

III. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 18: POLITICAL PROCESS IN INDIA

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) **Theory: 60 Lectures**

Course Objectives

1. The objective of the course is to study the interaction between political processes and the constitutional structure in detail. Providing an insight into different aspects of the political process in India, the paper focuses on the basic nature and actual functioning of the system as a whole.
2. The course shall highlight the key elements that are the driving force of the Indian political process, namely elections and political parties.
3. The amalgamation of pulls and pressures exerted by caste, ethnicity, language and regionalism in the Indian political process shall be examined in detail.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. The course shall make the students aware of the intricate web of identity politics which plays an important role in influencing the political process in India.
2. The paper also attempts to develop a basic understanding of the determinants of voting behaviour through the study of Psephology which shall be immensely useful for all the students.
3. The students shall be able to discuss and debate controversial issues such as casteism, communalism and regionalism in a mature and responsible manner consequent to having completed this comprehensive course.

Course Content

UNIT I: Elections and Political Parties

- a. Overview of Elections
- b. Changing Nature of Party System

UNIT II: Role of Caste in Indian Politics

- a. Politics of Secularism and Communalism
- b. Policies of Indian State pertaining to Secularism and Communal Politics since 1980s

UNIT III: Regionalism

- a. Regionalism and Federal Structure
- b. Issues of Autonomy, Ethnicity and Language

UNIT IV: Psephology

Reference Books:

1. Paul Brass- Politics of India since Independence
 2. Bipan Chandra, Aaditya Mukherjee and Mridula Mukherjee- India after Independence
 3. Partha Chatterjee - State and Politics in India
 4. Stuart Corbridge and John Harris, - Reinventing India
 5. Frankel Francine, Zoya Hasan, Rajeeva Bhargava, Balveer Arora -Transforming India
 6. SudiptoKaviraj - Politics in India
 7. AtulKohli - The Success of India's Democracy
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