

**Syllabus**  
**For**  
**Pre-PhD Course Work in Political Science**

**To be implemented from the Academic Session 2021-2022**

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School of Social Sciences  
Pre- PhD Course Work  
Subject: POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Course/Paper Details

A student has to study 2 core courses (which are compulsory) and 1 elective course of his/her choice during his Pre PhD course work. Each course will carry 4 credits.

Courses to be Opted	Course Code	Title of the Course	No. of Credit	Hours/Week
Core Course-I	POL: Pre Ph D C-101	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	04	04
Core Course-II	POL: Pre Ph D C-102	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY	04	04
Elective Course - I	POL: Pre Ph D E-101	PUBLIC POLICY	04	04
Elective Course- II	POL: Pre Ph D E-102	STATE POLITICS IN INDIA	04	04
Elective Course - III	POL: Pre Ph D E-103	LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT AND GRASSROOTS POLITICS IN INDIA	04	04

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## CORE COURSE-1:

### SECTION-A RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

**Course Objective:** The purpose of this paper is to prepare for research. It provides training in the selection of relevant materials, scientific tools and techniques for problem-solving. It also teaches students how to conduct research and write reports.

#### Learning Outcomes:

Methodology of doing research and completion and final publication of research with integration of ethical values in research shall be the outcome of the present paper of Political Science. It is taught as a compulsory component and it aims to make the students handy with the following outcomes;

- To develop an fundamental understanding of the theoretical ideas related to research methods
- To develop an understanding of different factors that affect the value system of a researcher and make him or her mentally prepared to be a social asset through his work and motivate him to adopt continuous changes

**Unit-I:** Research: Meaning, types and Scientific Methods,

**Unit – II:** Identification of Research Problem and Research Design.

**Unit- III:** Formulation of Hypothesis

**Unit IV:** Sources of Data: Primary and Secondary

**Unit-V:** Techniques of Data Collection: Observation, Interview, Questionnaire, Sampling and Survey

**Unit-VI:** Classification and Tabulation  
Data Analysis and Interpretation

**Unit-VII:** Research Report Writing

### SECTION-B

#### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS (RPE)

**Unit-I:** Philosophy and Ethics: Introduction to philosophy : definition, nature and scope, concept, branches , Ethics : definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgement and reactions

**Unit-II:** Scientific Conduct:

A. Scientific misconducts : Falsification, Fabrication and plagiarism(FFP)

B. Use of Plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund etc.

**Unit –III:** Publication Ethics:

A. Best practices/ standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME etc.

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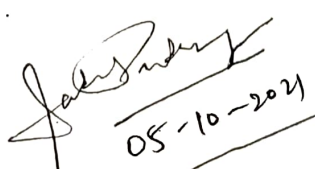
B. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship.

**Unit –IV: Database and Research Metrics : Indexing Database and citation database**

**Reading List:**

- i. A, MacIntyre. (1974). *A Short History of Ethics*. London.
- ii. Bird, A. (2006). *Philosophy Of Science*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis.
- iii. Beall, J. (2012). *Predatory Publishers are corrupting open access*. *Nature*, 489(7415)179-179  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/48917a>
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- x. Kothari, C. R. (2004). *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*. India: New Age International (P) Limited.
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- xii. National Academy of Sciences, national Academy of Engineering and Institute of Medicine. (2009). *On Begin a Scientist: A Guide to Responsible Conduct in Research: Third Edition*. National Academies Press.
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- xv. Trivedi, R.N & Shukla, D.P., *Research Methodology (in Hindi)*, College Book Depot, Jaipur.
- xvi. Vajpayee, S.R., *Research Methodology*.
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## CORE COURSE-2:

## CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

**Course Objective:**

This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding different traditions of political theory. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying contemporary political theory. This paper gives clear ideas about various contemporary debates in political theory.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Political Theory that is considered as backbone of the paper of Political Science is taught as a compulsory component and it aims to make the students handy with the following outcomes;

