



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	UK2DSCPOS101				
Course Title	Issues in Indian Politics				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	2				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4 hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This is a comprehensive course that examines the dynamic landscape of Indian democracy, covering topics such as the evolution of party systems from Congress to BJP dominance, the intricacies of coalition politics, electoral processes and reforms, challenges including communalism, casteism, and insurgency, and contemporary issues such as the Citizenship Amendment Act and the abrogation of Article 370, providing students with a nuanced understanding of the complexities shaping Indian political discourse today.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Federalism in a Parliamentary Democracy		12
	1	Features of Indian federalism	
	2	Cooperative and Competitive Federalism	
	3	GST and Fiscal Federalism	
	4	Role of Governor and Article 356	
II	Party System in India		12
	5	One-party dominance- From Congress to BJP	
	6	Coalition Politics	
	7	National and State parties	
III	Electoral System in India		12
	8	Election Commission: Role and functions	
	9	Electoral process and Voting behaviour	
	10	Money and muscle power in elections	
	11	The proposal for Simultaneous Elections	
IV	Challenges to Indian Democracy		12
	12	Communalism and Casteism	
	13	Regionalism	
	14	Corruption in India	
	15	Maoist Insurgency	
	16	Competitive Populism	

V	Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics		12
	18	The future of Indian secularism	
	19	Citizenship Amendment Act	
	20	Abrogation of Article 370	
	21	Development and Displacement	
	22	New Farm Laws	

Essential Readings

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Understand the peculiar features of Indian federal system and nature of Centre -State relations.	U	PSO1
CO-2	Analyse about the types of Party system, political Parties and its themes.	An	PSO3
CO-3	Analyse and evaluate electoral process and voting behaviour in India	An	PSO3

CO-4	Examine and evaluate the challenges to Indian democracy	Ev	PSO4
CO-5	Critically analyze the contemporary issues and major debates in Indian Politics	Ap	PSO6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

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Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Understand the peculiar features of Indian federal system and nature of Centre-State relations.	PO2 PSO1	U	F	L	-
CO-2	Analyse about the types of Party system, political Parties and its themes.	PO4 PSO3	An	P	L	-
CO-3	Analyse and evaluate electoral process and voting behaviour in India	PO6 PSO3	An	C	L	-
CO-4	Examine and evaluate the challenges to Indian democracy	PO5 PSO7	Ev	C	L	-
CO-5	Critically analyze the contemporary issues and major debates in Indian Politics	PO4 PSO10	Ap	M	L	-

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PSO7	PSO8	PSO9	PSO10	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8
CO1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
CO3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
CO4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
CO5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam