

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY  
MIDNAPORE-721102

POST- GRADUATE SYLLABUS  
in  
Political Science

Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)  
(Semester Programme)

[w.e.f. 2016-17 session]

**FIRST SEMESTER**  
**Course No: PLS-101**  
**WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**[Group-A]**

1. The Enlightenment: Background, meaning and significance.
2. Responses to Enlightenment: Rousseau and Kant.
3. Hegel: Dialectical Relationship between Family, Civil Society and the State.
4. Nietzsche: An Overview of his political philosophy.

**[Group-B]**

5. Western Marxism: Intellectual Background.
6. Critical theory Contributions of Horkheimer and Habermas.
7. Post-modernism: Background and Main Arguments; Contributions of Lyotard and Foucault; the debate lecturer postmodernism and Marxism.
8. Post-Marxism: Laclau and Negri.

***Recommended Readings:***

David Stove, *On Enlightenment*.

Immanuel Kant, *An Answer to the Question: What Is Enlightenment?*

Neera Chandhoke, *State and Civil Society: Explorations in Political Theory*.

David McLellan, *Marxism After Marx*.

David Ingram, *Habermas: Introduction and Analysis*.

Christopher Butler, *Postmodernism: A Very Short Introduction*.

Fredric Jameson, *Postmodernism*.

Perry Anderson, *The Origins of Postmodernity: Considerations on Western Marxism*.

Razmig Keucheyan, *The Left Hemisphere: Mapping Critical Theory Today*.

J. G. Merquior, *Western Marxism*.

**COURSE NO: PLS-102**  
**MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Nationalist ideas: Bankim Chandra, Vivekananda and Aurobindo.	10
2. Ideology of Hindu nationalism; philosophical foundations; ideas of Savarkar and Golwalkar	06
3. Caste, social reform and nationalism: views of Jyotiba Phule and B. R. Ambedkar.	08
4. Political ideas of Gandhi: his critique of modern civilization; theory of non-violence and satyagraha; ideas of state; and theory of trusteeship.	06

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Jawaharlal Nehru: concepts of socialism, development and planning.	06
6. Subhaschandra Bose: his leftism, and concept of planning and reconstruction.	08
7. Tagore: vision of cosmopolitanism.	06
8. Muslim political thought: pro-imperialist, liberal and secular trends.	10

***Recommended Readings:***

Biman Behari Majumdar, *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas: From Rammohun to Dayananda.*

V. P. Varma, *Modern Indian Political Thought.*

M.N. Jha, *Modern Indian Political Thought: Rammohun Roy to Present Day.*

Partha Chatterjee, *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World* Harihar Bhattacharyya (ed.), *Indian Political Thought and Movements.*

Thomas Pantham and Kenneth Deutsch (eds.), *Political Thought in Modern India.*

V.R. Mehta, *Foundations of Indian political Thought.*

Tarun Kumar Banerjee and Desesh Roychoudhary (eds), *Colonial India: Ideas and Movement.*

G.N. Sarena and Moin Shakir, *Politics and Society: Rammohan to Nehru*.  
W.N. Kuber, *Dr. Ambedkar: A Critical Study*.  
Gayantaniy Banerjee, *Social and Political Thought of Gandhi*.  
Bhiku Parekh, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy: A Critical Examination*.  
Buddhadeva Bhattacharyya, *Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Gandhi*.  
Orest Martyshin, *Jawaharlal Nehru and His Political Views*.  
E.M.S Namboodiripad, *Nehru: Ideology and Practice*.  
Shridhal Chadran Sahoo, *Subhas Chandra Bose: Political Philosophy*.

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**COURSE NO: PLS- 103**  
**POLITICS IN INDIA (Concept and Process)**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Political Development in India: The state, Civil Society and its Institutions.	05
2. Approaches to the study of the Indian state.	08
3. The problem of governance in India – The genealogy of the governability discourse.	10
4. Federal process in India its dynamics and emergent issues.	07

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Party system in India-from one –party dominance to multi party rule-the politics of coalition.	08
6. Political economy of development- agrarian and industrial strategies-politics of planning-political implications of economic liberalization	10
7. Political culture in India.	05
8. Politics of environment – the concept of alternative development.	07

**COURSE NO: PLS-104**  
**POLITICS IN INDIA (Issues and Challenges)**

**GROUP-A**

	No. of Classes
1. Religion in Indian Politics: Communalism – meaning and nature; Theorising communalism: different perspectives; construction of a Secular ideology in the Indian context: the dilemma; the Indian state and the process of secularization.	10
2. Caste in Indian Politics: Changing nature of Caste-Politics interactions; Caste and Class in Indian Politics; Problems of Minorities – the issue of Reservation.	10
3. Language Question and Indian Politics: Key issues.	06
4. Tribal Politics in India : An Overview.	04

**GROUP-B**

	No. of Classes
5. Politics of Regionalism: Conceptual issues; typologies; different perspectives; select case studies.	08
6. State Politics in India: theoretical framework; basic determinants; emerging trends; State Politics in West Bengal: Key issues.	08
7. NGOs and Politics in India: Emerging Issues.	04
8. Grass-roots Politics and the ‘New’ Social Movements in India: Conceptual aspects; Farmers’, Dalit’s, Women’s and Environmental movements in contemporary India.	10

***Recommended Readings:***

Rudolph and Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakhmi*.

