M.A. Syllabus for Political Science

Sidho – Kanho – Birsha University

Total Marks: 1000

Compulsory Courses: 50marks x 15 course = 750

Special Courses: 50 marks x 5 courses = 250

Mid –term Assessment in each courses = 10 marks.

(There shall be at least 25 lectures per Group carrying 25 marks)

First Semester:

Course No:- 101- Enlightenment and its critics.

Course No :- 102 - Political theories and ideas.

Course No :- 103-Political Sociology.

Course No :- 104- Comparative Politics.

Course No :- 105 - Modern Indian Political Thought.

Second Semester:

Course No :- 201- Modern Indian Political Movements.

Course No :- 202- Constitution & Constitutional Politics in India.

Course No :- 203- Politics in India (Issues and challenges).

Course No :- 204- Public Administration.

Course No :- 205- Development Administration.

Third Semester:

Course No :- 301- Concept & theories of International relation.

Course No :- 302- Contemporary Issues in World Politics.

Course No :- 303- Local self-Government

Course No :- 304- Social Foundations of India Politics.

Course No :- 305- Research Methodology.

Fourth Semester: Special Groups: A, B, C.

Group:- A :- Modern India : Society and Politics.

Group:- B :- Third World and contemporary International Relations.

Group:-C :- Human Rights and Woman Studies.

Group – A

Course No :- 401/A – Politics in India : Concepts and Perspectives.

Course No :- 402 /A –Constitutional Law of India.

Course No :- 403 /A –Political economy of development.

Course No :- 404 /A –India and the World.

Course No :- 405 /A –Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)

Group – B

Course No :- 401/B – South and South Asia Politics.

Course No :- 402 /B –Politics in the Middle East.

Course No :- 403 /B – Developing Countries and International Organization.

Course No :- 404 /B –Globalization and Contemporary World politics.

Course No :- 405 /B –Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)

Group – C

Course No :- 401 /C –Human Rights.

Course No :- 402 /C –Woman Studies : History of Evolution.

Course No :- 403 /C –Feminism : Theories and Practice.

Course No :- 404 /C –Woman and legal actions.

Course No :- 405/ C –Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)

First Semester :

Course No :- 101 Enlightenment and its critics.

Group – A

1 . Background to European Enlightenment.

2 . Kant and Enlightenment.

3. Hegel's criticism – concept of Civil Society.

4. Hegel's concept of State – Feuerbach.

Group – B

1 . Marx and the Hegelians.

2 . Right Hegelians – Nietzsche : theory of superman.

3 . Modernity and its Criticism – rice of Postmodernism.

4 . Feminist Critique of Enlightenment.

Course No :- 102 Political theories and ideas.

Group – A

1 . Political Theory : Nature & Scope : Decline & Resurgence of Political Theory.

2 . Back ground to the rise of liberalism : Modern and Classical Liberalism Neo-liberalism.

3 . Contemporary Liberalism **–**

i.Rawl's theory of justice.

ii. Nozick's reconstruction of liberal political theory.

Group – B

1 . Ideology : Origin, Role of Ideology.

2. Democracy : The concept, Evolution of its meaning, types of democracy.

3 . Individual and social justice: Amartya Sen's Concept of justice and development.

Course No :- 103 Political Sociology.

Group – A

1 . Political sociology : An Introduction.

2 . Concepts of power and Authority – Elite Theories and typologies of authority.

3. Groups in Politics**.**

4 . Capitalism and Class.

Group – B

1 . Ethnicity, nation and Nationalism.

2. Politics of identity.

3 . Sociology of State – State formation .

4 . Sociology of Development – Role of Tradition and Modernity – Globalization.

Course No :- 104 Comparative Politics.

Group – A

1 . Comparative Politics : Scope and Methods.

2 . Political Mobilization, Participation – Elections & Electoral Process.

3 . Political Communication- Role and Functions of Media.

4 . Parliamentarianism and Corporatism.

Group – B

1 . Political parties: party system and role of Political parties in Democracies.

2 . 'New' Social Movements-issue of Gender , Sexuality, Environment.

3 . Politics of Authoritarianism.

4 . Decolonization and Politics of post- Coloniality.

Course No :- 105 Modern Indian Political Thought.

Group – A

1 . Perspectives on Nation and Nationalism – 'Modernity' debate.

2 . Social and Political Thought of early reformers; Rammohn, Vidyasagar, and Bankimchandra.

