



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BAP DSC
Paper Title:	Contemporary India (1950-1990s)
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	VII
Faculty(s):	Ms Bhawna
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	This unit outlines the history of key debates that unfolded during the framing of the Constitution. It deals with the history and politics of the early years of Independence. It also deals with the linguistic re-organisation of states and important milestones in foreign policy. It examines the trajectory of economic policies and nature of economic developments up to the 1990s, particularly the problems of uneven development.	1	Making of the Constitution: Key debates and amendments
		2	Continued
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		7	Reorganization of states; regional inequalities and foreign Policy
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		10	Continued
		11	Economic development: concept of planning; agriculture and industry; problems of uneven development

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2.	This unit deals with history of congress party and other political formations that emerge to challenge its hegemony, tracing the developments in party politics, electoral coalitions, regional aspirations and inequalities. The unit also seeks to highlight Dalit, adivasi, labour and peasant movements. It also examines history of social reform with reference to Women and Hindu Code Bill	17	Changing nature of party system: Congress, Jansangh-BJP, growth of regional parties; Left parties; coalition politics; Emergency
		18	Continued
		19	Continued
		20	Continued
		21	Continued
		22	People's movements: Dalit, adivasi, labour and peasant movements
		23	Continued.
		24	The Women's Movement and institutional changes: debating personal laws, women atrocities acts.
		25	Continued
		26	Continued
3.	This unit deals with the important turning points in the polity and economy of India from about 1990s. It traces the consolidation of caste and religion in politics in this period, and also marks the regional aspirations of	27	Changing forms of political mobilization

	new states like Uttarakhand/Jharkhand/Chhattisgarh. The unit also assesses the shift from mixed economy towards liberalization and its impact		
		28	Continued
		29	Continued
		30	Continued
		31	Continued
		32	Continued
		33	Liberalization of the Indian economy

		34	Continued
		35	Continued
		36	Continued
		37	Continued
		38	Continued
		39	Continued
4	This unit deals with the emergence of postcolonial public sphere, and its artistic, literary and cinematic manifestations. It also examines key developments in the field of science and education	40	Popular and parallel cinema
		41	Continued
		42	Continued
		43	Art and literature
		44	Continued
		45	Continued
		46	Continued
		47	Science, Technology and Education
		48	Continued
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Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	1. Laying the Foundation of Independent India 1. Making of the Constitution: Key debates and amendments 2. Reorganization of states; regional inequalities and foreign Policy 3. Economic development: concept of planning; agriculture and industry; problems of uneven development
II	Major Trends in Politics and Society 1. Changing nature of party system: Congress, Jansangh-BJP, growth of regional parties; Left parties; coalition politics; Emergency 2. People's movements: Dalit, adivasi, labour and peasant movements 3. The Women's Movement and institutional changes: debating personal laws, women atrocities acts.
III	Turning Points in the 1980s and 1990s 1. Changing forms of political mobilization 2. Liberalization of the Indian economy.
IV	The New Public Sphere 1. Popular and parallel cinema 2. Art and literature 3. Science, Technology and Education
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Austin, Granville (1999). The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of Nation, New Delhi: OUP [relevant sections]. Asha Sarangi, Sudha Pai. (2011), Interrogating Reorganisation of States: Culture, Identity and Politics in India, Routledge India Agnihotri, Rama Kant (2015), Constituent Assembly Debates on Language, EPW, Feb 21, 2015, pp. 47-56. ● Bhargava Rajiv. (ed.), (2009), Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. ● Khosla, Madhav. (2020), India's Founding Moment. HUP. रामचंद्र गुहा. (2016). भारत गांधी के बाँटने, रचित लेखक: पेंगुइन बुक्स

2.	Bipan Chandra. In the name of Democracy: JP Movement and the Emergency. Penguin Random House India. [Relevant chapters]. Chatterjee Partha (ed.). (1997). State and Politics in India. Delhi: Oxford University Press. Pp 92-124 • Hasan, Zoya. (2004). Parties and Party Politics in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Chapters 9&10 • Kumar, Ashutosh (ed) (2016), Rethinking State Politics in India: Regions within Regions, New Delhi: Routledge India, pp. 35-111 • Kumar, Radha. (1993). The History of Doing: An illustrated account of movements or women rights and feminism in India, 1800-1990, New Delhi: Kali for Women. • Sangeeta Dasgupta, Introduction: Reading the archive, reframing 'adivasi' histories. IESHR, 53, 1, 2016, pp 1-8 • Gadgil, Madhav and Ramachandra Guha (1994), Ecological Conflicts and the Environmental Movement in India, Development and Change. Vol 25, pp.101-136. • Sen, Sukomal. (2010). Working Class of India : History of Emergence and Movement, 1830–1970. Calcutta: Prajashakti. [relevant chapters.] • Banerjee, Sumanta. (1984). India's Simmering Revolution: The Naxalite Uprising. London: Zed Books. Chapters 3 and 4.
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4.	Brass, Paul R. (2005), Language, Religion and Politics in North India. Cambridge University Press, 1974. (Specially Introduction pp 3-50 and Chapters 3-5 pp 119-275). Deshpande Anirudh. (2014), Class, Power and Consciousness in Indian Cinema. • Dwyer, Rachel. (2002). Cinema India: The Visual Culture of Hindu Film. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press. Gupta, Vikas. Agnihotri, Rama Kant. and Panda Minati (Ed.), (2021). Education and Inequality: Historical and Contemporary Trajectories. Orient Blackswan. (Relevant Chapters)

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	• Assignment/Quiz/Project/ Presentation	12	
	• Class Test	12	

	Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		40
	Activity 1	20	
	Activity 2	15	
	Attendance	5	
3.	Practical		NA
	Continuous Assessment		
	End Term Written/Practical Exam		
	Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		90