

**B.A (Hons.) POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**Teaching Plan (Aug. - Dec, 2024-25)**

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**Semester: I**

**Paper Title: Ideas and Institutions of Indian Political Thought**

**Learning Objectives**

This paper introduces students to certain basic terms of ancient Indian thought. While drawing a historical trajectory of these concepts, students will also be familiarised with the theories and philosophies of these ideas. Students will also get knowledge about the ancient institutions that were in place at that time, their functioning and their duties, and broader norms, roles and responsibilities which guided the state and its important apparatuses. As it is difficult to bring in all the diverse traditions and institutions, attempts have been made to introduce those ones which have been most talked about. This paper seeks to challenge the hegemonic bias of euro-centric terms that had debunked ancient Indian thought as limiting. It thus aims to re-ignite the quest for learning for Indian political thought.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
<b>29th August to 10th September</b>	<b>UNIT- 1(10 Hours)</b> <b>Statecraft in Ancient India</b>
<b>11th September to 25th September</b>	<b>UNIT- 1I (10 Hours)</b> <b>Dharma, Dhamma, Danda</b>

<b>26th September to 10th October</b>	<b>UNIT- III (10 Hours)      Nyaya, Niti</b>
<b>11th October to 25th October</b>	<b>Revision, Class Test and Presentation</b>
<b>27th October to 3rd November</b>	<b>Mid- Semester Break</b>
<b>4th November to 13th November</b>	<b>UNIT - IV (10 Hours) Sabha, Samiti</b>
<b>14th November to 30th November</b>	<b>UNIT- V (10 Hours) Rajya, Rashtra</b>
<b>1st December to 10th December</b>	<b>UNIT - VI (10 Hours) Varna, Jati</b>
<b>11th December to 23rd December</b>	<b>Revision, Class Test and Presentation</b>

### **Statecraft in Ancient India**

Benoy Kumar Sarkar, "The Hindu Theory of the State", Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. \_(March 1921), pp. 79-90.

Beni Prasad, The State in Ancient India: Study in the Structure and Practical Working of Political Institutions in North India ni Ancient Times, The Indian Press, Allahabad, 1928, pp. [-16

### **Dharma, Dhamma, Danda**

Rupert Gethin, "He who sees Dhamma sees Dhammas: Dhamma ni Early Buddhism" ni Journal of Indian Philosophy. Vol 32, No5/6 (December 2004) pp.513-542

Margaret Chatterjee, "The Concept of Dharma" in M.C. Doerer and J.N. Kraay (eds.) Facts and Values. Philosophical reflections from Western and Non-Western Perspectives, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Dordrecht. 1986, PP177-188

John Ross Carter, Traditional Definitions of the Term "Dhamma" Philosophy East and West, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Jul., 1976), pp. 329-337

Donald R. Davis Jr, "rectitude and rehabilitation (danda) in The Spirit of Hindu Law, Cambridge University Press, NY, 2010, PP. 128-143

Radha Krishna Choudhry, "Theory of Punishment in Ancient India" in Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, Vol 10 1947, PP166-171.

### **Nyaya, Niti**

Amartya Sen, "Introduction" in The Idea of Justice, Harvard University Press. 2009

Sarkar, Benoy Kumar Political Institutions, and theories of comparative politics- pp 158-162

Ghoshal U.N (1983) A History of Hindu Political theory OUP: London p 213- 222, 247-259

### **Sabha, Samiti**

Jagdish P. Sharma, "Non-Monarchical Governments in Vedic India" Republics in Ancient India. Brill, Leiden, 1968, pp. 15-60.

R.S.Sharma, "Sabha and Samiti" in Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers. Delhi 1999, reprint. Pp105-118.

### **Rajya. Rashtra**

A.S. Altekar, "Origin and Types of the State" in State and Government in Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass, Banaras. 1949 pp. 12-23.

### **Varna, Jati**

Sudhakar Chattopadhyaya, "Varna-Jati (caste system)" in Social Life in Ancient India. Academic Publishers, Calcutta, 1965, Pp.7-29

Dipankar Gupta, "From Varna to Jati: The Indian Caste System, from the Asiatic to the Feudal Mode of Production", Journal of Contemporary Asia, Vol-10:3, 2008. pp.249-271

Nicholas B. Dirks, Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001, p. 63-80.