- To develop an fundamental understanding of the theoretical ideas related to subject
- To develop an understanding of different factors behind the origin of a particular theory and its critique

**Unit-I** Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical and Empirical

**Unit-II:** Debate on Decline of Political Theory and Resurgence of Political Theory.

**Unit-III:** Liberal Theory of Democracy, Marxist Theory of Democracy.

**Unit-IV:** Libertarianism, Communitarianism, Post Modernism, Multiculturalism

**Unit-V:** New Left, Decline of Communism.

**Unit-VI:** Feminism, Environmentalism

**Reading List:**

- i. Barry, N. P. (1989). *An Introduction to Modern Political Theory*. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan UK.
- ii. Bhargava, R. (2008). *Political Theory: An Introduction*. India: Pearson Education.
- iii. Evans, J. A., Meehan, E. M., Waylen, P. O. P. G., Hunt, P. K., Vogel, D. U., Judith Evans, e. a., Tusscher, T. T. (1986). *Feminism and Political Theory*. United Kingdom: Sage Publications.
- iv. Heywood, A. (2007). *Politics*, Third Edition. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan.
- v. Heywood, A. (2015). *Key Concepts in Politics and International Relations*. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan.
- vi. Heywood, A. (2015). *Political Theory: An Introduction*. United Kingdom: Palgrave Macmillan.
- vii. Johari, J. C. (2012). *Contemporary Political Theory: New Dimensions, Basic Concepts and Major Trends*. India: Sterling Publishers Pvt. Limited.
- viii. Pateman, C., Gross, E. (Eds.), (2014), *Feminist Challenges: Social and Political Theory*. United Kingdom: Routledge.
- ix. Ramaswamy, S. (2010). *Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts*. India: PHI
- x. Vinod, M. J., Deshpande, M. (2013). *Contemporary Political Theory*. India: PHI Learning.

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## ELECTIVE COURSE- I

## PUBLIC POLICY

**Course Objective:** The field of public policy has assumed considerable importance in response to the increasing complexity of government activities. The study of Public Policy aspires to provide an in-depth understanding of the shaping and implementation of Public Policy and the factors that influence it. Public policy is an important mechanism for moving a social system from the past to the future and helps to cope with the future. The main objectives of this special course on Public Policy are as following

1. To provide an opportunity to the students to learn the basic areas of public policy on the largest gamut of its canvas.
2. To make students familiar with various definitions of public policy, different and policy tools.
3. To make students able to identify the major actors and institutions in the different stages of the policy process.
4. To develop critical thinking about public policy issues and the ability to conduct professional analyses of social, political, and economic structures and bureaucratic processes

**Learning Outcomes:**

Along with reading compulsory courses in Research Methodology and Political Theory as part of PhD coursework, after reading this special course of Public Policy students will be able,

- To develop an understanding of the various constituencies that influences the shaping and implementation of Public Policy and the theoretical underpinnings of real life policy choices,
- To develop an understanding of the factors that influences the direction of government action,
- To apply social science methods and policy analysis to address practical problems of government, communities, regions, and/or global issue.

**Unit-I:** Public Policy: Meaning, Significance, Distinction between Policy, Decision and Goals

**Unit-II:** Public Policy Making - Role of Political, Executive, Legislature and Bureaucracy; other determinants

**Unit-III:** Public Policy Implementation-. Role of Executive, Legislature and Bureaucracy, Voluntary Organizations; Constraints in Implementation

**Unit-IV:** Public Policy Evaluation – Meaning, Types, Agencies; Constraints in Evaluation

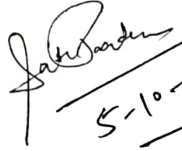
**Reading List:**

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- ii. Dror, Y. (1968), *Public Policy Making Re-Examined*, New York: Chandler Publishing Company.
- iii. Dye, T. R. (2012), *Understanding Public Policy*, New Jersey: Pearson Education, Limited.
- iv. Gerston, L.N. (2010), *Public Policy Making: Process and Principles*, London: M.E. Sharpe Inc.
- v. Kataria, S. (2006), *Administration and Public Policy*, Noida: Mayur Paper Back.

