



CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF SRINAGAR

SYLLABUS (FYUP UNDER NEP 2020)

UG- 2nd Semester (NEP)

Subject: Political Science

Course Title: Indian Government and Politics (Major)

Course Code: UGPOL22J201

Contact Hrs: 60 (Theory: 45, Tutorial: 15)

Total Credits: 04 :(Theory: 03; Tutorial/Practical = 01)

Max. Marks: 100

Theory External: 75

Tutorial (Internal): 25 Marks

Objectives: The main objective of course is to familiarize students with different facets of India polity and its structure, functions and processes. The paper will help students to comprehend the post-independence political, social and economic transformation in India. This will also help students to comprehend and develop understanding regarding the institutional framework of Indian polity.

Learning Outcomes:

- Educate the students about the historical background of Indian Polity.
- Familiarize the students about the origin, meaning, nature, features and debates of Constitution of India.
- Introduce Students to the dynamics of political processes in India.
- Introduce students to the identity formations and their role in shaping political discourses.

Unit-I	Introduction
	a) Constituent Assembly: Formation, Composition and Working b) Philosophy of Indian Constitution c) Approaches to Study Indian Polities: Liberal and Socialist d) Approaches to Study Indian Politics: Gandhian and Institutional
Unit-II	Working of Indian Constitution
	a) Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties b) Directive Principles of State Policy c) Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy d) Citizenship
Unit-III	Institutional Framework and Federalism in India
	a) Union Legislation: Structure and Powers b) Union Executive: Position and Powers of President and Prime Minister c) Judiciary (Supreme and High Courts): Composition and Jurisdiction d) Federalism: Nature and Issues
	Assignment/Group Discussion/Presentation/Quiz/Book Review/Field Survey (Followed by Viva-Voce)
Unit-IV	a) Constitutional Development in India b) Judicial Activism and Judicial Review c) Decentralization (73 rd and 74 th Amendment Acts) d) Centre-State Relations: Legislative, Administration and financial

Suggested Readings:

- Sujit Choudhry, Madhav Khosla, Pratap Banu Mehta (eds.). The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Niraja Gopal Jayal, Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds.), The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966.
- Partha Chatterjee (ed.), State and Politics in India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 2004.
- Zoya Hasan, E. Sridharan, sR. Sudarshan (eds) India's Living (Constitution: Ideas, Practices Controversies, Orient Blackswan, 2004.
- Bidyut Chakrabarty, Rajendra Kumar Pandey. Indian Government and Politics, New Delhi: Sage Publications. 2008.
- B.L. F'adia, Kuldeep Fadia, Indian Government and Politics, New Delhi: Sahitya Bhawan. 2017.
- Durga Das Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi: Lexis Nexis, 2019.
- M. Laxmikant, Indian Polity, Sixth Revised Edition, McGraw Hill, 2019.
- Thomas Pantham, Indian Secularism and its Critics: Some Reflections, The Review of Politics, Cambridge University Press, Vol. 59, Issue 3, 1997, p. 523-540.
- B. Bhattachaya and S. Sakthivel, "Regional Growth and Disparity in India: Comparison of Pre and Post-Reform Decades, in Baldev Raj Nayyar (eds.) Globalization and Politics in India. Oxford University Press, 2007, p.459-476.