



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER –2026

Course Name:	B.A (Prog.)
Paper Title:	Modern Indian Political Thought
Unique Paper Code:	2322203502
Semester:	V
Faculty(s):	Dr. Shubhra Seth
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Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1.	After studying this course, the students will be able to: • Develop critical understanding about modern Indian thought. • Thematically explore ideas in order to locate the topical debates on important subjects on a historical trajectory • Reflect over the diverse possibilities exhibited in the writings of the respective thinkers. • Think about issues and debates in contemporary India from multiple vantage points including its historical significance in the Indian tradition. • Develop toleration and respect for diverse opinion and at the same time, to admire and appreciate the plurality within the modern Indian intellectual tradition.		Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought
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III			State and Democracy Jawaharlal Nehru, Deendayal Upadhyay, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
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III	State and Democracy
IV	Rights
V	Swaraj

VI	Hindutva and Hinduism
S.No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	V. Mehta and T. Pantham (2006) 'A Thematic Introduction to Political Ideas in Modern India: Thematic Explorations, History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian civilization' Vol. 10, Part: 7 (New Delhi: Sage Publications), pp. xxvii-ixi. D. Dalton (1982) 'Continuity of Innovation', in Indian Idea of Freedom: Political Thought of Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo Ghose, Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi (Gurgaon: Academic Press), pp. 1-28. R. Guha (2010) "Prologue: Thinking Through India", in Makers of Modern India, Penguin Books. pp.1-22
2.	Sen, Amiya P. (2011), 'Vivekanand: Cultural Nationalism', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers (Delhi: Pearson) Tagore: M. Radhakrishnan and Devasmita (2003), 'Nationalism is a great menace: Tagore and Nationalism', in P. Hogan, Coln and L. Pandit (ed.) Rabindranath Tagore: Universality and Tradition (London: Rosemont), pp. 29-39. Guha, R (2010), "The Rooted Cosmopolitan" in the Makers of Modern India, Penguin, pp 185-203
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6.	Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar. Essentials of Hindutva, 1922-23, available at: http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2_12_12_04_essentials_of_hindutva.v001.pdf_1.pdf Sampath, Vikram (2021) Savarkar: A Contested Legacy, 1924-1966, Penguin Random House India: Gurugram

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/Quiz/Project/Presentation - ClassTest - Attendance	 12 12 6	30
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	 	40
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	 	
4.	EndSemesterExamination		90