Atul Kohli, *Democracy and Discontent*.

Zoya Hasan (ed.), *Politics and the State in India*.

Zoya Hasan, *Parties and Party Politics in India*.

Bipan Chandra, *India after Independence*.

Achin Vanaik, *Communalism Contested*.

Rajeev Bhargava, *Secularism and its Critics*.

Rajni Kothari, *Politics in India*.

Rajni Kothari, *Caste in Indian Politics*.

Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.), *Politics in India*.

Partha Chatterjee (ed.), *State and Politics*.

Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed.), *Politics India: State Society Interface* (Revised Edition).

Paul R. Brass, *Politics of India since Independence*.

Upendra Baxi and Bhikhu Parekh (eds.), *Crisis and Change in Contemporary India*.

T. V. Sathyamurthy (ed.), *State and Nation in the Context of Social Change*.

T. V. Sathyamurthy (ed.), *Region, Religion, Caste and Gender in Contemporary India*.

Bharati Mukherjee, *Regionalism in Indian Politics*.

Pravat Datta, *Regionalisation of Indian Politics*.

Bhupinder Singh, *Autonomy Movements and Federal India*.

Ranabir Samadder, *The Politics of Autonomy: Indian Experience*.

Ghanashyam Shah, *Social Movements and the State*.

Manoranjan Mohanty, et.al., (eds.), *People's Rights, Social Movements and the State in Third World*.

Anil Kumar Jana (ed.), *Indian Politics at the Crossroads*.

Babulal Fadia, *State Politics in India* (2 volumes).

K. S. Singh, *Tribal Politics in India* (4 volumes).

Paul Wallace, *Region and Nation in India*.

Debnarayan Modak, *Dynamics of National Question in India: The Communist Approach (1942-64)*.

J. Dasgupta, *Language Conflict and National Development*.

Robert D. King, *Nehru and the Language Politics in India*.

Prakash Karat, *Language and Nationality Politics in India*.

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**COURSE NO: PLS-201**  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**(THEORIES AND ISSUES)**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Development of International Relations as an academic discipline.	06
2. Theories and Approaches: Liberal Idealism to Neo-Liberalism; Realism to Neo-Realism; International Political Economy.	12
3. Methodological debates: traditional Vs. behaviouralism.	06
4. Postmodernism and Constructivism.	06

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Disarmament and World Peace-major Disarmament Efforts since World War II; Problems of Nuclear Proliferation.	10
6. Globalization and its Impact on International Relations.	06
7. Emerging Issues in World Politics-Human Rights, Environment, Terrorism.	10
8. Communications and Information Revolution and its Impact on International Relations and Institutions.	04

***Recommended Readings:***

John Baylis & Steve Smith, *The Globalization of world Politics*.

Robert Jakson & George Sorensen, *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*, Third Indian Edition.

Vinay Kumar Malhotra, *International Relational*, Third Edition.

Manton Griffiths & Terry O'Callaghan, *International Relations the key Concepts*.  
 Scott Burchill et. al. (eds.), *Theories of International Relations Second Edition*.  
 Debnarayan Modak (ed.), *Terrorism: Concepts and Problems*.  
 Raj Kumar Kothari, *From Communism to Democratic Freedom: Perestroika and New Thinking of Mikhail Gorbachev*.  
 Raj Kumar Kothari (ed.), *Emerging India as a Growing Player: Growing Ties and challenges*.  
 Raj Kumar Kothari (ed.), *India's Foreign Policy in the New Millennium*.  
 Madhuchanda Ghosh and Raj Kumar Kothari (ed.), *US Policy Toward China, Japan and India*.  
 Tapan Biswal (ed.), *International Relations*.  
 B.N.Mehish, *The United Nations in the New Millennium*.  
 Harsh Pant, *India's Foreign Policy in a Unipolar World*.  
 Rumki Basu, *The United Nations*.  
 Sushir Kumar Singh (ed.), *Post 9/11 Indian Foreign Policy: Challenges and Opportunities*.  
 Cox and Stokes, *US Foreign Policy*.  
 Peter Calvocoressi, *World Politics*.