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- vi. Kraft, M. F., Scott R. F. (2013), *Public Policy: Politics, Analysis and Alternatives*, New Delhi: Sage Publication.
- vii. Mathur, K. (2013), *Public Policy and Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- viii. Parsons, W. (1995), *Public Policy: An Introduction to The Theory of Policy Analysis*, Aldershot, U.K.: Edward Elgar.
- ix. Rathod, P.B. (2005), *Framework of Public Policy: The Discipline and Its Dimensions*, New Delhi: Commonwealth.
- x. Sahni, P. (1987), *Public Policy: Conceptual Dimension*, Allahabad: KitabMahal.
- xi. Sapru, R.K. (2010), *Public Policy: Art and Craft of Policy Analysis*, New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.
- xii. Saxena, P.K. (ed.). (2000), *Comparative Public Policy*, Jaipur: Rawat Publication.

  
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**ELECTIVE COURSE- II**  
**STATE POLITICS IN INDIA**

**Course Objectives:**

This Course aims at making the students aware of state politics in India. It introduces the students to the relation between state politics and national politics, the different determinants of state politics, the constitutional framework at state level, and the emerging trends in state politics in India.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- The students understand the constitutional system at state level, and the relation between state politics and national politics.
- The students know about political dynamics operating at state level.
- Students will recognize the emerging trends in state politics in different parts of the country.

**Unit I:** Understanding State Politics

**Unit II:** Regional Politics and Electoral Dynamics

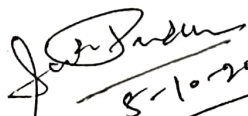
**Unit III:** Politics of Smaller States

**Unit IV:** Governance and Development: Patterns and Strategies

**Unit V:** Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations with a special reference to NITI Ayog, GST, Article 370, One Nation one Election

**Reading List**

- i. Austin, G. (1999), *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- ii. Brass, P. R. (2005). *Language, Religion and Politics in North India*. United States: iUniverse. Cambridge University Press.
- iii. Chatterjee, P. eds., (1997) *States and Politics in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- iv. Frankel, F., Rao, M.S.A., eds., (1990), *Dominance and State Power in India*, Oxford University Press.
- v. Hasan, Zoya, (2000), *Politics and State in India*, New Delhi, Sage Publication.
- vi. Journal of Indian School of Political Economy, (2003), Special Issue on Political Parties and Elections in Indian States: 1999-2003 Vol. XV, No. 1&2, Pune.
- vii. Jenkins, R. (2004), *Regional Reflections: Comparing Politics Across Indian States*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- viii. Maheshwari, S.R. (2000), *State Government in India*, New Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd.
- ix. Narain, I., ed. (1967), *State Politics in India*, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut.
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- xiii. Paul W., Ramashray R. (2002), (eds.) *India's 1999 Elections and Twentieth Century Politics*, Sage, New Delhi.
- xiv. Roy, S., (2010), ed., *Backwaters of Development: Six Deprived States of India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- xv. Robinson, J., (2001), *Regionalizing India: Uttarakhand and Politics of Creating States*, Journal of South Asian Studies, Vol.25, Issue-2.
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- xvii. Sinha, Assema (2005), *The Regional Roots of Developmental Politics in India*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
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## ELECTIVE - III

## LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT AND GRASSROOTS POLITICS IN INDIA

**Course Objective:** This paper is to introduce comprehensive ideas about local self-government and grassroots politics in India. Local government involves the participation of the local people. It is a direct and grassroots decision-making body related to daily life and problems of common citizens.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Along with reading compulsory courses in Research Methodology and Political Theory as part of Pre-PhD coursework, after reading this special course of Local Self Government and Grassroots Politics in India students will be able,

- To develop an understanding of the various component of local self regulating bodies and implementation of government policies at the grass root level
- To develop an understanding of the factors that affect policy making and implementation process in rural and urban areas

**Unit-I:** Historical Perspectives of Local Self-government: Definition and Meaning of Local Self-Government, Historical Background of Local Self-Government in India (Pre-British Period, British Period, and Post Independence Period), Gandhian Idea of Panchayati Raj.

**Unit-II:** Local Self Government in Rural Areas: Panchayati Raj, Constitutional Provision, Structure, and Functions, Financial Resources of Local Self Government and the Panchayats Extension to the Scheduled Areas Act, 1996 (PESA) in Rural India.

**Unit-III:** Local Self Government in Urban Areas: Corporations, Municipalities, and Notified Area Council (NAC), Constitutional Provision, Structure, and Functions, Financial Resources of Local Self Government in Urban India.

**Unit-IV:** Problem and Prospects in Local Self-Government in India.

**Unit-V:** Emerging Trends in Grassroots Politics: Role of Local Self-Government in Shaping and Implementing of Public Policy at Grassroots Level: with Special Reference to, Housing, Health, Drinking Water, Food Security Act, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Gram Swaraj and E-Gram Swaraj.

**Recommended Book**

- i. Chakrabarty, B., Pandey, R. K. (2019). *Local Governance in India*. India: SAGE Publications.
- ii. *Local Government in India*. (2011). India: Dorling Kindersley.

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- iii. Venkatesu, E. (2009). *Grassroots Politics in India*, Serials Publications.
- iv. *Politics of Grassroots Democracy in India*, (2019), India: Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Limited.
- v. Kale, S. (2015). *Grassroots Development Initiatives in India*, India: Aakar Books.
- vi. *Governance At Grassroots Level in India*, (2005), India: Kanishka Publishers.
- vii. Pandey, R. K., Chakrabarty, B. (2008). *Indian Government and Politics*, India: SAGE Publications.
- viii. Talukdar, A. C. (1987). *Political Transition in the Grassroots in Tribal India*, India: Om sons Publications.
- ix. Prasad, R. N. (2006). *Urban Local Self-Government in India*, India: Mittal Publications.
- x. Barthwal, C. P. (2003). *Understanding Local Self-government (Great Britain, United States, France and India)*, India: Bharat Book Centre.
- xi. Sanyal, K., Chakrabarti, R. (2017). *Public Policy in India*, India: Oxford University Press.
- xii. Kumar, P., Chakraborty, D. (2016). *MGNREGA: Employment, Wages and Migration in Rural India*, India: Taylor & Francis.
- xiii. Verma, K., Singh, P. (2016). *Community Governance in India: Good Practices in MGNREGA*, India: I.K. International Publishing House Pvt. Limited.
- xiv. Karthikeyan, M. (2019). *Governance in India: Basics and Beyond*, India: Pearson.
- xv. Mathur, K. (2013). *Panchayati Raj: Oxford India Short Introductions*, India: OUP India.
- xvi. Maheshwari, S. (2004). *Local Government in India*, India: Lakshmi Narain Agarwal.
- xvii. *Local Self-government System in North-East India: An Appraisal*, (1997), India: National Institute of Rural Development.

  
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**Modifications and Revisions done in BOS Meeting:**

1. Course objective and learning Outcome in all the courses of Pre PhD was included
2. Inclusion of the Syllabus of 'Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)' in Pre PhD syllabi
3. Inclusion of the Elective Paper of 'Local Self Government and Gramswarajya Politics in India'
4. In the Core paper of Research Methodology Unit IV sources of Data and in Unit VI Classification and Tabulation was included
5. In the Core paper of Contemporary Political Theory in Unit IV Post modernism and multiculturalism was included
6. Course Code, no. of credit and hours per week in all the courses of Pre PhD was included.

The above mentioned changes were done in the BOS meeting held on 01.10.2021

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