3 . Tagore: Language of Nationalism and 'Swadeshi Samaj'**.**

4 . Gandhi: Theory of i)Satyagraha, ii) Non-Violence and iii) State**.**

Group – B

1 . Subhas Chandra Bose : Political ideas his concepts of Development and

Reconstruction.

2 . Nehru : Concept of Nationalism and Development.

3 . Socialists and Indian Political Thought :Lohia and Jayapraksh.

4 . Critiques of mainstream nationalism: Jyotirao Phule , B.R Ambedkar and Jaipal Singh.

Second Semester:

Course No :- 201 Modern Indian Political Movements.

Group – A

1 . Approaches to the study of modern Indian Political Movements.

2. Early Rebellions against the British Raj – Indigo Revolt, Santhal Rebellion etc.

3. The Revolt of 1857 : Debate on the First War of Independence.

4 . Swadeshi Movement.

Group – B

1 . Gandhi Movements.

2 . Agrarian Movements in Postcolonial India.

3 . Working class Movements in Postcolonial.

4. Human Rights Movements.

Course No :- 202 Constitution & Constitutional Politics in India.

Group – A

1 . Framing of the Constitution: Major Debates on 1) Reservation and the Question of Justice and 2) Autonomy of the 'Tribal' Regions.

2. Philosophy of the Indian Constitution – Major shifts.

3. Democracy and Constitutionalism.

4. Politics of Reservation.

Group – B

1 . Minorities and Minority Politics.

2 . The Lokpal Debate – Corruption and Criminalization of Politics in India.

3 . Judicial Activism and the question of Parliamentary Sovereignty.

4 . Accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India. Issues and present relationship between Jammu and Kashmir and India.

Course No: - 203 Politics in India (Issues and challenges).

Group – A

1 . Perspective on the study of Indian Politics**.**

2 . Nature of the Indian State.

3 . Communities and Community – based Politics – role of caste, Class and

Ethnicity.

4 . Regionalism and Region Movements.

Group – B

1 . Women And Politics.

2 . Critiques of Secularism, communal Politics and communal violence.

3 . State Politics: Role of Sub – State, Inter – State and Trans – State Politics.

4 . Politics in West Bengal: The left Experiment and the Dynamics of Regime Change.

Course No :- 204 Theories and concepts of Public Administration.

Group – A

1 . Development of Public Administration as a discipline-nature and scope.

2 . Early Theories and Public Administration: Scientific Management Theory, Classical Approach and Human Relation Approach.

3 . New Public Administration.

4 . Decision Making Approach.

Group – B

1 . Critical Theory of Public Organization.

2 . Marxist Theory of Bureaucracy.

3 . Organizational Theory.

4 . Changing model of Public Administration – e – Governance.

Course No: - 205 Development Administration.

Group – A

1 . Origins of Development Administration; Nature and scope.

2 . Fred Riggs of 'prismatic trap' and Development Administration.

3 . Bureaucratic Neutrality; Debate on 'Committed' Bureaucracy.

4 . Development Administration and it's Challenges of Policy Implementation.

Group – B

1 . Role of Non State Actors in development Administration.

2 . Critiques in the Theory of Development Administration.

3 . Radical Challenges to Development- Administering post Development.

4 . Public Administration in the Age of Globalization-Global Governance and the Role of Global Multilateral Institutions.

Third Semester:

Course No: - 301 Concept & theories of International Relations.

Group – A

1 . International Relation as a discipline – Relationship with Political Science.

2 . Scientific approach to International Relation: The debate between tradition and Science.

3 . Realism and Critique.

4 . Approaches to the Political Economy of International Relations.

Group – B

1 . Positivism and Post- Positivism in International Relation.

2 . Post- Positivism intervention in the study of International Relations**I :** Normative theory and critical theory.

3 . Post- Positivism intervention in the study of International Relations **II :** Constructivism, Postmodernism and feminism.

4 . Evolution of the post war International Relations : Cold war , Détente , New Cold War , Post-Cold War , Era and Debate on Unipolarity.

Course No :- 302 Contemporary Issues in World Politics.

Group – A

1 . Post-Cold WarEra and the Crisis of the Sovereign State.

2 . Globalization and its impact: From International Relations to world Politics.

3. Human Rights and Humanitarian Inventions.

4 . Environmental Challenges climate changes and Environmental Disasters – Evolution of Environmental Regimes.