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 গৌতম কুমার বসু, আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক: তত্ত্ব ও বিবর্তন।

**COURSE NO: PLS-202**  
**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES**

**[GROUP-A]**

1. Changing role of the United Nations: Role of the Specialized Agencies.
2. Multinational / Transnational Actors in World Politics- Role of IMF; World Bank; and WTO.
3. Regional organizations : SAARC; ASEAN; and the (EU) European Union.
4. Regional Issues: Middle East; the Palestine Question; the Arab-Israel Conflict.

**[GROUP-B]**

5. Foreign Policy of the Major Powers: USA, Russia and China.
6. BRICS and SCO in the New World Order.

7. India's Foreign Policy: Contemporary Debates.
8. India & Her Neighbors.

***Recommended Readings:***

- B. N. Mehrish, *The United Nations in the New Millennium: A Changing Scenario*.  
 Johan Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics*.  
 Llod Pettiford, *Foreign Policies of the Major Powers*.  
 Harsh V. Pant, *Contemporary Debates on India's Foreign Policy*.  
 David M Malone and others (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy*.  
 Raj Kumar Kothari (ed.), *Emerging India as a Global Player: Growing Ties and Challenges*.  
 Madhuchanda Ghosh and others (ed.), *US Policy towards China, India and Japan*.  
 Nandan Unnikrishnan and Samir Saran, *BRIC in the New World Order*.

**SECOND SEMESTER**

**COURSE NO: PLS-203**

**Rural Society, Politics and Administration in India**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Understanding Rural Society in India- Economic and Political life of Rural People: A Brief Profile.	08
2. India Villages: The Changing Pattern- Caste, Class Structure and Inequality.	07
3. Rural Society and Agrarian Change: Basic Issues- Land Reforms and Rural Development.	06
4. Paradigms of Rural Development- Rural Development in India: Policies and Strategies.	09

**[GROUP-B]**

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| 5. | District Administration in India: Colonial Legacies; Role, Functions and Challenges to District Administration, the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA).           | 08 |
| 6. | District Planning and Plan Administration: Concept of Decentralized Planning; Evolution and Methodology.  | 08 |
| 7. | Rural Development Administration in India: Origin and Growth, the Rural Development Bureaucracy and State; Community Development and People's Participation.            | 07 |
| 8. | Panchayati Raj in India: Evolution, Institutional innovations for grassroots decentralization the emerging issues; Empowerment of women- A Human Rights Based Approach. | 07 |

***Recommended Readings:***

- A.R. Desai, *Rural India in Transition*.  
 Katar Singh, *Rural Development in India*.  
 S.L. Doshi and P.C. Jain, *Rural Sociology*.  
 A.R. Desai, *Rural Sociology in India*.  
 Andre Beteile, *Social inequality in India*.  
 A.K. Dubey, *District Administration in India*.  
 S.R. Maheswari, *Rural Development in India*.  
 Anil Kumar Jana, *Administering District Plans in India*.

**COURSE NO:PLS-204 (under CBCS) - Elective Course (50 marks)  
 SECOND SEMESTER  
 Indian Constitution and Government**

**[GROUP-A]**

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| 1. Making of the Indian Constitution: Role of the Constituent Assembly. | 06                |
| 2. The Preamble and its Significance.                                   | 06                |
| 3. Fundamental Rights and Duties.                                       | 12                |
| 4. Directive principles of the State Policy.                            | 06                |

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Executive: President and Prime Minister; Governor and Chief Minister – Power and Functions.	08
6. Legislature: Union Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies – Composition and Functions.	08
7. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts: Composition, Jurisdiction and Role.	08
8. Election Commission: Composition and Functions.	06

***Recommended Readings:***

M. V. Pylee, *India's Constitution*.

Subhas Kashyap, *Our Constitution*.

S. L. Sikri, *Indian Government and Politics*.

D. Basu, *Introduction to Indian Constitution*.

J. C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics*.

Sakti Mukherjee and Indrani Mukherjee, *The Constitution of India*.

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**THIRD SEMESTER**

**COURSE NO: PLS- 301**

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND INDIAN PRACTICES**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Evolution of Public Administration as an academic discipline; major paradigms – Scientific Management, Human Relations Approach and Development Administration and Post Development critique.	09
2. Weber and Post-Weberian concept of Organization; Decision Making and Bounded Rationality (Herbert Simon); Chief Executive and Leadership (Chester Bernard).	08

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| 3. | New Public Management (NPM) and Public Choice Approach; Entrepreneurial Government (EG) and Managerialism; The Governance discourse: Administrative Accountability and Transparency.           | 06 |
| 4. | From Government to Governance: Structural, Behavioural and Procedural Changes; E-governance and Digitalization of Public System Management; Service Delivery System; Role CBO's and PPP model. | 07 |

**[GROUP-B]**

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| 5. | Constitutional Arrangement of Indian Administration; Towards Bureaucratic Reforms and Challenges of Development; Administrative Reforms: ARC I (1966-70) & II (2005).   | 07                |
| 6. | Inclusive Governance and Empowerment: Women, SC, ST and Recognition of Marginalized Groups in India.  | 06                |
| 7. | Ministers-Administrators Relations: Determining Factors; Political-Administrative Corruption and its Mechanism: CVC, CBI, NIC, RTI;   | 08                |
| 8. | Impact of Globalization, Liberalization and Privatization on Indian Administration; Good Governance and Indian Administration: Special Emphasizes on the Conference of Chief Secretaries and Chief Ministers (1996-97) and Recommendations of ARC II (2005) | 09                |

***Recommended Readings:***

M. P. Sharma and B. L. Sadana, *Public Administration in Theory and Practice*.

Mohit Bhattacharyya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*.

