

CURRICULUM PLAN (JULY-DECEMBER, 2025-26 Academic Year)

POLITICAL SCIENCE (B. A (Hons) Semester – V) (NEP)

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Name of Paper & Code	Allocation of Lectures	Month wise schedule followed by the Department	Tutorial/Assignment/ Presentation etc.
Political Process in India DSC 15, 4 Credits(3 Lectures +1 Tutorial) B. A. (Hons) Semester – V			
UNIT – I Political Parties and the Party System Political Parties: National and State Parties; Trends in the Party System: From the Congress System to ascendancy of Bhartiya Janata Party	(8 Hours)	August	-National and State Parties -Evolution of the Party System in India -From the Congress System to the rise of the BJP -Emerging trends in party politics Assignment-01
UNIT – II Elections and Electoral Processes Electoral Process, Representation and social determinants of voting behaviour; Election Commission and Electoral Reforms	(7 Hours)	September	-Electoral process in India -Representation and different types of representation -Social determinants of voting behaviour (caste, religion, region, class, gender) -Role and structure of the Election Commission -Electoral reforms in India Assignment-01
UNIT – III Religion and Politics Debates on Secularism and Communalism	(8 Hours)	September	-Theoretical debates on secularism -Models of secularism in India -Communalism: origin, growth, and impact on Indian politics -State response to communalism Assignment-01 and 01 Test

UNIT – IV Caste and Politics Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste; Intersectionality of Caste, Class and Gender, reservation and affirmative action policies	(8 Hours)	September-October	-Caste in politics and politicization of caste -intersectionality: Caste, Class, and Gender -Reservation and affirmative action policies – debates and challenges Presentation
UNIT – V Tribes and Politics Policies and Challenges: Fifth and Sixth Schedules; Forest Rights Act; Development and Issues of Displacement	(7 Hours)	October - November-	-Constitutional safeguards: Fifth and Sixth Schedules -Forest Rights Act, 2006 -Development, displacement, and tribal resistance movements
UNIT – VI Dimensions of the State in India Welfare, Regulatory and Coercive	(7 Hours)	December	-Welfare dimension of the state (social sector policies) -Regulatory role (institutions, laws, oversight bodies) -Coercive dimension (police, military, surveillance) -Revision, Internal Assessment, and Exam Preparation