



Mangalore University

Department of Political Science

PSE 505: POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA (OE)

Course Objectives:

- 1. To introduce to the students the salient features of Indian politics*
- 2. To enable students to recognise the nature and trends in Indian politics*
- 3. To enable students to comprehend the domestic and external settings of the operation of Indian politics*
- 4. To enable students to identify and reflect on the major issues confronting Indian politics*

Course Outcomes: The course will enable students to –

- 1. Develop a critical perspective on Indian politics*
- 2. Conceptually grasp the institutional dynamics and political processes in contemporary India*
- 3. Have a competence to make informed choices and active participation in Indian politics*
- 4. Tolocate the internal and external factors determining the Indian politics.*

Block I: Framework

Unit 1 Nationalist Movement India

Unit 2 Legacies and influences on the Indian Constitution

Unit 3 Making of the Indian Constitution – Constituent Assembly Debates

Unit 4 Indian Constitution – Philosophical Foundations

Block II: Indian Constitution

Unit 5 Parliamentary Democracy in India

Unit 6 Fundamental Rights and Directive principles

Unit 7 Institutions and Processes

Unit 8 Amendments to the constitutions

Block III: Politics in India

Unit 9 Identity Politics – Caste/Class, gender

Unit 10 Individual, Society and Politics – Religion, Region, Language

Unit 11 Major debates in Indian Politics – Democracy, Secularism, Development

Unit 12 Debates on Culture, Civil Society and environment

Block IV: India's engagement with the world

Unit 13 Making of India's Foreign Policy – An outline

Unit 14 Indian Foreign Policy – Non-Alignment to pragmatism

Unit 15 India and its neighbours

Unit 16 India's approach towards global issues – Nuclear, Terrorism, WTO

Essential Readings

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