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**Semester: I**

**Paper Title: Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties**

#### **Learning Objective**

**The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:**

- **Enrich students with knowledge and relevance of the Constitution.**
- **Develop awareness about Duties and Values.**
- **Inculcate a sense of Constitutionalism in thought and action.**

<b>29th August to 30th September</b>	<b>UNIT- I The Constitution of India - An Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Republic, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers</li><li>• Sovereignty, Socialism, Democracy</li><li>• Secularism and Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava</li></ul>
<b>1st October to 26th October</b>	<b>UNIT-II Constitutional Values</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Justice: Social, Political, Economic</li><li>• Liberty: Thought, Expression, Belief, Faith, Worship</li><li>• Equality: Equality before law &amp; equal application of laws</li><li>• Fraternity: Dignity, Unity and Integrity</li></ul>
<b>27th October to 3rd November</b>	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>
<b>4th November to 5th December</b>	<b>UNIT-III Fundamental Duties</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflecting on the ancient Indian notions of righteousness and duty consciousness</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamental Duties- Article 51A [(a)- (k)]</li> <li>• Legal status of Fundamental Duties - Judicial approach</li> </ul>
<b>6th December to 23rd December</b>	<b>Revision, Class Test and Presentation.</b>

Essential/recommended readings

- Preamble to the Constitution of India, 1950.
- The Constitution of India, Articles - 14, 19, 21.
- The Constitution of India, Fundamental Duties [Ar. 51 A (a)- (k)].

Suggested readings •

- Durga Das Basu, et al., Introduction to the Constitution of India (LexisNexis, 26th edn, 2022).
- Leila Seth, We, the Children of India: The Preamble to Our Constitution (New Delhi, Puffin Books, Penguin Books India, 2010).
  - Mahendra Pal Singh, V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India, (Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, 13th revised edn. 2017)
  - B.R. Ambedkar Selected Speeches, (Prasar Bharati, New Delhi, 2019) available at: [https://prasarbharati.gov.in/whatsnew/whatsnew\\_653363.pdf](https://prasarbharati.gov.in/whatsnew/whatsnew_653363.pdf).

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**Semester: I**

**Paper Title: Introduction to Political Theory**

**Paper Code:**

### **Learning Objectives**

This course seeks to understand the unexamined explanation of what is political. It investigates various concepts like liberty, equality, and justice that build the foundation of political theory. The core aim of the paper is to inculcate students to normatively and critically analyse political arguments and debates. The course, therefore, develops an understanding of the nature and the significance of political theory through various perspectives and conceptual analysis.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
<b>29th August to 15th September</b>	<b>UNIT- I (16Hours)</b> <b>What is Political Theory, and what is its relevance?</b>
<b>16th September to 15th October</b>	<b>UNIT- II (28 Hours)</b> <b>Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights</b>
<b>16th October to</b>	<b>Revision and Class Test</b>

<b>26th October</b>	
<b>27th October to 3rd November</b>	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>
<b>4th November to 4th December</b>	<b>UNIT- 111 (16 Hours)</b> <b>Debates in Political Theory:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Protective discrimination and principles of fairness?</b></li> <li>b. <b>The Public vs private debate: Feminist Perspective Censorship and its limits</b></li> </ol>
<b>5th December to 23rd December</b>	<b>Revision, Class Test and Presentation</b>

Essential/recommended readings

### **Unit I**

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What si Political Theory', ni Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-17.

Bhargava, R. (2008) W' hy Do We Need Political Theory', ni Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A.(eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 18-37.

### **Unit 2**

Sriranjani, V. (2008) 'Liberty', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 40-37.

Acharya, A. (2008) 'Equality', ni Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 58-73.

Menon, K. (2008) Justice, in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-82.

Talukdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-105.

### **Unit 3**

Acharya, A. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.

Frances E O. (1985) 'The Myth of State Intervention in the Family', University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. 18 (4), pp. 835-64.

Sethi, A. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.

#### Suggestive readings

Berlin, I. "Two Concepts of Liberty"

Rawls, John, A Theory of Justice

Jaggar, Alison, "Introduction", Feminist Politics and human Nature

Kukathas, Chandran, "The Demise and Rise of Political Theory"

Riley, J. (2008) 'Liberty', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-125.

Casal, P. & Williams, A. (2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.

Wolf, J. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-193.

Chambers, C. (2008) 'Gender', in McKinnon, C. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-288.