Mohit Bhattacharyya, *Restructuring Public Administration: Essays in Rehabilitation*.

Nicholas Henry, *Public Administration and Public Affairs*.

George H Frederickson & Ghere, Richard K. (ed.), *Ethics in Public Management*.

Paul Collins (ed.), *Public Administration in the New Century: A Concise Introduction*.

Kathe Callahan, *Elements of Effective Governance: Measurement, Accountability and Participation*.

M. P. Gupta, Prabhat Kumar and Jaijit Bhattacharya, *Government Online*.

Richard Heeks, *Implementing and Managing e-Government*.

J. Satyanarayana, *E-Government: The Science of Possible*.  
 Renu Khator (ed.), *Public Administration in the Global Village*.  
 Arora, R. K. and Sangeeta Sharma (ed.), *Comparative and Development Administration, Idea and Actions*.  
 S. R. Maheshwari, *Theories and Concepts in Public Administration*.  
 A. Avashati and S. R. Maheswari, *Public Administration*.  
 V. S. Prasad and Satyanarayan Prasad, *Administrative Thinkers*.  
 Mohit Bhattacharyya and Bidyut Chakraborty, *Public Administration – A Reader*.  
 S. R. Singh, *Public Administration in the New Millennium: Challenges and Prospective*.  
 Bidyut Chakraborty and Arindam Roy, *Public Administration in a Globalizing World*.  
 Ramesh K. Arora (ed.), *Administrative Theory*.  
 Riggs, F.W., *The Ecology of Public Administration*.

**Group-B**

Granville Austin, *Working of Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience*.  
 Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, *Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design*.  
 Vinod Mehta (ed.), *Reforming Administration in India*.  
 Swinder Singh, *Development Administration in India*.  
 Prasad K. Nayak, S. Sen and G.S. Mansukhani (Eds.), *Indian Administration*, Unique Publishers, New Delhi: 2007.  
 Ramesh K. Arora, *Public Administration in India – Tradition, Trends and Transformation*.  
 M. P. Aharma, *Indian Administration: Retrospect and Prospects*.

**COURSE NO: PLS-302  
 LIBERAL POLITICAL THEORIES**

**[GROUP- A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Study of Social Sciences as Science: Fact, Theory and Value in Social Sciences; nature of scientific method and empirical theory.	10
2. Positivism and political theory: Key issues and debates	04
3. Liberal democratic theory: background and basic tenets of classical liberalism.	10

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| 4. | Debates on Liberal Democracy; Liberal Democracy and the theory of Welfare State. | 06 |
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**[GROUP-B]**

		No. of Classes
5.	Postliberal theories of Democracy: contributions of C.B. Macpherson and Robert Dahl.	10
6.	Contemporary Liberal and Neo-liberal theories: contributions of John Rawls and Robert Nozick.	10
7.	Liberal-communitarian debate.	05
8.	Debates between liberalism and Marxism: Key issues.	05

***Recommended Readings:***

- C. B. Macpherson, *Democratic Theory: Essays in Retrieval*.  
 Robert Dahl, *On Democracy*.  
 Bhiku Parekh, *Contemporary Political Theories*.  
 John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*.  
 David Held, *Political Theory and the Modern State*.  
 David Held, *Modern Theory of State*.  
 W. Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction*.  
 Goode & Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*.  
 Sushila Ramaswamy, *Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts*.  
 John Garry, *Liberalism*.  
 Andrew Heywood, *Political theory*.  
 Hall and Ikenberg, *The state*.  
 Andrew Vincent, *Theories of the State*.

