Morigaon College (Autonomous)
Morigaon: Assam

SYLLABUS
Political Science
FYUGP
(3rd Semester)

SEMESTER III	
Course Title	**: Indian Government and Politics**
Course Code	**: POL-CORE-(MJ/MN)-MC-0300104**
Nature of Course	**: Major +Minor**
Total Credits	**: 4**
Distribution of Marks	**:60(End-Sem) + 40(In-Sem)**

Theory: 60 Marks No. of required classes: 60

Course Objectives:

- The paper aims to introduce students to the nature, emergence, and functioning of the Constitution of India.
- The paper seeks to impart learning on the significance of the idea of citizenship and rights, and how the constitution has incorporated them, as well as what it reflects on the nature of the Indian constitution.
- The paper intends to make students understand the normative basis of key public institutions in India and the nature of their functioning.
- The paper aims to explore the distinctiveness of Indian federalism and how the emergence of new institutions likes NITI Aayog reflects on the changing character of federalism in India.

Course Outcomes:

- Students will develop an understanding of the legacy of the national movement and the principles that shaped the formation and functioning of the Constituent Assembly of India.
- It will help in developing critical thinking about the role of ideas and norms in shaping democracy in India. It will make them understand what the constitution is and how it's the working contributed to the consolidation of democracy in India.
- Students will be able to understand the institutional design, challenges and resilience marking key public institutions in India.
- The students will develop a basic understanding of the constitutional provisions related to the legislative procedures of Indian Parliament. It will enhance their understanding related to the parliamentary procedures and practices.
- It will help students in developing a nuanced understanding of the importance of states in Indian politics and how the changing character of federalism in India made states the key players.

Unit	Content

Unit-I	**Indian Constitution: Emergence and Distinctiveness**
	a. Constituent Assembly: Historical Backdrop and Formation
	b. Basic Features of Indian Constitution
	c. Amendment of Constitution: Nature and Procedure
Unit-II	**Citizenship and Rights**
	a. Citizenship: Meaning and Provisions in the Constitution
	b. Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties
	c. Directive Principle of State Policy
Unit-III	**Institutions**
	a. The Executive: President, Prime Minister and the Council of ministers, Bureaucracy in India
	b. The Parliament: Composition, Legislative Procedure in Parliament, Question of Decline
	c. The Judiciary: The Supreme Court, Appointment of judges, Independence, Judicial Activism
Unit-IV	**Federalism and Local Governance**
	a. Nature of Federal System: Constitutional Provisions, distinctive Features, NITI Aayog and Changing Character
	b. Center-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative and Financial.
	c. Panchayati Raj Institutions in India: Emergence, Composition, Powers and Functions, Actual Working.

Suggested Reading list:

- A.Sibal.(2010).'From Niti to Nyaya,'*Seminar, Issue 615*,pp 28-34.
- Abbas, H and *et.al*. (2011).*Indian Government and Politics*, New Delhi:Pearson.
- Austin, G. (1999).*Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation.* New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Austin, G. (2004).*Working of a Democratic Constitution of India.* New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Chakrabarty, Bidyut and Rajendra Kumar Pandey. (2008). *Indian Government and Politics.* New Delhi: Sage.
- Chakrabarty, Bidyut and Rajendra kumar Pandey. (2019). Local governance in India. New Delhi: Sage.
- Chakrabarty, Bidyut. (2017). *Indian Constitution: Text, Context and Interpretation*. New Delhi: Sage.
- Chakravarty, B. & K.P. Pandey (2006).*Indian Government and Politics*. New Delhi:Sage.
- Chandhoke, N. & P. Priyadarshi (eds.). (2009).*Contemporary India: Economy*,

Society,Politics. New Delhi: Pearson.

- Chandra, B and *et.al*. (2010).*India after Independence*. New Delhi: Penguin.
- Chaube. S. (2009).*The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, Delhi: National Book Trust.
- D.Basu. (2012). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi:LexisNexis.
- Fadia and Fadia. (2025). *Indian Government and Politics*. Agra: Sahitya Bhawan.
- G. Austin. (2000). *Working a Democratic Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- G.Austin. (2010). *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, New Delhi: OxfordUniversity Press.
- Jayal, N.G. &, P. B. Mehta. (eds.). (2010). Oxford Companion to Indian Politics. NewDelhi: Oxford University Press.
- Kumar, Rajiv.(2021).“NITI Aayog: Redefining Federalism”,*Yojana*, pp.8-11.
- Menon, N. and A. Nigam. (2007).*Power and Contestation: India Since 1989*. London: Zed Book.
- R. Bhargava (ed.) (2008). *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Rao,M Govind.(2016). “Role and Functions of NITI Aayog”, *Economic and Political Weekly,*Vol. 50 No. 4,pp.13- 16.
- Singh, M.P. & R. Saxena (2008). *Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns*.New Delhi: PHI Learning.
- Vanaik, A. & R. Bhargava (eds.). (2010).*Understanding Contemporary India: Critical Perspectives*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