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**Semester: 5th**

**Paper Title: Modern Indian Political Thought**

#### **Learning 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.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>TOPICS TO BE COVERED</b>
<b>1st August to 10th September</b>	<b>UNIT – I (4 Hours)</b> <b>Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought</b>
<b>11th September to 30th September</b>	<b>UNIT – II (8 Hours)</b> <b>Nation and Nationalism</b> <b>Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore and Gandhi</b>
<b>1st October to 20th October</b>	<b>UNIT – III (10 Hours)</b> <b>State and Democracy</b> <b>Jawaharlal Nehru, Deendayal Upadhyay, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar</b>

<b>21st to 26th October</b>	<b>Revision and Class Test</b>
<b>27th October to 3rd November</b>	<b>Mid Semester Break</b>
<b>4th to 12th November</b>	<b>UNIT – IV (8 Hours) Rights Rammohan Roy, Tarabai Shinde</b>
<b>13th to 19th November</b>	<b>UNIT – V (8 Hours) Swaraj Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi</b>
<b>20th to 25th November</b>	<b>UNIT – VI (7 Hours) Hindutva and Hinduism Savarkar</b>
<b>26th and 27th November</b>	<b>Class Test and Presentation</b>

### **1. Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought**

V. Mehta and T. Pantham (2006) ‘A Thematic Introduction to Political Ideas in Modern India: Thematic Explorations, History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian civilization’ Vol. 10, Part: 7 (New Delhi: Sage Publications), pp. Xxvii-ixi.

D. Dalton (1982) ‘Continuity of Innovation’, in Indian Idea of Freedom: Political Thought of Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo Ghose, Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi (Gurgaon: Academic Press), pp. 1-28.

R. Guha (2010) “Prologue: Thinking Through India”, in Makers of Modern India, Penguin Books. pp.1-22

## **2. Nation and Nationalism**

Sen, Amiya P. (2011), 'Vivekanand: Cultural Nationalism', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers* (Delhi: Pearson)

Tagore: M. Radhakrishnan and Devasmita (2003), 'Nationalism is a great menace: Tagore and Nationalism', in P. Hogan, Coln and L. Pandit (ed.) *Rabindranath Tagore: Universality and Tradition* (London: Rosemont), pp. 29-39.

Guha, R (2010), "The Rooted Cosmopolitan" in the *Makers of Modern India*, Penguin, pp 185-203.

## **3. State and Democracy**

Parekh, B. (1991), 'Nehru and the National Philosophy of India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 26 (1/2), pp. 35-48.

Yadav, Y. (2010), 'What is Living and What is Dead in Ram Manohar Lohia?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. XLV (40), pp. 107.

Deendayal Upadhyay (1964), *Integral Humanism*, Bharatiya Jana Sangha, Delhi.

Ambedkar, B.R. (2017) "The Challenges before the Parliamentary Democracy in India and their Remedies", in B.L.Mungekar, *The Essential Ambedkar*, Rupa, Chap-09.

## **4. Rights**

Mukherjee, S. (2014), 'The Social Implications of the Political Thought of Raja Rammohun Roy', *Sydney Studies in Society and Culture*, pp. 11-40.

O' Hanlon, Rosalind (2002) *A comparison between women and men: Tarabai Shinde and the critique of Gender Relations in Colonial India* Oxford University Press: New Delhi - Introduction

## **5. Swaraj**

Parel, A. (ed.) (2002), 'Introduction', in *Gandhi, freedom and Self Rule*, Delhi: Vistaar Publication.

Inamdar, N.R. (1986), "The Political Ideas of Lokmanya Tilak" in Thomas Pantham and Kenneth Deutsch (ed.) *Political thought in modern India*, New Delhi: Sage pp. 110-12.

Singh, S. P. (2017), 'Tilak's Nationalism and Swaraj', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers (Delhi: Pearson), pp. 194-205.

#### 6. Hindutva and Hinduism:

Savarkar Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar. Essentials of Hindutva, 1922-23, available at:

[http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2\\_12\\_12\\_04\\_essentials\\_of\\_hindutva.v001.pdf\\_1.pdf](http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2_12_12_04_essentials_of_hindutva.v001.pdf_1.pdf)

Sampath, Vikram (2021) Savarkar: A Contested Legacy, 1924-1966, Penguin Random House India: Gurugram.