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**COURSE NO: PLS-303  
 MARXIST AND NON- MARXIST THEORIES:  
 CONTEMPORARY TRENDS**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Contextualising Marx: Socio-historical and intellectual roots; Philosophical issues: Dialectics as a method of understanding social reality- contentious legacies of Hegel and Feurbach; Marxist concepts of (i) ideology, (ii) alienation, and (iii) praxis.	10
2. Marxism after Marx: varieties of Marxism: an overview; contribution of Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.	08
3. Marxism of Antonio Gramsci: Concept of Hegemony; Strategy of Revolution; role of intellectuals and party.	06
4. Marxism and Structuralism: Althusser's reading of Marx-the epistemological break; Althusser on Superstructure, state and ideology.	06

### [GROUP-B]

	No. of Classes
5. Marxism and the Third World: Contributions of Mao Ze Dong and Che Guavara.	07
6. Post Colonial Political Theory: key issues; Meaning of Orientalism; Contributions and Critique of Edward Said.	08
7. Emerging Issues in Contemporary Political Theory (i) Ecologism, and (ii) Multi-culturalism.	07
8. Feminist Political Theory: Feminism: Problems of definition; basic issues, origin and development of feminist thought; current feminist viewpoints: an overview.	08

### ***Recommended Readings:***

T. B. Bottomore et.al (eds.), *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*.

David McLellan, *Marxism after Marx* (New Edition).

David McLellan, *Ideology*.

Alan Swingewood, *Marx and Modern Social Theory*.

Jorge Larrain, *Marxism and Ideology*.

Bhikhu Parekh, *Marxist Theory of Ideology*.

R. Meszaros, *Marxist Theory of Alienation*.

J. Hoffman, *Marxism and the Theory of Praxis*.

Henry Lefevre, *Sociology of Marx*.

L. Kolakowski, *Main Currents of Marxism* (3 volumes).

Alex Callinicos (ed.), *Marxist Theory*.



**COURSE NO.: PLS-304 (under CBCS)**  
**POLITICS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD:**  
**ISSUES AND INSTITUTION**

**[GROUP – A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Human Rights : Concepts and Practices	10
2. Green Politics : Ideas and Issues	06
3. Women and Politics : Major issues	07
4. Terrorism: Different types and challenges	07

**[GROUP – B]**

	No. of Classes
5. The UNO: Objectives – major organs	08
6. SAARC as a regional organization	04
7. Foreign policy: principles and objectives- with special reference to India.	10
8. Globalization: Concept and salient features.	08

***Recommended Readings:***

Aneek Chatterjee, *International Relations Today: Concepts and Applications*.

Peu Ghosh, *International Relations*.

Rumki Basu, *The United Nations*.

Sakti Mukherjee & Indrani Mukherjee, *International Relations*.

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**FOURTH SEMESTER  
SPECIAL PAPER  
GROUP – A  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
COURSE NO: PLS- 401/A  
THEORIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**[GROUP – A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Local Government and Local Politics: Decentralization: advantages and limitations, Forms of decentralization.	09
2. The debate between Centralization and Decentralization. Three Generations in Decentralization Theory.	08
3. The case for Local Government, Approaches to the study of local Government.	06
4. Decentralization, Development, and People's Participation.	07

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Decentralization in Liberal Theories: Views of Mill, Bryce and Tocqueville, Gandhi's views on Local Government.	11
6. Theories of Local Government and Democracy: The localist view; Dual State Thesis; The Local State Thesis.	09
7. Decentralization in Developing Countries: the changing role of Local Government; Local Government in Bangladesh.	04
8. Typology of Local Government: the basic patterns: Role and functions of local bodies in developed countries: UK and USA.	06

**Recommended Readings:**

M.A. Muttalib & Md. Akbar Alikha, *Theory of Local Government*.

Dennis A. Rondinelli & G Shabbir Cheema, *Decentralization in Developing Countries*.

Abdul Aziz & David D. Arnold (ed.), *Decentralization Governance in Asian Countries*.

Brian C. Smith, *Decentralization*.  
 Jones & Stewart, *The Case for Local government*.  
 Dilys M. Hill, *Democratic Theory and Local Government*.  
 Garry stoker, *The Politics of Local Government*.  
 Abhijit Datta (ed.), *Local Government*.  
 David Wilson and Chris Game, *The Future of Local Government*.  
 Harold Alderfer, *Local Government in Developing Countries*.  
 Hubert J. B. Allen, *Cultivating the Grassroots*.  
 Cynthia Cockburn, *The Local State*.  
 Manuel Castells, *The Urban Question*.  
 Bryce, *Modern Democracies*.  
 J. S. Mill, *The Representative Government*.  
 Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, (Vol-I).  
 S. N. Sau (ed.), *Decentralization, Planning and Participatory Development*.  
 Dhirendra Vajpeyi (ed.), *Local Government and Politics in the Third World*.  
 Bishawjit Mallick (Bangladesh), *Local People's Institution*.  
 Batley & Stoker, *The Local Government in Europe*.  
 Michael Clarke and John Stewart, *The Choices for Local Government*.  
 S.N. Jha & P. C. Mathur, *Decentralization and Local Politics*.  
 Max J Skidmore & Marshal Carter, *American Constitution*.  
 Desmond King & Gerry Stoker, *Rethinking Local Democracy*.

