

**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**  
**MIDNAPORE**



**POST-GRADUATE SYLLABUS**

**Political Science**

**(Semester Programme)**

**[w.e.f. 2009-2010 session]**

**Department of Political Science with Rural  
Administration**

**Syllabus**  
**For**  
**Post-Graduate Programme in Political Science**  
**with Rural Administration**  
**Semester System**

1. The Programme shall be divided into 16 Courses (50 marks in each) equivalent to conventional eight papers of 100 marks each.
2. The Programme shall comprise Four Semesters to be covered in Two years : First and Second Semester in First year, and Third and Fourth in Second year.
3. The Courses in the first three Semesters shall be compulsory for all students (i.e. Compulsory Courses)
4. The Courses included in Fourth Semester shall be Optional the students will have to take four courses in a particular Special Group (i.e. Special Groups-A, B, C).
5. Each course shall be divided into two Groups, each consisting of at least four units.
6. The structural arrangement of the courses shall be as follows:

**First Semester (July – December)**

Course No : 1101	Western Political Thought
Course No : 1102	Modern Indian Political Thought
Course No : 1103	Politics in India (Concept and Process)
Course No : 1104	Politics in India (Issues and Challenges)

**Second Semester (January – June)**

Course No : 1201	Rural Sociology in India
Course No : 1202	Rural Administration in India
Course No : 1203	International Relations (Theories and Issues)
Course No : 1204	International Relations (Contemporary Problems)

### **Third Semester (July – December)**

Course No : 2301	Public Administration : Theories and Models
Course No : 2302	Public Administration in India
Course No : 2303	Liberal Political Theories
Course No : 2304	Marxist and Non-Marxist Theories Contemporary Trends

### **Fourth Semester (January – June)**

Special Groups – A, B, C

Four Courses (Course No. 2401-2404) under each group

#### **Special Group – A : Local Government and Politics**

Course No : 2401/A	Theories of Local Government
Course No : 2402/A	Contemporary Issues in Local Government
Course No : 2403/A	Rural Local Government in India (Special emphasis on WB)
Course No : 2404/A	Urban Local Government in India (Special emphasis on WB)

#### **Special Group – B : Social and Political Movements**

Course No : 2401/B	Theoretical Issues
Course No : 2402/B	Social and Political Movements in Colonial Period
Course No : 2403/B	Social and Political Movements in Post-independence India
Course No : 2404/B	Revolutionary Movements in Asia, Africa & Latin America : An Overview

#### **Special Group–C : Comparative Politics and Research Methodology**

Course No : 2401/C	Comparative Politics : Traditional to Modern
Course No : 2402/C	Society and Politics in South Asia
Course No : 2403/C	Basic Issues in Research Methodology
Course No : 2404/C	Research Methodology

**FIRST SEMESTER**  
**COURSE NO. 1101 :**  
**WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**  
**GROUP – A**

1. The Enlightenment : its background, meaning and significance.
2. Enlightenment and Modernity : Key issues.
3. Responses to Enlightenment (I) : Rousseau's critique of Enlightenment ; critique of Kant's "What is Enlightenment"?
4. Responses to Enlightenment (II) : Hegelian objective spirit and manifestations – dialectical relationships between family, civil society and state; Nietzsche : an overview of his political philosophy.

**GROUP – B**

5. Tradition of classical Marxism: Key issues: class, civil society and state.
6. Western Marxism: intellectual background; contribution of Antonio Gramsci & Frankfurt school
7. Post modernity and the critique of modernity; background and main tenets of post modernism; contributions of Lyotard and Foucault.
8. Habermas's critique of postmodernism; postmodernism and Marxism.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Norman Geras and Robert Wokler, *The Enlightenment and Modernity*.
2. S. Hall and B. Giebea, *Formations of Modernity*.
3. S. Avineri, *Hegel's Theory of the Modern State*
4. David McLellan, *The Thought of Karl Marx*.
5. David McLellan, *Marxism after Marx* (Fourth Edition)
6. Z. A. Jordan, *Karl Marx*
7. Anjana Banerjee, *Habermas's Theory of the Neo-Marxist Criticism*
8. Neer or Chandhoke, *State and Civil Society*

**COURSE NO. 1102**  
**MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**  
**GROUP – A**

1. Nationalist ideas : Bankim Chandra, Vivekananda and Aurobindo
2. Ideology of Hindu rationalism ; philosophical foundations ; ideas of Savarkar and Gowalkar.
3. Caste, social reform and nationalism : views of Jyotiba Phule and B.R. Ambedkar.
4. Political ideas of Gandhi : his critique of modern civilization ; theory of non-violence and satyagraha ; ideas of state ; and theory of trusteeship.

**GROUP – B**

5. Jawaharlal Nehru : concepts of socialism, development and planning.
6. Subhaschandra Bose : his leftism, and concept of planning and reconstruction.
7. Tagore : vision of cosmopolitanism.
8. Muslim political thought : pro-imperialist, liberal and secular trends.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Biman behari Majuandar, *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas : From Rammohun to Dayanada*
2. V.P. Varma, *Modern Indian Political Thought*
3. M.N. Gha, *Modern Indian Political Thought : Rammohun Roy to Present Day*
4. Partha Chatterjee, *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World*  
Harihar Bhattacharyya (ed.), *Indian Political Thought and Movements*
5. Thomas Pantham and Kenneth Deutsch (eds.), *Political Thought in Modern India*
6. V. R. Mehta, *Foundations of Indian political Thought*
7. Tarun kumar Banerjee and Desesh Roychoudhary (eds), *Colonial India : Ideas and Movement*

