



**Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi**

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A (Prog) DSE
Paper Title:	Themes in Comparative Political Theory
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	VII
Faculty:	Dr Deepika
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	After completing this course, the students will be able to: • Understand how Political Theory draws from and is shaped by both western and Indian traditions. • Appreciate the value and distinctiveness of Comparative Political Theory • Understanding, comparing and interrelating the leading theories, literature, and approaches in the political theory • Building a comparative analysis and framework to understand, relate and challenge the concepts that appreciate different traditions, norms and practices. • Understanding the inter-relationships between different	As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calendar	Conceptualise political thought

	traditions and their effects on societies.		
			Features of Indian political thought
			Features of Western political thought
			Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought
II		As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calendar	Statecraft: Machiavelli
			Machiavelli
			Statecraft: Kautilya
			Kautilya
			Statecraft: Machiavelli and Kautilya
III		As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calendar	Inequality: Rousseau
			Rousseau
			Inequality: Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
			Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
			Inequality: Rousseau and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
IV		As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calendar	Democracy -J S Mill
			J S Mill
			Democracy - B R Ambedkar
			B R Ambedkar
			Democracy J S Mill and B R Ambedkar
			Socialism - Marx
			Marx
			Socialism- Lohia
			Lohia
			Socialism Marx and Lohia

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought
II	Statecraft: Machiavelli and Kautilya
III	Inequality: Rousseau and Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
IV	Democracy J S Mill and B R Ambedkar Socialism Marx and Lohia
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Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
		12	
		12	

	• Class Test • Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) • Activity 1 • Activity 2 • Attendance	20 15 5	40
3.	Practical • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		