UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE

for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS

SYLLABUS

Semester: **4** Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1441** Course Name: **DYNAMICS OF INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM**
Instruction Hours/Week: **5** Number of credits: **4**

Aim of the Course

The major aim of the course is to impart knowledge about the actual working of the Indian Political system in a plural set up.

Objectives of the course

1. To study the unique characteristics of the Indian federal system.
2. To motivate the students to critically study the centre-state relations.
3. To impart awareness about major issues in Indian Political system.

MODULE I - Indian Federal System: Quasi- Federal, Co-operative Federalism

MODULE II - A. Political Parties: National Parties; Regional Parties; Coalition Politics
B. Interest Groups and Pressure Groups: Role and functions.
C. Public Opinion and Mass Media

MODULE III - A. Electoral System: Role of Election Commission
B. Union Public Service Commission

MODULE IV - Challenges to Indian Democracy:
A. Casteism
B. Communalism
C. Regionalism
D. Politics of Reservation
E. Corruption
F. Terrorism
G. Criminalisation of Politics

BOOKS

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6. Kothari , Rajani, Politics in India, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1994
7. Pandey V P, Issues in Indian Politics, Durga Publications, New Delhi, 1985
8. Siwach J R, Dynamics Of Indian Government Sterling Publishers, new Delhi, 1990
9. Zaidi A M, Annual Register of Indian Political Parties,Part I, Indian Institute of Applied Politics Research, New Delhi, 1992

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