SEMESTER III	
Course Title	**: Political Processes in India**
Course Code	**: POL-CORE-(MJ)-MC-0300204**
Nature of Course	**: Major +Minor**
Total Credits	**: 4**
Distribution of Marks	**:60(End-Semester) + 40(In-Semester)**

Total: 60 Marks No. of Required Classes: 60

Course Objectives:

- An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis that is offered by political sociology.
- This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individual society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities and their mutual transformation.
- It also familiarizes students with the workings of the Indian State, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Course Outcomes:

- This Course will help make students familiar with the significant political processes shaping Indian Politics in the last seven decades.
- As such, the paper would help the students to know in detail about electoral processes and trends, the party system in India, the dynamics of Indian politics, including regionalism, caste and religion, as well as the changing nature of the Indian State.
- Their engagement with the selected scholarly articles included in the reading list will essentially orient them towards the larger intellectual and research tradition on issues of Indian politics.
- The paper will be helpful in terms of competitive examinations, including NET/ JRF, SLET, as well as research in the field of Indian Politics.

Unit	Contents
Unit-I	Electoral Process in India
	a. Election Process: First Past the Post System, Proportional Representation System
	b. Representation of the People Act, 1951
	c. Election Commission of India, Electoral Reforms
Unit-II	Party System and Pressure Groups in India
	a. Types and Trends in the Party System of India
	b. Salient Features of Pressures Groups in India, Types, Techniques and Role of Pressure Groups in India.
	a. Voting Behaviour, Determinants of Voting Behaviour
Unit-III	Dynamics of Indian Politics
	a. Regionalism and Secessionism
	b. Caste and Politics
	a. Religion and Politics, Debate on Secularism
Unit-IV	Changing Nature of Indian State
	a. Development, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions
	b. Affirmative Action Policies
	c. Development and Displacement Debate

Suggested Reading List:

- Brass, P. (1999). *The Politics of India Since Independence,* New Delhi: Cambridge University Press and Foundation Books.
- Chakrabarty, Bidyut and Rajendra Kumar pandey. (2024). *Indian Political System: Institutions and Processes*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Deshpande, Ashwini. (2013). Affirmative Actions in India: Oxford India Short Introductions. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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- F.Frankel, Z.Hasan and R.Bhargava. (eds.) (2000) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics in Democracy,* New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Hasan, Z. (ed.) (2002) Parties *and Party Politics in India,* New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Kohli, Atul (ed.) (2001). *The Success of India's Democracy*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press.
- Kothari, R. (1970). *Caste in Indian Politics,* Delhi: Orient Longman.
- Mehta, P. and N. Jayal (eds.) (2010) The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

SEMESTER III	
Course Title	Gender Sensitization
Course Code	SEC-POL-MC-0300103
Nature of Course	Major + Minor
Total Credits	3
Distribution of Marks	45(End-Sem) + 30 (In-Sem)

Course Objectives:

- The course will sensitize students to issues related to gender and its related concepts.
- It will provide them with the tools and skills to develop and integrate a gendered perspective in work and life.

Course Outcomes:

The outcomes of the course may be as follows:

- Students will have developed a better understanding of important issues related to gender in contemporary India.
- Students will develop a sense of appreciation and respect for women in all walks of life.
- It will help students to understand violence against women and also at the same time aware them about the provisions in the Indian Constitution that provide protection and relief to women.

Unit-I: Introducing Sex and Gender

a. Concept of sex and gender
b. Social construction of gender
c. Gender Role and Sexual Division of Labour

Unit-II: Basic Concepts

a. Patriarchy
b. Gender Socialization
c. Gender Inequality

Unit-III Gender in Social Institution

a. Family
b. Caste
c. Class

Suggested Readings:

Abbott, et.al. 2005. Introduction to Sociology: A Feminist Perspective, Routledge: London

Holmes, M.2007. What is Gender? Its Approaches, Sage Publication: New Delhi

Philcher, J and Whelehan, I. 2004. Fifty Key Concepts in Gender Studies,Sage Publication: New Delhi

Jones, E.A. and Olson G.A. 1991. The Gender Reader, Allyn and Bacon: USA

Hirschon, R. 1984 “Introduction: Property, Power and Gender Relations” in R. Hirschon(ed.) Women and Property, Beckenham: Croom Helm.

Jaggar, A. 1983. Feminist Politics and Human Nature, Brighton: The Harvester Press.

Engels, F. 1972. The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State, London.