the World</i> (2004)</p> <p>Rajni Kothari – <i>Politics in India</i> (1970)</p> <p>Zoya Hasan – <i>Parties and Party Politics in India</i> (2002)</p> <p>E. E. Schattschneider – <i>Party Government</i> (1942)</p> <p>Shashi Tharoor – <i>The Paradoxical Prime Minister</i> (2018)</p> <p>A. G. Noorani – <i>Constitutional Questions in India: The President, Parliament and the States</i> (2000)</p> <p>Arend Lijphart – <i>Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries</i> (1999)</p> <p>Election Commission of India – <i>Statistical Reports on General Elections</i> (official publications)</p> <p>Douglas W. Rae – <i>The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws</i> (1967)</p> <p>Michael Gallagher and Paul Mitchell (eds.) – <i>The Politics of Electoral Systems</i> (2005)</p> <p>Rein Taagepera and Matthew Shugart – <i>Seats and Votes: The Effects and Determinants of Electoral Systems</i> (1989)</p> <p>Andrew Reynolds, Ben Reilly and Andrew Ellis – <i>Electoral System Design: The New International IDEA Handbook</i> (2005)</p>		
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John Coakley and Michael Gallagher – *Politics in the Republic of*

	<p><i>Ireland</i> (2005)</p> <p>David M. Farrell – <i>Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction</i> (2001)</p> <p>Yogendra Yadav – "Understanding the Second Democratic Upsurge: Trends of Bahujan Participation in Electoral Politics in the 1990s" in <i>Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy</i>, edited by François Bourguignon and Niraja Gopal Jayal (2000)</p> <p>Christophe Jaffrelot – "The Rise of the Other Backward Classes in the Hindi Belt" in <i>Journal of Asian Studies</i>, Vol. 59, No. 1 (2000), pp. 86–108</p> <p>Suhas Palshikar – "India's Second Dominant Party System" in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, Vol. 49, No. 13 (2014), pp. 34–42</p> <p>Peter Ronald deSouza – "Democracy and the State in India: Welfare, Secularism and Development" in <i>India Review</i>, Vol. 2, No. 3 (2003), pp. 205–231</p> <p>Anil B. Deolalikar – "Governance and Human Development in India: Needs and Priorities" in <i>Journal of Governance</i>, Vol. 2 (2009), pp. 1–15</p>		
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<b>III</b>	<b>POLITICS OF IDENTITY AND REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
10	<b>Identity Politics</b> (Definition, Meaning and Scope)	<b>6</b>	
11	<b>Caste, Religion and Regional identities</b>		
12	<b>Tribal Politics and Adivasi Identity</b> (role of Scheduled tribes in Indian Politics)		
13	<b>Political Representation of the Subaltern</b> (meaning of Subaltern, importance of inclusive representation in democracy)	<b>6</b>	
14	<b>Dalits in Public sphere</b> (Representation in legislature and bureaucracy, Ambedkarite politics and contemporary struggle)		
15	<b>Gender Equality and Women's participation</b> (Status of women in Indian politics, legal and constitutional provisions)		
16	<b>Gender Identity and participation of LGBTQA+</b> (role of activism and judicial interventions .eg. NALSA 2014)		

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Kumar, Radha. *The History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1800–1990*. Zubaan, 1993.

Narrain, Arvind and Gautam Bhan (eds). *Because I Have a Voice: Queer Politics in India*. Yoda Press, 2005.

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<b>IV</b>	<b>EMERGING TRENDS IN INDIAN DEMOCRACY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
17	<b>Digital Democracy</b> (significance, E governance and digital citizenship)	<b>6</b>	
18	<b>Surveillance</b> (Emergence of the surveillance state in the digital age)		
19	<b>Right to Privacy</b> (challenges to privacy in the digital era, tensions between privacy, security and public interest)		
20	<b>Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP Act),2023</b> (Salient features)		
21	<b>Democracy and New Media</b> (The rise of new media platforms, opportunities and risks in political communication)	<b>6</b>	
22	<b>Disinformation, Misinformation and Democracy</b> . (Definitions, role of social media algorithms in amplifying false content)		
23	<b>Fake news, Propaganda and Democratic Institutions</b>		

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V	Open Ended Module	12	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>• Open-Ended Exploration and Assessment of Political Events and Democratic Dynamics</li> <li>• Group Assignments</li> </ul>	12	

**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 12 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	2	-	2	-	-	2						
CO 2	2	1	1	-	-	2						
CO 3	2	-	-	-	-	2						
CO 4	2	1	3	3	2	2						
CO 5	2	-	-	-	-	2						
CO 6	2	1	1	1	1	2						

### 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%)

(Please note that these evaluation rubrics serve as illustrative examples within the context of a Data Structure course and are not intended to be definitive or prescriptive. Suggested methods of formative/summative assessment are listed in the latest version of the guidelines to BoS.)

### Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
CO 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
CO 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CO 6		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	