**COURSE NO: PLS-402/A**

**COMTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
 [GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Trends in Local Government: Changing Role and Relationship: from Local Government to Local Governance.	10
2. Institution Building in Local Government: Empowerment and Enabling Concepts.	06
3. Choice between Local Administration and Local Government: the Determining Consideration.	06
4. Globalization and Local Governments: The Changing Scenario.	08

## [GROUP-B]

	No. of Classes
5. Issues in Local Governance: Public Service, and Local Democracy.	08
6. New Grounds in Local Governments: Feminism and Green Arguments.	08
7. Political Parties and Local Democracy.	07
8. Debates in Local Governments: The Future of Local Governments.	07

### Recommended Readings:

Jones and Steward, *The Case of Local Government*.

Michael Charke and John Steward, *Choices for Local Government*.

Pratchett and David Wilson, *Local Democracy and Local Government*.

Richard Kerley, *Managing in Local Government*.

Sue Goss, *Making Local Government Work*.

Richard Batley and Gerry Stoker, *Local Government in Europe*.

David Wilson and Chris Game, *Local Government in the United Kingdom*.

T. M. Joseph (ed.), *Local Governance in India*.

David Wilson & Chris Game, *The Future of Local Government*.

Gerry Stoker, *The Politics of Local Government*.

Herold Alderfer, *Local Government in Developing Countries*.

Dhirendra Vajpai (ed.), *Local Government & Politics in the Third World*.

John L. Seith, *The Politics of Development – An Introduction to Global Issues*.

Mohit Bhattacharya, *Urban Government*.

Asok Mukhopadhyay, *Municipal Government and Urban Development*.

Anil Kumar Jana, *Administering District Plans in India*.

Sachinandan Sau (ed.), *Decentralization Planning and Participatory Development*.

Biswanath Chakraborty, *People Participation in West Bengal Panchayat System*.

Mohit Bhattacharya, *Development Administration*.

**COURSE NO: PLS-403/A**  
**RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA**  
**(Special Emphasis on West Bengal)**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Scope and Significance of Rural Local Government in India-Evolution of Rural Local Government in India up to 73 <sup>rd</sup> Constitution Amendment	10
2. The Seventy Third Amendment and the Rural Local Government in India – A Critical Review: the Structural and Functional Dimensions	10
3. Pattern of Panchayati Raj Institution in India: Panchayati Raj Organisations in West Bengal – the Three-tier System and Inter-tier Relationship, the Standing Committees: Role and Functions	06
4. Autonomy in Panchayati Raj: State Control of PRIs in India – the West Bengal Experience	04

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Local Government Finance: Pattern of Fiscal Decentralization in India, Resources of the Panchayats – Powers of Taxation of WB. Panchayats and other Sources of Incomes. The State Finance Commission and Fiscal Devolution in West Bengal.	10
6. Personnel Administration of Rural Local Government: the Panchayat Personnel Administration in West Bengal.	04
7. Politics of Panchayats Raj: State Politics and PRIs: West Bengal Panchayats as Political Institutions.	06
8. Major Issues in Panchayati Raj System in India: Impact of Women's Participation, Panchayats and Poverty Alleviation, Rural-Urban Transition and Panchayats.	10

***Recommended Readings:***

Asok Kumar Mukhopadhyaya, *Panchayat Administration in West Bengal* (Revised Edn: 1991).

- Pravat Datta, *Second Generation Panchayats in India* (1992).
- Pravat Datta, *Panchayats, Rural Development and Local Autonomy* (2001).
- Biswanath Chakraborty, *People's Participation in West Bengal and Panchayat System* (2008).
- Buddhadeb Ghosh and Girish Kumar, *State Politics and Panchayats in India* (2003).
- Moitree Bhattacharya, *Panchayati Raj in West Bengal: Decentralization or Democratic Centralism* (2002).
- Dwaipayan Bhattacharya, *Local Governance in India: Decentralization and Beyond* (2006).
- Harihar Bhattacharya, *Micro-Foundation of Bengal Communism* (1998).
- Neil Webstar, *Panchayati Raj and the Decentralization or Development Planning in West Bengal* (1992).
- Ross Mallick, *Development Policy of a Communist Government: West Bengal since 1977* (1993).
- G. K. Lieten, *Continuity and Change in Rural West Bengal* (1992).
- G. K. Lieten, *Development, Devolution and Democracy: Village Discourses in West Bengal* (1996).
- G. K. Lieten, *Power, Politics and Rural Development: Essays on India* (2003).
- K. Westergaard, *People's Participation, Local Government and Rural Development, The Case of West Bengal* (CDR Research Report-8, Copenhagen).
- A. S. Altekar, *State and Government in Ancient India* (1958).
- Radhakumud Mukherjee, *Local Government in Ancient India* (1920) (Reprinted 1989).
- R. V. Jathar, *Evolution of Panchayati Raj in India*.
- Mohit Bhattacharya and Pravat Datta, *Governing Rural India* (1990).
- Swapan Pramanick and Pravat Datta, *Panchayat and People: The West Bengal Experience* (1994).
- Pravat Datta and Panchali Sen, *Women and Panchayats in West Bengal: An Exploratory Study* (2003).
- George Mathew, *Panchayati Raj: From Legislation to Movement* (1994).
- George Mathew, (ed.), *Status of Panchayati Raj in States of India* (2000).
- Manoranjan Mohanti, Richard Baum, Rong Ma, George Mathew (eds.), *Grass-roots Democracy in India and China: The Right to Participate* (2007).
- S. N. Jha and P. C. Mathur (eds.), *Decentralization and Local Politics* (1999).
- Abdul Aziz and David D. Arnold (eds.), *Decentralized Governance in Asian Countries* (1996).
- New Horizons for West Bengal Panchayats – A Report for the Government of West Bengal.* by Nirmal Mukherji and Debabrata Bandopadhaya (1993).