8. G.N. Sarena and Moin Shakir, *Politics and Society : Rammohan to Nehru*
9. W.N. Kuber, *Dr. Ambedkar : A Critical Study*
10. Gayantaniy Banerjee, *Social and Political Jhought of Gandhi*
11. Bhiku Parekh, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy : A Critical Examination*
12. Buddhadeva Bhattacharyya, *Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Gandhi.*
13. Orest Martyshin, *Gawaharlal Nehru and His Political Views*
14. E.M.S Namboodiripad, *Nehru : Ideology and Praefice*
15. Shridhal Charan Sahoo, *Subhas Chandra Bose : Political Philosophy.*
16. Aurobinda Paddar,
17. নিমাই প্রামাণিক (সম্পাদক), আধুনিক ভারতের রাজনৈতিক ভাবনা, প্রথম ও দ্বিতীয় খণ্ড।
18. তরুণকুমার বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, নেতাজী সুভাষচন্দ্রের রাষ্ট্রদর্শন; একটি রূপরেখার সন্ধানে

**COURSE NO. 1103**

**POLITICS IN INDIA (Concept and Process)**

**GROUP – A**

1. Evolution of the modern state in India.
2. Approaches to the study of the Indian state.
3. The problem of governance in India-The geneaology of the governability discourse..
4. Federal process in India-the politics and economics of centre-state relations.

**GROUP – B**

5. Party system in India-from one-party dominance to multi party rule-the politics of coalition.
6. Political economy of development – agrarian and industrial strategies-politics of planning-political implications of economic liberalization.

7. Political culture in India.
8. Politics of environment – the concept of alternative development

**COURSE NO. 1104**

**POLITICS IN INDIA (Issues and Challenges)**

**GROUP – A**

1. Religion in Indian Politics : Communalism-meaning and nature. Theorising communalism: different perspectives; construction of secular ideology in the Indian context : the dilemma; the Indian state and the process of secularization.
2. Caste in Indian Politics : Changing nature of Caste-Political interactions; Caste and Class in Indian Politics ; Problems of Minorities-the issue of Reservation.
3. Language Question and Indian Politics : key issues.
4. Tribal Politics in India : an overview.

**GROUP – B**

5. Politics of Regionalism : conceptual issues; typologies; different perspectives; select case studies.
6. State Politics in India : theoretical framework ; basic determinants; emerging trends ; State Politics in West Bengal : Key issues.
7. NGOs and Politics in India : emerging issues.
8. Grass-roots Politics and the 'New' Social Movements in India : conceptual aspects ; Farmer's, Dalit's, Women's and Environment movements in contemporary India.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Rudolph and Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakhmi*
2. Atul Kohli, *Democracy and Discontent*
3. Zoya Hasan (ed.), *Politics and the state in India*
4. Zoya Hasan, *Parties and Party Politics in India*
5. Bipan Chandra, *Communalism in Modern India*
6. Bipan Chandra, *India after Independence*

7. Achin Vanaik, *Communalism Contested*
8. Rajeev Bhargava, *Secularism and its Critics*
9. Rajni Kothari, *Politics in India*
10. Rajni Kothari, *Caste in Indian Politics*
11. Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.) *Politics in India*
12. Partha Chatterjee (ed.) *State and Politics in India*
13. Rakhahari Chatterjee (ed.) *Politics India: State Society Interface (Revised Edition)*
14. Paul R. Brass, *Politics of India Since Independence*
15. Upendra Baxi and Bhikhu Parekh (eds) *Crisis and Change in Contemporary India*
16. T. V. Sathyammurthy (ed) *State and Nation in the Context of Social change*
17. T.V. Sathyamurthy, (ed) *Region, Religion, Caste and Gender in Contemporary India*
18. Bharati Mukherjee, *Regionalism in Indian Politics*
19. Pravat Datta, *Regionalisation of Indian Politics*
20. Bhupinder Singh, *Autonomy Movements and Federal India*
21. Ranabir Samadder, *The Politics of Autonomy: Indian Experience*
22. Ghanashyam Shah, *Social Movements and the State*
23. Manoranjan Mohanty, et. al. (eds) *People's Rights, Social Movements and the State in Third World*
24. Anil Kumar Jana (ed) *Indian Politics at the Crossroads*
25. Babulal Fadia, *State Politics in India (2 volumes)*
26. K. S. Singh, *Tribal Politics in India (4 volumes)*
27. Paul Wallacc, *Region and Nation in India*
28. Debnarayan Modak, *Dynamics of National Question in India: The Communist Approach (1942-64)*
29. J. Dasgupta, *Language Conflict and National Development*
30. Robert D. King, *Nehru and the Language Politics in India\**
31. Prakash Karat, *Language and Nationality Politics in India*

32. K. Shankar Bajpai (eds) *Democracy and Diversity: Indian and American Experiences*
33. সুজিত সেন (সম্পাদনা) *Bishoy Sampradaikata L Phire Dekha*
34. সুজিত সেন (সম্পাদনা) *Jatpat O Jati, : Bharatiya Prekshapat*
35. সুজিত সেন (সম্পাদনা) *Jatpat O Sangrakshan: Bharatiya Prekshapat*
36. সুজিত সেন (সম্পাদনা) *Sajal Basu, Anchalik Andolan*

**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**COURSE NO. 1201**  
**RURAL SOCIOLOGY IN INDIA**  
**GROUP – A**

1. Rural Sociology : Definition, Nature and scope ; subject matter of Rural Sociology.
2. Village studies in India : Importance and significance ; Views on village studies : M.N.Srinivas, S.C. Dube, Yogesh Atal and Ramkrishna Mukherjee.
3. Some key concepts of Rural Sociology : Changing language of Rural Sociology ; Village Unity, Sankritisation, Little and Grate Tradition.
4. Rural social stratification : Definition and forms ; Theoretical approaches to the study of Rural Stratification ; Changing rural caste and class stratification, caste-class nexus.

**GROUP – B**

5. Inequality and social change : Nature and forms of inequality, inequality in contemporary India.
6. Agrarian unrest : some basic assumptions about the peasant movement in India : a critique : Typology of India's peasant uprisings ; post-independent peasant movement : Tebhaga and Naxalbari movement.
7. Panchayat Raj : An era of empowerment : why study Panchayati Raj? Function of Panchayati Raj; Empowerment of Women ; Women and self help group.
8. Changing Rural Society : subsistence to market economy, rural society and technology, NGO and rural society.

