

**B. A. Political Science**  
**Level 5 (Second Semester)**  
**Understanding Indian Constitution and Government**  
**Discipline Centric Core Course Code: POL5002T**

**Contact hours per week: 6**

**Course Credits: 6**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Examination Duration: 3 hours**

**Internal: 20 External: 80**

**Course Objective:**

This paper attempts to introduce students to the basic concepts of Indian Political System. Its attempt is to equip students with the major approaches to the study and to provide a detailed understanding of the Indian Constitution, Governmental institutions and its inter-relationships.

**Course Outcome:**

At the end of the course the students should have acquired a good understanding of Indian Political System as well as major constitutional ideas that shape and influence Indian political system. They should also be able to comprehend the contemporary issues and changing dynamics of Indian Political System and be able to find a solution to them.

**Course Contents**

- Unit 1 Constituent Assembly and Framing of Indian Constitution; Main Issues and Approaches; The Preamble, Salient Features of the Indian Constitution, Fundamental Rights and Duties; Directive Principles of State Policy.
- Unit 2 Union Executive : The President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers – Powers, Functions and Relationship.
- Unit 3 Parliament : Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha – Composition and Powers; Supreme Court : Composition, Powers, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism, The Election Commission and electoral reforms.
- Unit 4 Federalism – Place of States in the Indian Union; Centre-State Relations, New Trends and Development; Demand for Autonomy : Governor – Powers and Its Role in Federal Polity.
- Unit 5 Indian Parliamentary System ; Multi-Party System ; Regional Parties and Coalition Governments; Criminilisation of Politics, Caste in Politics, Poverty Alleviation, Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Process.

**भारतीय संविधान और शासन की समझ**

- इकाई 1 संविधान निर्मात्री सभा और भारतीय संविधान का निर्माण – प्रमुख मुद्दे एवं दृष्टिकोण; उद्देशिका, भारतीय संविधान की प्रमुख विशेषताएं, मौलिक अधिकार एवं कर्तव्य, राज्य के नीति निर्देशक तत्व
- इकाई 2 संघीय कार्यपालिका – राष्ट्रपति, प्रधानमंत्री और मंत्रीपरिषद्-शक्तियां, कार्य एवं परस्पर संबंध
- इकाई 3 संसद : लोक सभा एवं राज्य सभा – गठन एवं शक्तियां, उच्चतम न्यायालय-गठन, शक्तियां, न्यायिक पुनरावलोकन एवं न्यायिक सक्रियता, निर्वाचन आयोग तथा चुनाव सुधार, कृत्रिम बुद्धिलब्धता और लोकतांत्रिक प्रक्रिया
- इकाई 4 संघवाद – भारतीय संघ में राज्यों की स्थिति; केन्द्र राज्य संबंध-नई प्रवृत्तिया और विकास, स्वायतता की मांग; राज्यपाल-शक्तियां व संघीय व्यवस्था में उसकी भूमिका
- इकाई 5 भारतीय संसदीय व्यवस्था – बहुदलीय व्यवस्था; क्षेत्रीय दल एवं गठबंधन सरकारें; राजनीति का अपराधीकरण, राजनीति में जातिवाद, निर्धनता उन्मूलन

**Recommended Readings**

1. G.Austin, The Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of a Nation, Oxford University Press, 1966.
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3. D.D.Basu, An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1994.
4. U.Baxi, The Indian Supreme Court and Politics, Delhi, Eastern Book Company, 1980.
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6. P.Brass, Politics of India Since Independence, Hyderabad, Orient Longman, 1990.
7. M.Chadda, Ethnicity, Security and Separatism in India, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1997.
8. R.L.Hardgrave, India : Government and Politics in a Developing Nation, New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1965.
9. Kashyap, Our Parliament, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1992.
10. A.Kohli, Democracy and Discontent : India's Growing Crisis of Governability, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1991.
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