

PSS 405: POLITICS IN KARNATAKA

Course Objectives:

1. To develop the interest and nuanced understanding of State Politics among students
2. To introduce students to the political issues and political reality of Karnataka
3. To enable students to reflect upon the socio- political composition of State politics
4. To develop among students critical and informed views on governance in Karnataka about State Politics

Course outcomes:

The course will equip students to –

1. Engage and reflect on State Politics
2. Effectively deal with issues concerning state and to offer solutions with insights
3. Understand the policies of the government and forces at work in state politics
4. Grasp the socio- economic conditions shaping politics and vice versa in Karnataka.

UNIT 1: Introduction

- 1.1 Nature and importance of the study of state politics
- 1.2 State Politics in India – A Conceptual framework
- 1.3 British rule and the regions of present Karnataka- A historical perspective
- 1.4 Freedom movement in Karnataka

UNIT 2: Trends in Karnataka politics

- 2.1 Unification movement, Liberation of Hyderabad-Karnataka
- 2.2 Formation of Karnataka – Background and issues; Idea of Karnataka
- 2.3 Governments in Karnataka – Distinctive contribution with special reference to Land reforms, Decentralisation, Development and Social justice
- 2.4 Coalition experiments in Karnataka – An evaluation

UNIT 3: Political Process in Karnataka

- 3.1 Political parties - Nature, Representation and leadership pattern; Voting behaviour
- 3.2 Decentralization in Karnataka – Nature, issues and an assessment
- 3.3 Governance and transparency in Politics – Issues, institutions, and Impact
- 3.4 Development, regional disparity and the politics of regions

UNIT 4: State - Society interface in Karnataka - Trends and Issues

- 4.1 Politics, Caste and Religion; Reservation in Karnataka
- 4.2 Intra-state and inter-state river water disputes with special reference to Kaveri, Mahanadi and Yettinahole project
- 4.3 Karnataka Politics - Dalits, Backward Classes and Farmers
- 4.4 Major issues and concerns – Democracy, Development and equity, federalism; Politics of language and identity

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