### Recommended Readings:

1. S. L. Doshi and P. C. Jain, *Rural Sociology*
2. A. R. Desai, *Rural Sociology in India*
3. Yogendra Singh, *Modernization of Indian Tradition*
4. Ramkrishna Mukherjee, *The Dynamics of Rural Society*
5. K. L. Sharma, *Social Stratification in India: Issues and Themes*
6. Yogendra Singh, *Social Stratification and Change in India*
7. Andre Beteille, *Studies in Agrarian Social Structure*
8. Andre Beteille, *Social inequality in India*
9. Kathleen Gough, 'Indian Peasant uprising' in *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol.IX 32-4, Special Number, August 1974
10. D. N. Dharagare, *Peasant Movements in India 1920-1950*
11. Bidyut Mohanty, 'Panchayati Raj, 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitution Amendment and Women' in *Economic and Political Weekly* Dec.30, 1995

**COURSE NO. 1202**

**RURAL ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA**

**GROUP – A**

1. The Colonial legacy in Administration—the District Administration in India : the evolution, role and functions; the challenges to District Administration.
2. Rural Development Administration in India : the Origin, Rural Administration under Community Development phase, Rural Development Bureaucracy in India (Post-CD phase), the District Rural Development Agency. (DRDA)
3. District Planning and Plan Administration : Decentralised District Planning Concept and Evolution in West Bengal. Methodology and Planning Administration.
4. Integrated Rural Development : Changing Development Policy since the Fourth Plan. Concept, approach and strategy for Rural Development in India. Implementation strategy of R.D. Programmes (any two).

## GROUP – B

5. Non-State Actors in Rural Development : Panchayati Raj in India : Institutional Innovations for grassroots decentralization – the emerging issues.
6. Stakeholders in Rural Development : Role of NGOs; Government and NGO : Critical Collaboration.
7. Sustainable Rural Development : The Basic Issues.  
People's participation : Concept and typology. Environmental Planning at the Grassroots.
8. Rural Development and Technology; Role of Information Technology in Rural Development.

### Recommended Readings:

1. B. B. Misra, *District Administration and Rural Development*.
2. A. K. Dubey, *District Administration in India*.
3. P. Bhattacharya (ed.), *District Administration: Changes and Challenges*.
4. National Institute of Rural Development (Hyderabad), *Administrative Arrangements for Rural Development*
5. Kamta Prasad, *Rural Anti-Poverty Programmes*.
6. S. R. Maheswari, *Rural Development in India*.
7. Anil Kumar Jana, *Administering District Plans in India*.
8. L. C. Jain (ed.), *Decentralisation and Local Governance*.
9. L. C. Jain and others, *Grass without Roots*.
10. *Report of the CAARD*, Government of India,
11. *Status of Panchayati Raj in the States and Union Territories of India*, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi
12. *Rural Development: Panchayat– Volags Interface* AICMED, Vision Publications.
13. A. D. Mukhopadhyaya (ed.), *Perspectives and Issues in Environmental Studies*.

14. Goutam Maity & S.Seth (eds.), *Information Strategies for Rural India*.
15. *The Constitution 73rd and 74 th Amendment Acts, 1992*, Government of India.
16. *The West Bengal District Planning Committee Act, 1994*.
17. *The west Bengal Dirstrict Planning Committee Rules, 1994*
18. *Report of the working group on District Planning, Government of India*.
19. S. N. Jha & P. C. Mathur (eds.), *Decentralisation and Local Politics*.
20. Kuldeep Mathur, *Development Policy and Administration*.

### **COURSE NO. 1203**

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **(THEORIES AND ISSUES)**

#### **GROUP – A**

1. Development of International Relations as an academic discipline.
2. Theories and Approaches : Liberal Idealism to Neo-Liberalism; Realism to Neo-Realism ; International Political Economy.
3. Methodological debates : traditional Vs. behaviouralism.
4. Postmodernism and Constructivism.

#### **GROUP – B**

5. Disarmament and World peace-major disarmament efforts since World War II ; problems of nuclear proliferation.
6. Globalisation and its impact on international relations.
7. Emerging issues in world politics-Human Rights, Environment, Terrorism.
8. Commications and Information revolution and its impact on international relations and institutions.

COURSE NO. 1204  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
(Contemporary Problems)

GROUP – A

1. The United Nations Systems in Changing Global Politics : Role of the Specialised Agencies.
2. Multinational / Transnational Actors in World Politics. Role of UNCTAD, WTO, IMF & World Bank in International Relations.
3. Regional Organisations in Asia : SAARC & ASEAN.
4. European Integration : From EEC to EU.

GROUP – B

5. India's Policy towards other States : USA, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh.
6. Foreign Policy of Russia, China and USA (Post Cold War Years).
7. Regional Issues : Middle East. Palestine Question and the Arab-Israeli Conflict.
8. Latin America in World Politics since the 1990s : Select Issues.