Group – B

1 . Migration in the age of Globalization-Refugees and IDPS – International refugees Protection regimes and UN guiding principles.

2 . Resource crisis and resource Politics with Special Reference to Africa.

3 . Terrorism as a Global Challenge – War on Terror and Global Anti – terror initiatives.

4 . Security Threats in the Contemporary World : From National to Human Security.

Course No :- 303 Local self-Government

Group – A

1 . Concept of local Government – its objectives and rationale – limitation of local Government – impact of globalization on local Government.

2 . Evolution – Constitutional Provisions, different Committees and Commissions on PRIs, Peoples participations.

3. 73rd Constitutional amendment Act – Panchayet after Post constitutional amendment Act.

Group – B

1 . Evolution of Municipal Government – Types – Constitutional position – different committee and commission.

2 . 74th constitutional amendment Act : its significance, metropolitan personal, relation with Government, Governance and nature and pattern of urbanization in India.

3 .success and failure of local Government in India.

Course No :- 304 -- Social Foundations of India Politics.

Group – A

1 . Background : Nature of Indian Nationalism and Colonialism – British Administrative Structure and its impact, Modernization of society during British rule.

2 . Political Culture in India: basic traits – ideas and values; traditional vs. modernity debate –Tolerance – Violence and non-violence – Cultural Pluralism.

3 . Social Structure – Caste: Modernization Process – Politics of backward caste and Scheduled Caste – Scheduled Tribe – OBC.

Group – B

1 . Language and Politics : Linguistic Structure in India – Language issues during National Movement, Language Politics after Independence.

2 . Religion in India : British Policy, National Movement and Partition of India, Communal Problems in Independent India-Socio- Economic and Psychological dimensions of communal riots- Secularism in practice.

3. Regional dimensions in India: Diversity, Regional identity and National integration – Cotemporary Regional Movements in India.

Course No: - 305 Research Methodology.

1 . Nature of Social Research – Types of Social Research.

2 . Basic Research Designs: Conventional Research Designs – Exploratory Research Designs – Descriptive research designs – Experimental Research design.

3 . Sampling and Sampling design – probability and non-probability sampling.

4 . Methods of date collection – Source of data-observation: Types of observation-

Interview – types of Interview.

Questionnaire: Contents and formats of questions.

5 . Data processing and analysis: data processing – coding of data-data analysis-

Tabulation- concept analysis: purpose of content analysis – application of

content analysis.

Fourth Semester

Course No :- 401/A – Politics in India : Concepts and Perspectives.

Group – A

1 . Mapping Politics in India: Contending Perspectives.

2 . The Federal Setting and the Rise of State Politics.

3.Rise of Regionalism and Regional Movements.

4 .'Regions within Regions' – The Growth of Sub – Regional Politics.

Group – B

1 . Civil Society and Public Institution.

2 . Political Culture in India.

3 . The Secular basis of Indian Polity and its Crisis.

4 . State of democracy.

Course No :- 402 /A Constitutional Law of India

Group-A

1. The Historical Background
2. Outstanding features of the Constitution
3. Fundamental rights and fundamental duties

Group- B

1. The Union Judiciary –The Supreme Court
2. The State Judiciary
3. Personal Laws in relation to the Constitution

Course No :- 403 /A – Political economy of development.

Group – A

1 . India's Political Economy : Contending Approaches.

2 . Changes in Agrarian Economy – Types of peasant Mobilization in Rural India.

3 . Agrarian changes in Class and Relations.

4 . Changing Strategies of Industrialization during the Five – Year – Plans – Role of Industrial Bourgeoisies and the Indian State.

Group – B

1 . Developing India in the Age of Globalization – The Economic Meltdown and its impact.

2 . The State of Indian State in the Age of Globalization.

3 . Globalization and its impact **I.** Environmental Issues.

4 . Globalization and its impact.**II.** Population Displacement and the Legal Regime of Land Acquisition.

Course No: - 404 /A – India and the World.

Group – A

1 . Contending Approaches to the study India; Foreign Policy and Relations.

2 . Origins of Indian's Foreign policy – Non-Alignment as the Paradigm during the Cold war period.

3 . The Decline of Non-Alignment in the Post-Cold War Era.

4 . India's Emergence as a 'Soft Power' – Redefining Security.

Group – B

1 . Evolution of India's Nuclear Policy.

2 . Bilateral Relations: USA, Russia and The EU.

3 . India and her Neighborhood.

