

PSC-RS-C102: Governance and Politics in India (Core)


Unit I: Approaches and Perspectives to Indian Political System Legal, Historical, Cultural, Political Economy; Rights and Accountability: Rule of Law, Civil and Political Rights, Corruption and Accountability, Institutional Mechanisms.

Unit II: Protection for Minorities and Deprived Groups Role of Commissions, Special Officer on Linguistic Minorities, National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, National Human Rights Commission, Minorities Commission, National Commission for Women. Issues related to ethnic minorities. Politics of Identity. Judicial Review and Judicial Activism in India.

Unit III: Party System in India Single Party to Dominant and Multi-Party System, Regional and State Parties, Coalition Politics; Party Alliances and Government Formation, Federalism, Regionalism and Political Parties. Elections in India: Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Community, Class, Gender and Region. Electoral Reforms. 3 Problems relating to formation of States; Debates on Article 370 and 371; Problems of UnionState relations - Recommendations of the Rajamannar Commission and the Sarkaria Commission; Challenges of diversity, development and separatism.

Unit IV: Structural Concerns Organised and unorganised sectors-labour issues, agrarian crisis and farmers suicide, Terms of Trade between Industry and Agriculture, policy of Special Economic Zones (SEZ), right to work and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Right to Information (RTI).

Suggested Readings: Arora, Balveer and Verney, Douglas (eds.), Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective, (Delhi: Konark, 1995). Austin, Granville, Working of a Democratic Constitution, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2000). Austin, Granville, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, (Oxford, 1999). Basu, D. D, An Introduction to the Indian Constitution, (Nagpur: Wadhwa, 2001). Hasan, Zoya (ed.), Parties and Party Politics in India, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2001). Kothari, Rajni, Politics in India, (New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1971). Kothari, Smitu, Social Movements and the Redefinition of Democracy, (Boulder: Westview, 1993). Roy, Ramashray and Paul Wallace (eds.), Indian Politics and the 1998 Election: Regionalism, Hindutva and State Politics, (New Delhi: Sage, 1999). Rudolph, L. I. and Sussane H. Rudolph, In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State, (Delhi: Orient Longman, 1987). Sartori, G., Parties and Party Systems: A framework for Analysis, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976). Sathyamurthy, T.V. (ed.), Social Change and Political Discourse in India: Structures of Power, Movements of Resistance. (Delhi: Oxford, 1996).


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