

## **B.A (P) POLITICAL SCIENCE LESSON PLAN (JAN. - MAY, 2024)**

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**Department: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Semester: II**

**Paper Title: Indian Government and Politics**

**Paper Code:**

### **Learning Objectives**

This course aims to familiarize students with constitutional government and nature of politics in India and the relationship between the two. It focusses on the ordinary moment of the Indian Republic through an understanding of the philosophy and the features of the Constitution while demonstrating how the processes of state formation and nation making coincided with constitution-making and the interlacing between the two.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
<b>January, 18-31</b>	<b>Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Federalism</b>
<b>February– 1-14</b>	<b>State formation and nation building: Integration of princely states, linguistic re-organisation of states</b>
<b>February 15-29</b>	<b>Political institutions at the Centre and State levels: Parliament, Judiciary, Prime Minister, Chief Minister</b>
<b>March 1-13</b>	<b>Social structure and political power: caste, class, gender</b>
<b>March, 14-23</b>	<b>Religion and politics: debates on secularism and communalism</b>
<b>March, 24 -31</b>	<b>Mid- Semester Break</b>
<b>April, 01-06</b>	<b>Political parties and party systems</b>
<b>April, 07-14</b>	<b>Development strategies: planned economy, neo-liberal restructuring</b>

<b>April, 15-30</b>	<b>Social Movements: Workers, Peasants, Environmental and Women's Movement</b>
<b>May 1-6</b>	<b>The nature of state in India: developmental, welfare, regulatory</b>

<b>May,6-11</b>	<b>Test and Presentation</b>
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**Reading List:**

**Suggested Reading:**

B.R. Ambedkar (2010), Basic features of the Indian Constitution, in Valerian Rodrigues (ed), *The essential writings of BR Ambedkar*. Oxford University Press, India.

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- A. K. Thiruvengadam, 'Flag-bearers of a New Era? The Evolution of New Regulatory Institutions in India (1991-2016)' in S. Rose-Ackerman, P.L. Lindseth and J. Emerson eds., *Comparative Administrative Law*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 218-232.
- L. Tillin, R. Deshpande and K.K. Kailash eds. (2015) *Politics of Welfare: Comparisons across Indian States*, Delhi: Oxford University Press [Introduction: Comparing the Politics of Welfare across Indian States, pp. 1-39]

## **BA (Hons.) Political Science Lesson Plan (January-May, 2024)**

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**Semester: II**

**Paper Title: Comparative Political Analysis (Method and Approaches)**

**Paper Code:**

### **Learning Objectives**

This is a foundational course in comparative politics. The aim of this course is to introduce students to the foundational concepts, methods, approaches and the historical legacy of the discipline. The paper offers in-depth discussion on methods, different approaches in terms of their advantages and disadvantages to help understand politics in a critical-comparative framework.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
January, 18-31	<b>Understanding Comparative Politics</b> a. Nature and scope b. Why Compare c. Understanding Comparative Method: How to compare countries: large <i>n</i> , small <i>n</i> , single countries studies d. Going beyond Eurocentrism
February – 1-7	<b>Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics: Political System, Structural functional analysis</b>
February 08-29	<b>Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics: Traditional and Neo-Institutionalisms</b> a. Historical Institutionalism b. Rational Choice Theory c. Sociological Institutionalism

March 1-23	<b>Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics: Political Culture</b> a. Civic Culture (Sydney Verba) b. Subculture (Dennis Kavanagh) c. Hegemony (Antonio Gramsci) d. Post materialism (Ronald Inglehart) e. Social capital (R. Putnam)
March, 24-31	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>
April, 1- 15	<b>Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics: Political Economy</b> a. Underdevelopment b. Dependency c. Modernisation
April, 16-30	<b>Gendering Comparative Politics</b> a. The Gender Lacuna in Comparative Politics b. Political Representation: Women in Government and Politics
May 1-11	<b>Revision, Test and Presentation</b>

**Reading List:**

**Suggested Reading:**

Landman, T. (2003). *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*, second edition. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 3-22.

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**Semester: 6th**

**Paper Title: Democracy and Governance**

**Paper Code: (62327602)**

### **Discipline Specific Elective - (DSE)**

#### **Course Objective**

This course aims to explain the relationship between the institutional aspects of democracy, the constitutional framework within which they are expected to function, and the manner in which political economy and political development, and civil society and social movements have an impact on patterns of governance. It further aims to give students the conceptual tools to understand how democracy as a model of governance can be complimented by institution building.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
<b>January, 18-Feb 11</b>	<b>Structure and Process of Governance (25 Lectures):</b> <b>Indian Model of Democracy, Parliament, Party Politics and Electoral behaviour, Federalism, The Supreme Court and Judicial Activism, Units of Local Governance (Grassroots Democracy) Political Communication - Nature, Forms and Importance</b>
<b>February– 12-March 8</b>	<b>Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Public Policy (25 Lectures)</b> <b>a. Contextual Orientation of Policy Design</b> <b>b. Institutions of Policy Making</b> <b>c. Regulatory Institutions: SEBI, TRAI, Competition Commission of India, Corporate Affairs d. Lobbying Institutions: Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Trade Unions, Farmers Associations, etc.</b>

<b>March 9- 23</b>	<b>Contemporary Political Economy of Development in India (15 Lectures)</b> <b>Policy Debates over Models of Development in India, Recent trends of Liberalisation of Indian Economy in different sectors, E-governance.</b>
<b>March 24-31</b>	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>
<b>April, 1 -24</b>	<b>Dynamics of Civil Society ( 25 Lectures):</b> <b>New Social Movements and Various interests, Role of NGO's, Understanding the political significance of Media and Popular Culture.</b>
<b>April 25- May 10</b>	<b>Revision, Test and Presentation.</b>

### **Suggested Readings:**

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J. Dreze and A. Sen, India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity, Clarendon, 1995

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