



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA(H)
Paper Title:	State Politics in India DSE-1a
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	III
Faculty:	Dr, Kuldip Kumar
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the nature and dynamics of state politics in India.	Lecture	State politics in India
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2	The objective of this topic is to help students understand the historical process and constitutional basis of the reorganisation and formation of states in India. It enables them to examine the role of linguistic, cultural, administrative, and regional factors in state formation and to appreciate its significance for Indian federalism and national integration.	Lecture	States reorganisation and formation of states
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	The objective of this topic is to help students understand the nature and significance of agrarian politics in India. It enables them to analyse the role of farmers, agrarian movements, rural interests, and government policies in shaping	Lecture	Agrarian politics

	state politics and influencing democratic governance.		
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4	The objective of this topic is to help students understand the political economy of development and economic reforms in Indian states. It enables them to analyse how state governments formulate and implement development policies, manage resources, and address regional inequalities in the context of liberalisation, governance, and inclusive growth.	Lecture	Political economy of development and reforms in the states
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5	The objective of this topic is to help students understand the nature and dynamics of electoral politics in Indian states. It enables them to analyse the role of political parties, voting behaviour, elections, representation, and factors influencing political outcomes at the state level.	Lecture	Electoral politics in states
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Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	UNIT – I (9 hours) State politics in India Relevance and frameworks of analysis
II	UNIT – II (9 hours) States reorganisation and formation of states

III	UNIT – III (9 hours) Agrarian politics Rise of an agrarian capitalist class, rural markets, land acquisition and farmers’ movements
IV	UNIT – IV (9 hours) Political economy of development and reforms in the states Policy, politics, and regional business.
V	UNIT – V (9 hours) Electoral politics in states Political parties, leadership, and mobilisation
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
I	Kumar, A. (2016) Introduction, in <i>Rethinking State Politics in India-Regions Within Regions</i>, Taylor and Francis. Pai, Sudha (1989) ‘Towards a theoretical framework for the study of state politics in India: Some observations, <i>The Indian Journal of Political Science</i> , Jan. - March, Vol. 50, No. 1, pp. 94-109 Tillin, L. (2013) ‘National and Subnational Comparative Politics: Why, What and How,’ <i>Studies in Indian Politics</i>, Vol.1, No.02, pp.235-240. Snyder, R. (2001) ‘Scaling Down: The Subnational Comparative Method,’ <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i>, Spring 2001, Vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 93–110.
II	Mawdsley, E. (2002). Redrawing the body politic: federalism, regionalism and the creation of new states in India. <i>Commonwealth & Comparative Politics</i>, Vol. 40, No.3, pp. 34-54. Sarangi, A. and Pai, S. (2011), Introduction: Contextualising Reorganisation, in Sarangi, A. and Pai, S (eds) <i>Interrogating Reorganisation of States-Culture, Identity and Politics in India</i>, Routledge, New Delhi. Singh, M.P. (2008) ‘Reorganisation of States in India,’ <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, Vol. 43, No.11 (March 15-21) pp.70-75. Samaddar, R. (2020). Rule, Governmental Rationality and Reorganisation of States, in Sarangi, A. and Pai, S (eds) <i>Interrogating Reorganisation of States</i> (pp. 48-65). Routledge India.
III	Bhalla G.S. 1994 (ed.) <i>Economic Liberalisation and Indian Agriculture</i>, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi: 61107. Brass, T. (1994) Introduction: The new farmers’ movements in India, <i>The Journal of Peasant Studies</i>, 21:3-4, 3-26, DOI: 10.1080/03066159408438553 Frankel, F. and Rao, M.S.A. (1989 and 1990) (eds.) <i>Dominance and State Power in India</i> Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2 Vols. 198 Pai, S. (2009) ‘Agrarian Mobilization and Farmers’ Movements in India’ in <i>Oxford Companion to Indian Politics</i> (eds.) Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Niraja Gopal Jayal. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

	Baviskar, A. and Levien, M. (2021) 'Farmers' protests in India: introduction to the JPS Forum,' <i>The Journal of Peasant Studies</i> , 48:7, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002
IV	Ahluwalia, M. (2000) 'Economic Performance of States in Post-Reform Period,' <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, 6 May, pp.1637-1648 Jenkins, R. (2000). The evolution of economic reform in India. In Democratic Politics and Economic Reform in India (Contemporary South Asia, pp. 12-41). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9780511605871.004 Kennedy, L., Robin, K. and Zamuner, D. (2013) 'Comparing State-level policy responses to economic reforms in India,' 13 1er semestre / Spring 2013: Économiepolitique de l'Asie (1) Sinha, A. (2016) 'A Distinctive Indian Political Economy: New Concepts and a Synthesizing Framework', <i>Studies in Indian Politics</i>, Vol.4, No.02, pp. 266-273.
V	Auerbach, A. M., Bussell, J., Chauchard, S., Jensenius, F. R., Nellis, G., Schneider, M., & Ziegfeld, A. (2022). Rethinking the study of electoral politics in the developing world: Reflections on the Indian case. <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, 20(1), 250-264. Kumar, A. (2003). State Electoral Politics: Looking for the Larger Picture. <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, 38(30), 3145–3147 Yadav, Y. (1999). Electoral politics in the time of change: India's third electoral system, 1989- 99. <i>Economic and political weekly</i>, 2393-2399. Yadav, Yogendra, and Palshikar, S. (2006)'Party system and electoral politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From hegemony to convergence,' <i>India's political parties</i> 6: 73-116.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical		

	• Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		