Recommended Readings:

1. John Baylis & Steve Smith, *The Globalization of world Politics*.
2. Robert Jackson & Georg Sorensen, *Introduction to International Relations : Theories and Approaches*, Third Indian Edition.
3. Vinay Kumar Malhotra, *International Relations*, Third Edition.
4. Manton Griffiths & Terry O'Callaghan, *International Relations - the key Concepts*
5. Scott Burchill et. al. (eds.), *Theories of International Relations*, Second Edition.
6. Debnarayan Modak (ed), *Terrorism : Concepts and Problems*.
7. Raj Kumar Kathari, *From Communism to Democratic Freedom : Perestroika and New Thinking of Mikhail Gorbachev*.
8. Tapan Biswal (ed.), *International Relations*

9. B.N.Mehish, *The United Nations in the New Millenium*
10. Harsh Pant, *India's Foreign Policy in a Unipolar World.*
12. Rumki Basu, *The United Nations*
13. Sudhir Kumar Singh (ed.), *Post 9/11 Indian Foreign Policy: Challenges and Opportunities*
14. Cox and Stokes, *US Foreign Policy*
15. Peter Calvocoressi, *World Politics*
16. রাধারমণ চক্রবর্তী, সুকল্পা চক্রবর্তী, সমসাময়িক আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক, দ্বিতীয় সংস্করণ।
17. পুরুষোত্তম ভট্টাচার্য, আনন্দজ্যোতি মজুমদার, (সম্পাদিত) আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্কের রূপরেখা।
18. গৌতম কুমার বসু, আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক : তত্ত্ব ও বিবর্তন

### **THIRD SEMESTER**

### **COURSE NO. 2301**

### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION : THEORIES AND MODELS**

#### **GROUP – A**

1. Wilson and the search for a Science of Administration : the Paradigms. Development Administration (F. W. Riggs), New Public Administration.
2. Classical theories of Public Administration : Scientific Management (Taylor); Classical Administrative Theories (Fayol).
3. The Bureaucratic Model of Organisations (Weber) : Critique of Bureaucracy
4. Neo-classical Theories : Human Relations (Elton Mayo)

#### **GROUP – B**

5. System Approach in Public Administration : Chester Barnard
6. Socio-psychological approach : Views of Chris Argyris, Abraham Maslow and Rensis Likert (Major outlines)
7. Decisions making and policys making in organisations : Models of Decision-making. Herbert Simon : Rational Decision-making.
8. Issues in Public Administration : Efficiency considerations; Closed

and Open Models; Situational Theories : Role of Environment and Technology in organisations.

Recommended Readings:

1. Nicholas Henry, *Public Administration and Public Affairs*.
2. Nicos P. Mouzelis, *Organisation and Bureaucracy*.
3. Peter Self, *Administrative Theories and Politics*
4. F. Riggs, *The Ecology of Public Administration*
5. *The Public Administration Theory Primer*, H. G. Frederickson and Kelvin Smith,
6. Mohit Bhattacharya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*.
7. S. R. Maheswari, *Administrative Thinkers*.
8. Prasad, Prasad and Satyanarayana, *Administrative Thinkers*.
9. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Restructuring Public Administration*.
10. Bipattaran Ghosh and Others (BU), *Perspectives in Political Science*.
11. Ramesh Arora & Sangeeta Sharma (eds.), *Comparative and Development Administration*.
12. Public Administration Review (PAR), USA.
13. *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, IIPA
14. *The Administrator*, LBS National Academy of Administration (Mussorie)

**COURSE NO. 2302**

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA**

**GROUP – A**

1. Administrative culture in India : Bureaucratic Culture and Values, Committed Bureaucracy and Neutrality.
2. Administrative Accountability in India : Open Government and Responsive Administration, Citizen's charter.
3. Administration and the People : People's participation in Administration, Right to Information.

4. Welfare Administration in India : Social Welfare Administration at the Union and the States, Programmes for the marginal people : SC, ST, Women and Children Welfare Programmes.

### GROUP – B

5. Globalisation and Indian Administration : Impacts and Responses : Good Governance and New Public Management.
6. Reforms in Indian Administration : Phases of Administrative Reforms, Fifth Pay Commission and Administrative Reforms, the Unfinished Agendas.
7. Challenges to Administration : Political and Administrative Corruption, Ethics and Integrity in Public Administration.
8. Emerging Concerns in Public Administration : Women's Empowerment, Human Rights, E-governance.

### Recommended Readings:

1. Hoshiar Singh, *Indian Administration*.
2. Hoshiar Singh, *Expanding Horizons of Public Administration*
3. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Indian Administration*
4. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Development Administration*.
5. Mohit Bhattacharya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*
6. Noorjahan Bava (ed.), *Public Administration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*
7. R. K. Arora (ed.), *Indian Administration: Perceptions and Perspectives*.
8. K. K. Tummala, *Public Administration in India*.
9. R. K. Arora & Rajni Goyal, *Indian Public Administration*.
10. Bidyut Chakraborty & Mohit Bhattacharya, *The Governance Discourse*
11. Padma Ramachandran, *Public Administration in India*
12. M. R. Biju, *Good Governance and Administrative Practices*
13. Madhav Godbole, *Public Accountability and Transparency*
14. S. R. Maheshwari, *Public Administration in India*
15. S. R. Maheshwari, *A Dictionary of Public Administration*

16. S. R. Maheshwari, *Administrative Reforms in India*
17. S. R. Maheshwari, *Indian Administration*
18. R. K. Sapro, *Indian Administration*
19. Kamala Prasad, *Indian Administration*
20. *Indian Journal of Public Administration-IIPA (NewDelhi)*
21. J.E. Anderson, *Public Policy Making.*
22. P. H. Appleby, *Policy and Administration*
23. P. H. Appleby, *Public Administration for a Welfare State*
24. A. Avasthi & S.R. Maheshwari, *Public Administration*
25. C.I. Barnard, *The Functions of the Executive*
26. G. E. Caiden & H. Siedentoph (ed.) *Strategies of Administrative Reforms.*
27. M. Crozier, *The Bureaucratic Phenomenon*
28. M. E. Dimock, *A Philosophy of Administration*
29. P. R. Dubashi, *Recent Trends in Public Administration*
30. E. N. Gladden, *The Essential of Public Administration*
31. C. M. Jain & A. Hingar (ed.) *Administrative Culture : Premise and Perspectives*
32. J. La Palombara & M. Weiner (ed.) *Bureaucracy and Political Development*
33. B. B. Mishra, *The Bureaucracy in India : An Historical Analysis of Development upto 1947.*
34. S. R. Maheshwari, *Administrative Theories.*
35. F. A. Nigro & L. S. Nigro, *Modern Public Administration.*
36. F. W. Riggs, *The Ecology of Administration*
37. F. W. Riggs, "Modernity and Bureaucracy", *Public Administration Review*, 54 (4), Jul-Aug, 1997.
38. D. Waldo (ed.), *Ideas and Issues in Public Administration : Book of Readings.*
39. M. Weber, *The Theory of Organisation : Readings in Public Administration.*