Amal Mondal (eds.), *Rural Development in West Bengal* (2005).

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**COURSE NO: PLS-404/A**

**URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA  
(Special Emphasis on West Bengal)**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Significance of Urban Governance in the Context of Rapid Global Urban Transformation (with Special Emphasis on the Developing Countries)	05
2. Evolution of Urban Local Government in India (with special reference to West Bengal)	10
3. Institutional Arrangements for Governing Urban West Bengal	07
4. The 74 <sup>th</sup> Constitution Amendment Act and Urban Government in India	08

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. State-Municipal Relations in India (with special emphasis on problems of municipal finance)	10
6. Urban Development Policies in India: An Overview	06
7. Urban Politics in India-nature-issues of linkage and Autonomy	06
8. Urban Environment Management – Major Issues	08



**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Nuclear Issues in South Asia	06
6. Environmental Issues in South Asia: Contemporary Trends	10
7. Refugees in South Asian Scenario	08
8. Cooperation and Conflict among the South Asian States: Major Issues	06

**Recommended Readings:**

Vandana A and Henry C. Shukla, *Security in South Asia: Trends and Directions* (APH Publishing: New Delhi, 2004).

Rafiq Dossani and Henry S Rowen (ed.), *Prospects for Peace in South Asia* (Orient Longman: Hyderabad, 2005).

Deepak K Singh, *Stateless in South Asia: The Chakmas between Bangalesh and India* (Sage: Los Angeles, 2010).

Urmila Phandnis, *Ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia* (Sage: New Delhi, 1999).

B. M. Jain and Eva-Maria Hexamer, *Nuclearisation in South Asia* (Rawat Publications: Jaipur, 1999).

A. R. Momin (ed.), *Diversity, Ethnicity and Identity*..... (Rawat Publications: New Delhi, 2009)

**COURSE NO: PLS-402/B**

**CIVIL SOCIETY IN SOUTH ASIA**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Making Civil Society in South Asia – Civil Society and its Fragments	08
2. Civil Society in India: An Overview of Contemporary Trends	08
3. Youth and Political Engagement in Sri Lanka	06

4.	NGOs, Donors and the State of Bangladesh	08
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**[GROUP-B]**

		No. of Classes
5.	Ethno – Nationalist Movements – its nature	06
6.	Civil Society and Hindu Nationalism – Case Studies of Rajasthan (Role of Navijuvok Mandals and Sangh Parivar in Udaipur) and Chhattisgarh (Adivasis and Hindu Nationalism Militants)	10
7.	Civil Society and Transnational Connections – Sri Lanka (Transnational Tamil Activities in Jaffna), and Ethnic Activism in Nepal and India	08
8.	Civil Society and Dalit Activism – Caste based Activism in South India (the case of Dalit Panther) and Dalit Activism in Nepal	06

***Recommended Readings:***

- David N. Gellner (ed.), *Ethnic Activism and Civil Society in South Asia*.
- David N. Gellner (ed.), *Varieties of Activist Experience Civil Society in South Asia*.
- David Lewis, *Bangladesh: Politics, Economy and Civil Society*.
- Neera Chandhoke, *State and Civil Society: Exploring in Political Theory*.
- David N. Gellner (ed.) .....
- Kousar J. Azam (ed.), *Ethnicity, Identity and the State in South Asia*.
- Ramachandra Guha, *Patriots & Partisans*.
- S. L. Sharma & T. K. Oommen (ed.), *Nation and National Identity in South Asia*.
- Ramchandra Guha, *Patriots & Partisans*.
- S. L. Sharma & T. K. Oommen (ed.), *Nation and National Identity in South Asia*.
- G. K. Rathod (ed.), *Civil Society: Views and Reviews*.

