

SHYAMLAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032

Lesson Plans (1 August- 10 December, 2024)

B.A (H) Political Science 3rdYear 2024-25

Semester-V

Course Objective:

The objective of this course is to study important themes through individual thinkers. The course has been designed to give students a glimpse of the richness and diversity within Indian political thought. The thinkers have been consciously selected to represent a wide spectrum of ideologies and vantage points within the modern Indian thought tradition. Selected extracts from original texts are also included to be discussed in the class. This will help students to have experience in understanding how these thinkers build up their arguments and develop their views on the respective themes.

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S.No.	Date	Topics to be covered
	2024	
1	One week	UNIT – I Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought
2	One week	UNIT – II Nation and Nationalism Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore and Gandhi
3	One week	UNIT – III State and Democracy Jawaharlal Nehru, Deendayal Upadhyay, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
4	One weeks	UNIT – IV Rights Rammohan Roy, Tarabai Shinde
5	One weeks	UNIT – V Swaraj

		Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
	17 October- 3 November	Mid-Semester Break
5	One weeks	UNIT – VI Hindutva and Hinduism Savarkar
6	10 December	Revision, Class Examination and presentations

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Reading List

1. Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought

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