40. L. D. White, *Introduction to the study of Public Administration*
41. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Restructuring Public Administration*
42. Brain R. Fry, *Mastering Public Administration*
43. Ashok Chanda, *Indian Administration*
44. R. K.Sapru, *Development Administration.*
45. Kuldeep Mathur, *Development Policy and Administration*
46. Nirmal Mukherjee and D. Bandyopadhyay, *New Horizons of Panchayati Raj in West Bengal*
47. *Report of the Administrative Reforms Commission, Government of India (1966)*
48. Uma Medury, *Public Administration in the Globalisation Era.*
49. Kuldeep Mathur, *From Government of Governance*
50. Nirmala Krishna Moorthy, *Children in India : A legal Perspective*
51. Neera Desai & Usha Thakkar, *Women in Indian Society*
52. Sunanda Sen, *Globalisation and Development*
53. Subhash Bhatnagar, *Unlocking E-Government Potential*
54. Bidyut Chakrabarty, *Reinventing Public Administration*
55. D. Osborne & T. Gaebler, *The Reinventing Government*
56. D. Osborne & P. Hutchinson, *The price of Government*
57. Prabhat Dutta & Payel Sen, *Good Governance and Development*
58. Raj Kiely, *Empire in the age of globalisation*

### COURSE NO. 2303

### LIBERAL POLITICAL THEORIES

#### GROUP – A

1. Study of Social Sciences as Science : Fact, Theory and Value in Social Sciences ; nature of scientific method and empirical theory.
2. Positivism and political theory : Key issues and debates
3. Liberal democratic theory : background and basic tenets of classical liberalism.

4. Debates on Liberal Democracy ; Liberal Democracy and the theory of Welfare State.

### GROUP – B

5. Postliberal theories of Democracy : contributions of C.B. Macpherson and Robert Dahl.
6. Contemporary Liberal and Neo-liberal theories : contributions of John Rawls and Robert Nozick.
7. Liberal-communitarian debate.
8. Debates between liberalism and Marxism : Key issues.

### Recommended Readings:

1. C. B. Macpherson, *Democratic Theory: Essays in Retrieval*
2. Robert Dahl, *On Democracy*
3. Bhiku Parekh, *Contemporary Political Theories*
4. John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*
5. David Held, *Political Theory and the Modern State*
6. David Held, *Modern Theory of State*
7. W. Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction*
8. Goode & Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*.
9. Sushila Ramaswamy, *Political Theory : Ideas and Concepts*.
10. John Garry, *Liberalism*
11. Andrew Heywood, *Political theory*.
12. Hall and Ikenberg, *The state*.
13. Andrew Vincent, *Theories of the state*.
14. দীপক কুমার দাস (সম্পাদিত), *রাজনীতির তত্ত্বকথা*, প্রথম ও দ্বিতীয় খণ্ড।

**COURSE NO. 2304**

**MARXIST AND NON-MARXIST THEORIES :  
CONTEMPORARY TRENDS**

**GROUP – A**

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.
2. Marxism after Marx : varieties of Marxism : an overview; contribution of Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin.
3. Marxism of Antonio Gramsci : Concept of Hegemony; Strategy of Revolution ; role of intellectuals, and party.
4. Marxism and Structuralism : Althusser's reading of Marx-the epistemological break ; Althusser on Superstructure, state and ideology.

**GROUP – B**

5. Marxism and the Third World : Contributions of Mao Ze Dong and Che Guavara.
6. Post Colonial Political Theory : key issues ; Meaning of Orientalism ; Contributions and Critique of Edward Said.
7. Emerging Issues in Contemporary Political Theory (i) Ecologism, and (ii) Multi-culturalism.
8. Feminist Political Theory : Feminism : Problems of definition ; basic issues, origin and development of feminist thought ; current feminist viewpoints : an overview.

**Recommended Readings:**

1. T. B. Bottomore et.al eds *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*
2. David McLellan, *Marxism after Marx* (New Edition)
3. David Mclellan *Ideology*
4. Alan Swingewood, *Marx and Modern Social Theory*
5. Jorge Larrain, *Marxism and Ideology*
6. Bhikhu Parekh, *Marxist Theory or Ideology*

7. R. Meszaros, *Marxist Theory of Alienation*
8. J. Hoffman, *Marxism and the Theory or Praxis*
9. Henry Lefevre, *Sociology of Marx*
10. L. Kolakowski, *Main Currents of Marxism* (3 volumes)
11. Alex Callinicos (ed.), *Marxist Theory*.
12. Joseph Femia, *Gramsci's Political Thought*
13. Antonio Gramsci, *Selections from Prison Note Books*
14. Manoranjan Mohanty, *Political Philosophy of Mao Tse Tung*
15. Stuart R. Schram, *Political Thought of Mao Tse Tung*
16. Michael Lowy, *Marxism of Che Guevara*.
17. Bikash Chakraborty, *Che : The Iconoclast*
18. I. Lavretsky, *Ernesto Che Guevara*
19. Alan Finlayson (ed) *Contemporary Political Thought: A Reader & Guide*
20. Peter Barry, *Beginning Theory*
21. John Mcleod, *Beginning Post-Colonialism*
22. Padmini Mongia (ed.) *Contemporary Post-Colonial Theory: A Reader*.
23. Leela Gandhi, *Post-colonial Theory: A Critical Introduction*
24. Edward Said, *Orientalism*.
25. Ziauddin Sarder, *Orientalism*.
26. David Lyon, *Post-modernity*
27. Jane Freedman, *Feminism*
28. Chris Beasley, *What is Feminism? An Introduction to Feminist Theory*
29. Anand Prakash (ed.), *Marxism*
30. Terence Ball and Richard Bellamy (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Twentieth Century Political Thought*
31. Andrew Vincent, *Political Theory: Tradition and Diversity*
32. Andrew Vincent *Modern Political Ideologies*

