



# Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

## Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

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| Course Name:       | BA POL.SC (H)                                      |
| Paper Title:       | IDEAS AND INSTITUTIONS IN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT |
| Unique Paper Code: | 2322101102                                         |
| Semester:          | 1                                                  |
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| Year:              | 1                                                  |

| Work Plan |                                                                                                                                                        |             |                                                                                                                                        |
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| Unit No.  | Learning Objective                                                                                                                                     | Lecture No. | Topics to be Covered                                                                                                                   |
| 1         | The knowledge of ideas of Indian political thought                                                                                                     | 3 weeks     | Introduction to IPT, features, scope, hindu theory of polity, democratic institutions in ancient india.<br>Statecraft in ancient india |
| 2         | Acquaintance with institutions of Indian political thought and spirit behind them.                                                                     | 3 weeks     | Dharma, dhamma, danda                                                                                                                  |
| 3         | Comprehensive understanding of Indian political thought with reference to nyaya and niti traditions                                                    | 3 weeks     | Nyaya, niti                                                                                                                            |
| 4         | Challenging colonial mindset, explore democratic institutions                                                                                          | 3 weeks     | Sabha, samiti and various democratic ideas and institutions                                                                            |
| 5         | Knowledge of indian concept of rajya, rashtra with a comparative study of exisitng theories                                                            | 3 weeks     | Rajya, rashtra                                                                                                                         |
| 6         | Exploring ancient idea and meaning of terminologies widely used to bring a clarity on its core foundation and actual meaning, consequences and reality | 3 weeks     | Varna, jati                                                                                                                            |
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| Unit   | Contents/Syllabus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| I      | Statecraft in Ancient India<br>Benoy Kumar Sarkar, "The Hindu Theory of the State", Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 1 (March 1921), pp. 79-90.<br>Beni Prasad, The State in Ancient India: Study in the Structure and Practical Working of Political Institutions in North Indian Ancient Times, The Indian Press, Allahabad, 1928.                                                                                                                                  |
| II     | Dharma, Dhamma, Danda<br>Rupert Gethin, "He whose sees Dhamma sees Dhammas: Dhammani Early Buddhism" in Journal of Indian Philosophy. Vol 32, No 5/6 (December 2004) pp. 513-542.<br>John Ross Carter, Traditional Definitions of the Term "Dhamma" Philosophy East and West, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Jul., 1976), pp. 329-337<br>Donald R. Davis Jr, "rectitude and rehabilitation (danda) in The Spirit of Hindu Law, Cambridge University Press, NY, 2010, PP. 128-143              |
| III    | Nyaya, Niti<br>Amartya Sen, "Introduction" in The Idea of Justice, Harvard University Press. 2009<br>Sarkar, Benoy Kumar Political Institutions, and theories of comparative politics- pp 158-162<br>Ghoshal U.N (1983) A History of Hindu Political theory OUP: London p 213- 222, 247-259                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| IV     | Sabha, Samiti<br>Jagadish P. Sharma, "Non-Monarchical Governments in Vedic India" Republics in Ancient India. Brill, Leiden, 1968, pp. 15-60. R.S.Sharma, "Sabha and Samiti" in Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers. Delhi 1999, reprint. Pp 105-118.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| V      | Rajya, Rashtra<br>A.S. Altekar, "Origin and Types of the State" in State and Government in Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass, Banaras. 1949 pp. 12-23.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| VI     | Varna, Jati<br>Sudhakar Chattopadhyaya, "Varna-Jati (caste system)" in Social Life in Ancient India. Academic Publishers, Calcutta, 1965, Pp. 7-29<br>Dipankar Gupta, "From Varna to Jati: The Indian Caste System, from the Asiatic to the Feudal Mode of Production", Journal of Contemporary Asia, Vol-10:3, 2008. pp. 249-271<br>Nicholas B. Dirks, Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001, p. 63-80. |
| S. No. | Name of Authors/Books/Publishers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1.     | Benoy Kumar Sarkar, "The Hindu Theory of the State", Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 1 (March 1921), pp. 79-90.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2.     | A.S. Altekar, "Origin and Types of the State" in State and Government in Ancient India. Motilal Banarsidass, Banaras. 1949 pp. 12-23.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.     | R.S Sharma. Aspects of political ideas and institutions in ancient india.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 4. | K.P. Jayaswal. Hindu polity. A constitutional history of Indian in hindu times. 2026. adhyayan books. Delhi. |
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| Paper Components  |                                           |                   |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Credits           | Lecture<br>(L)                            | Tutorial<br>(T)   | Practical<br>(P) |
|                   | 3                                         | 1                 |                  |
| Assessment Scheme |                                           |                   |                  |
| S.No.             | Component                                 | Marking<br>Scheme | Total<br>Marks   |
| 1                 | Internal Assessment                       | 12                | 30               |
|                   | • Assignment                              | 12                |                  |
|                   | • Class Test                              | 6                 |                  |
|                   | • Attendance                              |                   |                  |
| 2.                | Continuous Assessment ( <b>Tutorial</b> ) | 20                | 40               |
|                   | • Activity 1                              | 15                |                  |
|                   | • Activity 2                              | 5                 |                  |
|                   | • Attendance                              |                   |                  |
| 3.                | Practical                                 |                   |                  |
|                   | • Continuous Assessment                   |                   |                  |
|                   | • End Term Written/Practical Exam         |                   |                  |
|                   | • Viva                                    |                   |                  |
| 4.                | End Semester Examination                  |                   |                  |