**COURSE NO: PLS- 403/B**

**SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Movement for Pakistan: Historico-political background; Democratic Movements various phases	08
2. Nature of Society and Economy of East Pakistan: a brief background; birth of Bangladesh and its Aftermath	08
3. Movement for Democracy in Nepal – its nature & character, Maoist Movement in Nepal: Ideology and Programme	09
4. Society and Economy in Sri Lanka – Left Movement in Sri Lanka; JVP movement	05

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Left Politics and Agrarian and Working Class Movements; in India Parliamentary Communism and Role of the Left	10
6. Post-Gandhi Gandhian Movements: Various Strands	06
7. Left Radical Movements in India	06
8. Human Rights Movement in India: An Overview	08

***Recommended Readings:***

David N. Gellner (ed.), *Ethnic Activism and Civil Society in South Asia*.

David N. Gellner, *Varities of Activist Experience: Civil Society in South Asia*.

V. Y. Belokrenitsky and V. N. Moskalenko, *A Political History of Pakistan 1947-2007*.

B. R. Nanda, *Road To Pakistan: The Life and Times of Mohammad Ali Jinnah*.  
 Zoya Hasan (ed.), *Democracy in Muslim Society: The Asian Experience*.  
 Maya Chadda, *Building in South Asia: India, Nepal and Pakistan*.  
 Eyasin Khan, *Maoist Movement in Nepal: Contextualizing Indo-Nepal Relations*.  
 Mahendra Lawati, *Towards A Democratic Nepal*.  
 Robert Jackson, *South Asian Crisis: India-Pakistan-Bangladesh*.  
 J. P. Mandal, *A Historical Record of Liberation Movement in Bangladesh*.  
 Moudud Ahmed, *Bangladesh: Constitutional Quest for Autonomy 1950-1971*.  
 Sumantra Bose, *States, Nations, Sovereignty: Srilanka, India and the Tamil EELAM Movement*.  
 S. J. Tambiah, *Srilanka: Ethnic Fratricide and the Dismantling of Democracy*.  
 Mahendra Lawoti, *Contentious Politics and Democratization in Nepal*.  
 Ahmed S. Hashim, *When Counter Insurgency Wins: Srilanka's Defeat of the Tamil Tigers*.  
 Paul Willikinson, *Social Movements*.  
 Ghanashyam Shah (ed.), *Social Movements and the State*.  
 Ghanashyam Shah, *Social Movement in India*.  
 M. S. A Rao (ed.), *Social Movement in India*.  
 Monaranjan Mohanty et.al., (ed.), *People's Right, Social Movements and the State in Third World*.  
 D. N. Dhanagare, *Peasant Movements in India*.  
 Debal Singh Roy, *Peasant Movements in Post-Colonial India*.  
 Sukomol Sen, *Working Class of India: History of Emergence and Movement (1830-1995)*.  
 Bipin Chandra, *India After Independence*.  
 Tarun Kumar Banerjee, *Naxalite Movement: Currents and Crosscurrent*.  
 K. S. Subramanian, *Parliamentary Communism: Crisis in Indian Communist Movement*.  
 Pratibha Jain, *Gandhian Ideas, Social Movements and Creativity*.  
 Promode Sengupta, *Naxalbari and Indian Revolution*.  
 Sankar Ghosh, *The Naxalite Movement: A Maoist Experiment*.  
 Partha N. Mukherjee, Prafulla Chakrabarti, Manabendu Chattopadhyay, Anjan Ghosh, *From Left Extremism to Electoral Politics: Naxalite Participation in Elections*.  
 Rabinda Ray, *The Naxalites and their Ideology*.

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**COURSE NO.: PLS-404/B**  
**STATE POLITICS IN INDIA**

**[GROUP-A]**

	No. of Classes
1. Politics of Caste and Religion – UP – Rise of BSP; Akali Politics in Punjab	10
2. Caste and Politics – DMK / AIADMK Politics in Tamil Nadu	10
3. Communist Politics in the India States – Case Studies	06
4. Politics in the Himalayan States – Selected Case Studies	04

**[GROUP-B]**

	No. of Classes
5. Society and Economy in West Bengal – Politics of Land Reforms and Land Acquisition	10
6. Politics of Congress since Independence	06
7. Left-Front Rule in West Bengal and its Aftermath	06
8. Radical Left Movement in West Bengal	08

***Recommended Readings:***

Suratha Kumar Malik, *Dalit Protest and Temple Entry Movement in Odisha: A Study of Kendrapara District.*

Suratha Kumar Malik, *Throning Dalit Identity: Mapping the Alternative World View.*

Sudha Pai, *Dalit Assertion.*

Sudha Pai, *Dalit Assertion and the Unfinished Democratic Revolution: The BSP in UP.*

Moin Shakir, *Religion, State and Politics in India.*

Monobina Gupta, *Left Politics in Bengal.*

Rakhahari Chatterji, *Politics in West Bengal, Institutions, Processes and Problems.*