33. Buddhadev Bhattacharya, *Prasanga Lenin*
34. Tom Batomore, *Marxio Samajtatta, (Bhasantar: Himanghsu Ghosh)*
35. Sobhanlal Dattagupta O Utpal Ghosh, *Marxio Samajtatta*
36. Narahari Kaviraj, (ed.), *Gramsei, Jibon O Tatta*
37. Ajit Roy, *Antonio Gramsei: Jibon O Tatta*
40. Sobhanlal Dattagupta, *Antonio Gramsei: Bichar-Bishleson (2 vols)*
41. Sourin Chattopadhyay & Samik Bandyopadhyay (eds.), *Antonio Gramsei: Nirbachito Rachana Sangraha*
42. I. Lyavoreski, *Arnesto Che Guevara (Bhasantar: Mukul Guha)*
43. Asok Bhattacharya, *Che Guevara: Barnomoy Jibon O Sangram*
44. *Che Guevara, Gerila Juddah (Bhasantar: Asok Bhattacharya)*
45. Suhit Sen (ed.): *Latin America O Cuba: Biplabi Sangramer Dhara*
46. Chiranjeeb Sur (ed.), *Manan Bishwa Parichoy (3 vols)*

**FOUTTH SEMESTER  
SPECIAL PAPER**

**GROUP – A  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

**COURSE NO. 2401/A  
THEORIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
GROUP – A**

1. Local Government and Local Politics : Decentralisation: advantages and limitations, Forms of decentralization.
2. The debate between Centralisation and Decentralisation. Three Generations in Decentralisation Theory.
3. The case for Local Government, Approaches to the study of Local Government.
4. Decentralisation, Development, and People's Participation.

## GROUP – B

5. Decentralisation in Liberal Theories : Views of Mill, Bryce and Tocqueville, Gandhi's views on Local Government.
6. Theories of Local Government and Democracy : The Localist view; Dual State Thesis; The Local State Thesis.
7. Decentralisation in Developing Countries : the changing role of Local Government ; Local Government in Bangladesh.
8. Typology of Local Government : the basic patterns : Role and functions of local bodies in developed countries : UK and USA.

### Recommended Readings:

1. M. A. Muttalib & Md. Akbar Alikha, *Theory of Local Government*.
2. Dennis A. Rondinelli & G. Shabbir Cheema, *Decentralisation in Developing Countries*.
3. Abdul Aziz & David D. Arnold (ed.), *Decentralised Governance in Asian Countries*.
4. Brian C. Smith, *Decentralisation*.
5. Jones & Stewart, *The Case for Local government*.
6. Dilys M. Hill, *Democratic Theory and Local Government*.
7. Garry Stoker, *The Politics of Local Government*
8. Abhijit Datta (ed.), *Local Government*.
9. David Wilson and Chris Game, *The Future of Local Government*.
10. Haerold Alderfer, *Local Government in Developing Countries*
11. Hubert J. B. Allen, *Cultivating the Grassroots*
12. Cynthia Cockburn, *The Local State*
13. Manuel Castells, *The Urban Question*
14. Bryce, *Modern Democracies*
15. J.S. Mill, *The Representative Government*
16. Tocqueville, *Democracy in America, (Vol-I)*
17. S. N. Sau (ed.), *Decentralisation, Planning and Participatory Development*



5. Sue Goss, *Making Local Government Work*
6. Richard Batley and Gerry Stoker, *Local Government in Europe.*
7. David Wilson and Chris Game, *Local Government in the United Kingdom*
8. T.M. Joseph (ed.), *Local Governance in India*
9. David Wilson & Chris Game, *The Future of Local Government*
10. Gerry Stoker, *The Politics of Local Government*
11. Herold Alderfer, *Local Government in Developing Countries*
12. Dharendra Vajpai (ed.), *Local Government & Politics in the Third World*
13. John L. Seith, *The Politics of Development – An Introduction to Global Issues*
14. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Urban Government*
15. Asok Mukhopadhyay, *Municipal Government and Urban Development*
16. Anil Kumar Jana, *Administering District Plans in India*
17. Sachinandan Sau (ed.), *Decentralisation Planning and Participatory Development*
18. Biswanath Chakraborty, *People Participation in West Bengal Panchayat System*
19. Mohit Bhattacharya, *Development Administration* (More references will be given in the class)

**COURSE NO. 2403/A**

**RURAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA**

**(Special emphasis on West Bengal)**

**GROUP – A**

1. Scope and Significance of Rural Local Government in India- Evolution of Rural Local Government in India up to 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment.
2. The Seventy Third Amendment and the Rural Local Government in India – A Critical Review : the structural and Functional Dimensions.

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.
4. Autonomy in Panchayati Raj : State Control of PRIs in India- the West Bengal Experience.

### GROUP – B

5. Local Government Finance : Pattern of Fiscal Decentralisation 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.
6. Personnel Administration of Rural Local Government : the Panchayat Personnel Administration in West Bengal.
7. Politics of Panchayati Raj : State Politics and PRIs : West Bengal Panchayats as Political Institutions. The Emerging pattern of Rural Leadership.
8. Major Issues in Panchayati Raj System in India : Impact of Women's Participation, Panchayats and Poverty Alleviation, Rural-Urban Transition and Panchayats.