4 . India and the transnational Issues: Terrorism, Climate Change and Human Right.

Course No: - 405 /A – Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)

Course No: - 401/B – South and South Asia Politics.

Group – A

1. South Asia as a Regional entity: Cooperation among South Asian States – Institutional and other arrangements.

2 . Historical background of movement for new International Economic Order (NIEO): Economic Relations between North and South.

3 . Religion and Politics in South.

Group – B

1 . Emerging Powers: China and India and their Economic and Political Relations.

2 . Political Development in Bangladesh-Evolution of sectarian conflicts in Pakistan and the changing face of Islamic violence.

3. Ethno-Nationalism and the Politics of Terror in India's North-East: An overview.

Course No: - 402 /B – Politics in the Middle East.

Group – A

1 . Arab Unity and interference from the outside World.

2 . The creation of Israel and the Arab-Israel War.

3 . Oil Politics in Middle-East.

4 . Search for Democracy: Jasmine Revolution in Middle-East.

Group – B

1 . Revival of Islam in Middle-East – Conflict with West.

2 . Conflict between Iraq and Iran – Iraq invasion in kuet – Gulf War – USA Invasion in Iraq.

3 . Iran's Search for Nuclear Power – Conflict with USA.

4 . Monarchy in Saudi Arabia its special Relation with West.

Course No :- 403 /B – Developing Countries and International Organization.

Group – A

1 . Domestic Politics and Developing World.

2 . Common features and common problems of Developing Countries (Economic and Social Problems).

3 . India and her Neighborhood: Indo-Pak, Indo-Srilanka, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh Relations.

Group – B

1 . Changing Global Politics and the role of UNO with special reference to Specialized Agencies.

2 . Indian Participation in UNO; Reform of UN and India's case for permanent membership of the Security Council.

3 . Asia Pacific economic Co-operation: ASEAN, G8

Course No: - 404 /B – Globalization and Contemporary World politics.

Group – A

1 . Globalization: Different views.

2 . Globalization and State Sovereignty.

3 . Globalization and its impact on Political Economy : Major Land Marks.

Group – B

1 . Globalization and role of WTO.

2 . Globalization, Development issues and Environmental Politics.

3 . Globalization and Localization.

Course No :- 405 /B – Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)

Course No: - 401 /C – Human Rights.

Group – A

1 . Brief History of Human Rights – Philosophical, Legal and Political Perspectives on Human Rights.

2 . The United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human rights – Civil and Political Rights – Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – Cultural Relativism.

3 . Human Rights protection mechanisms in International Law the Concept of sovereignty.

4 . Women and Children.

Group – B

1 . Crimes against Humanity.

2 . Genocide.

3 . State Crimes – Torture, Encounter, Custodial violence and disappearances.

4 . Truth Commissions.

Course No :- 402 /C – Woman Studies : History of Evolution.

Group – A

1 . Concepts and needs for women studies.

2 . Scope of woman studies – Woman studies as an academic discipline.

3 . Women's movements Pre-Independent, Post Independent and current women's Movements.

4 . Women in development (WID), Women and Development (WAD), Gender and Development (GAD).

Group – B

1 . National Committees and Commissions for Woman.

2. Government Organizations for women – Dept. of women and child Development.

3 . Women and NGOs.

4 . Empower and Women in India: Social ,Economic and Political.

Course No :- 403 /C – Feminism : Theories and Practice.

Group – A

1 . Liberal feminism – Rationality, Freedom , Education.

2 . Marxist Feminism – Production, Re-production, Class Alienation, Marriage and family.

3 . Radical Feminism – Gender Patriarchy, Reproductive Technology, Motherhood.

4 . Socialist feminism – Class and Gender, Division of labour, Unified and dual system, Exploitation.

Group – B

1 . Girl child in society – child labourers – Changing role of Women-Marriage-Single parent - Motherhood – Widows.

2 . Indian women – Family, Caste, Class, Culture Religion, Social System.

3 . Portrayal of women in Mass Media (Cinema, TV, Print Media)

4 . Information Technology – Impact on women's development

Course No :- 404 /C – Woman and legal actions.

1 . Indian Constitutions – and the provisions relating to women.

2 . Personal laws – violence against women – legal protection.

3 . Family Courts – Enforcement machinery – Police and Judiciary.

4. IPC – Provisions relating to women.

5 . Human Rights as women Rights.

Course No: - 405/ C – Dissertation (Including Group Discussion, Seminar Presentation.)