### Recommended Readings:

1. Asok Kumar Mukhopadhyaya, Panchayat Administration in West Bengal (Revised Edn: 1991)
2. Pravat Datta, Second Generation Panchayats in India (1992)
3. Pravat Datta, *Panchayats, Rural Development and Local Autonomy* (2001)
4. Biswanath Chakraborty, People's Participation in West Bengal and Panchayat System (2008)
5. Budhadeb Ghosh and Girish Kumar, *State Politics and Panchayats in India* (2003)
6. Moitreee Bhattacharya, *Panchayati Raj in West Bengal: Decentralisation or Democratic Centralism* (2002)
7. Dwaipayana Bhattacharya, *Local Governance in India: Decentralisation and Beyond* (2006)

8. Harihar Bhattacharya, *Micro-Foundation of Bengal Communism (1998)*
9. Neil Webster, *Panchayati Raj and the Decentralisation or Development Planning in West Bengal (1992)*
10. Ross Mallick, *Development Policy of a Communist Government: West Bengal since 1977 (1993)*
11. G. K. Lieten, *Continuity and Change in Rural West Bengal (1992)*
12. G. K. Lieten, *Development, Devolution and Democracy: Village Discourses in West Bengal (1996)*
13. G. K. Lieten, *Power, Politics and Rural Development: Essays on India (2003)*
14. K. Westergaard, *People's Participation, Local Government and Rural Development, The Case of West Bengal (CDR Research Report-8, Copenhegen)*
15. A. S. Altekar, *State and Government in Ancient India (1958)*
16. Radhakumud Mukherjee, *Local Government in Ancient India (1920) (Reprinted 1989)*
17. R. V. Jathar, *Evolution of Panchayati Raj in India*
18. Mohoit Bhattacharya and Pravat Datta, *Governing Rural India (1990)*
19. Swapan Pramanick and Pravat Datta, *Panchayat and People: The West Bengal Experience (1994)*
20. Pravat Datta and Panchali Sen, *Women and Panchayats in West Bengal: An Exploratory Study (2003)*
21. George Mathew, *Panchayati Raj: From Legislation to Movement (1994)*
22. George Mathew, (ed.), *Status of Panchayati Raj in States of India (2000)*
23. Manoranjan Mohanty, Richard Baum, Rong Ma, George Mathew (eds.), *Grass-roots Democracy in India and China: The Right to Participate (2007)*
24. S. N. Jha and P. C. Mathur (eds.), *Decentralisation and Local Politics (1999)*



2. Marina R. Pinto, *Metropolitan City Governance in India*.
3. K. Sivaramakrishnan et. el. *Handbooks of Urbanisation In India*.
4. Rabhahai Chatterji (ed.), *Politics India : State Society Interface, (Revised edition)*
5. West Beupal Municipal Act, 1993.
6. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act. 1980.
7. Joseph Gugler (ed.), *The Urban Transformation of the Developing world*.
8. Mohit Bhattachrya, *Essays in Urban Government*.
9. Bidyut Mohaty (ed.), *Urbanization in Develoforing Countries*.
10. The Countitution (74the Amendment Act), 1992.
11. Manucl castells, *The urban Question*
12. D. B. Rosenthal (ed.), *The City in Indian Polities*.
13. Old enlery, *Big City Goverment in India*.
14. প্রভাত দত্ত, স্থানীয় স্বায়ত্ত্ব শাসন ও উন্নয়ন : পশ্চিমবঙ্গ

### SPECIAL PAPER

### GROUP – B

### SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

### COURSE NO. 2401/B

### THEORETICAL ISSUES

### GROUP – A

1. Nature and Definition of Social and Political Movement ; Conceptual Problems ; Ideology, Organisation and Leadership
2. Typology of Social and Political Movements
3. Representative Theories of Social and Political Movements
4. Globalisation and Transnational Social Movements

### GROUP–B

5. Liberal theories of Revolution : Ted Gurr and Charles Tilly
6. Frantz Fanen and African revolution
7. Re.... Debrag and Latin American revolution

8. Theories of Non-violence : Thoreau and Ranis

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Paul Wilkinson, *Social Movement*
2. Ghanashyam Shah (ed.), *Social Movements and the State*
3. Rajendra Singh, *Social Movements: Old and New: A Post-Modernist Critique*
4. Stan Taylor, *Social Science and Revolution*
5. Jack Woddis, *New Theories of Revolution*
6. R. R. Diwakar, *Saga of Satyagraha*
7. John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*
8. W. Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy: for Introduction*

**COURSE NO. 2402/B**

**SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN  
COLONIAL PERIOD  
GROUP – A**

1. Religious Reform Movements in Colonial India
  - a) Expression of National awakening
  - b) Religio Reform Movements in India : Brahmo Samaj Movement, Arya Samaj Movement, Ramkrishna Mission and Aligarh Movement
2. Trends in National Movements in India : Moderate and Extremist
3. Gandhi and the Nationalist Movement in India
4. Peasant Movements : from Santal rebellion to Telengana uprising

**GROUP – B**

5. Working class Movements
6. Students' Movements
7. Social and Communist Movements : Origin, Ideology and Programme of action
8. Satyagrah Movements : An overview

### Recommended Readings:

1. G. R. Sharma & Moin Shakir, *Politics and Society*
2. Bipin Chandra, *India's Struggle for Independence*
3. A. R. Desai (ed.), *Peasant Struggle in India*
4. A. R. Desai, *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*
5. A. R. Desai (ed.), *Agrarian Struggles in India*
6. R. C. Majumdar, *History of the Freedom Movement in India, Vol.III*
7. K. S. Singh (ed.), *Tribal Movements in India, Vol.IV*

### **COURSE NO. 2403/B**

### **SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN POST- INDEPENDENCE INDIA**

#### **GROUP – A**

1. Social and Political Movements : Conceptual Issues; Distinctive Features of the Social and Political Movements in Post-colonial India; Different phases
2. 'New' Social Movements in Contemporary India : Socio-political background of its emergence-'old' or 'classical' and 'new' movements : basic differences.
3. Agrarian Movement in Post-Independence India : Basic Features; Changing Character; Different Phases; Farmer's Movement in Contemporary India
4. Working Class Movements in India after Independence : Changing nature of political trade-unionism; Case Studies of Selected Movements; Challenges before the trade union movements in the era of globalization.

#### **GROUP –B**

5. Post-Gandhi Gandhian Movements in India : Different streams of post-Gandhi Gandhian in India ; Select Movements
6. Left Movements in Post-Independence India : Changing Strategies
7. Rise of Left-extremism and the emergence of Naxalite Movement : Contemporary realities and the state of Left Movements in India.



24. Tarun Kumar Banerjee, Naxalite Movement : Currents and Cross-Current.
24. Sukomal Sen, Bharate Shramik Aandoloner Itihash (1830-2000)
25. Sobhanlal Dattagupta, Swadhin Bharate Samyabadi Aandolan: Rajniti O Gatipraktiti
26. Jayanta Bhattacharya, Paschimbanga: Jomir Aandoloan O Bhumisanskar
27. Kalyani Bandyopadhaya, Rajniti O Nari Shakti
28. Sajal Basu, Aanchalik Aandolon
29. Anil Acharya (ed.), Shat-Sattarer Chattra Aandolan

**COURSE NO. 2404/B**

**REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN ASIA, AFRICA AND  
LATIN AMERICA : AN OVERVIEW**

**GROUP – A :**

**ASIA**

1. People's Democratic Revolution in China
2. Liberation Movement in Vietnam
3. Trotskyist (JVP) Movement in Ceylon
4. *Muktiyuddha* in Bangladesh

**GROUP – B :**

**AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA**

5. Algerian Revolution
6. Cuban Revolution
7. Nicaraguan Revolution
8. Bolivarian Revolution (Venezuela)

**Recommended Readings:**

1. Ho Kan-Chih, A History of Chinese Revolution
2. Kathleen Gough and Hari P. Sharma (eds.), Imperialism and Revolution in South Asia
3. Robin Blackbeera (ed.), Explosion in the Subcontinent



## GROUP – B

5. Systemic and other divergences between South Asian States: asymmetrical power relationship
6. Cooperation among South Asian States-institutional and other arrangements
7. Conflict and Competition among South Asian States-ethno-political, economic and other issues
8. Security dilemmas in the South Asian region

### Recommended Readings:

1. Urmila Phadnis, Rajat Ganguly, *Ethnicity and Nation Building in South Asia*
2. N. C. Behela (ed.), *International Relations in South Asia*
3. Eric Gonsalves, Nancy Jetly, *The Dynamics of South Asia: Regional Cooperation and SAARC*
4. Ross Mallick, *Development Ethnicity and Human Rights in South Asia*
5. Amita Shastri and others, *The Post-colonial States of South Asia*

## COURSE NO. 2403/C

### BASIC ISSUES IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### GROUP – A

1. Scientific Research : basic characteristics-difference between scientific and normative research-value of scientific research
2. Empiricism (Positivism) vs. Philosophical Approach -Positivism and its limitations-Durkheim and Max Weber-‘Verstehen’ and its critique
3. Hermeneutics and social science research
4. The researcher and the social system : Science as a system of norms  
The Scientist’s role and functions-status of the Scientist

#### GROUP – B

5. Logic of Inquiry : Science and Logic-Elements of logical analysis  
validity and truth-types of reasoning-strategies in research

6. Research design-meaning-goals of research design-formulating a research design-characteristics of good research design
7. Sampling : meaning-purposes and principles of sampling-types of sampling-sampling in qualitative research
8. Theory and Research : theoretical assumptions and theory building - the role of theory in scientific research

**Recommended Readings:**

1. John Pheby, *Methodology and Economics*
2. C. R. Kothari, *Research Methodology*
3. Goode & Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*
4. N. Lawrence Neuman, *Social Research Methods*
5. Pauline V. Young, *Scientific Social Survey and Research*
6. Gideon Sjberg & Roger Nett, *A Methodology for Social Research*
7. Ram Ahuja, *Research Methods*
8. D. K. Lal Das, *Practice of Social Research*
9. Ralhahari Chatterji, *Methods of political Inquiry.*
10. Peter Buronham et. al., *Research Methods in Politics.*
11. Frank Parhin, *Max weber.*
12. Anthouy Giddens, *New Rules of Sociological Method.*
13. Dante Germino, *Beyond Ideology.*

**COURSE NO. 2404/C**

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**GROUP – A**

1. Why learn methodology ? Methods and methodology in Social Science Research : Dilemmas and Perspectives
2. Basic elements of Research : Concepts, Hypothesis : Definition and characteristics of usable hypotheses, Variables : types and relation among variables
3. Survey research : Definition, origin and development of survey research. Steps in survey research. Problems and limitations of survey research. Some solutions to the problem of survey research

4. Techniques of survey research : Interview : Advantages and disadvantages. Questionnaire : Merits and demerits

### GROUP – B

5. Participant observation : Meaning and definition, Modes of participant observation, Advantages and Disadvantages of participant observation
6. Aggregate data analysis : What are aggregate data ? Sources of aggregate data Uses of aggregate data Use aggregate data as indicators and its problems, Analysis of aggregate data : univariate analysis, bivariate analysis and multivariate analysis
7. The Practice of field research : Problem selection, Choosing a site and gaining access, Establishing rapport with the respondents, Recording observation and analyzing data. The theory of field research Ethical and political issues of field work
8. Qualitative and Quantitative Research

### Recommended Readings:

1. Rakhahari Chatterjee, *Methods of Political Inquiry*
2. William J. Goode and Paul K. Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*
3. Morris Roserberg, *The Logic of Survey analysis*
4. Wilkinson and Bhandarkar, *Methodology and Techniques of Social Research*
5. J. Selltiz et.al., *Research Methods in Social Relations*
6. G. A. Lundberg, *Social Research*
7. J. Goldthorpe, *Sociological Research Methods*

