



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	GEC
Paper Title:	Political Process in India DSC 15
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Kuldip Kumar
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	Students will understand the evolution, structure, and functioning of political parties and the party system in India. They will be able to analyse the role of national and regional parties in state politics and evaluate their contribution to democratic governance and political representation.	lecture	Political Parties and the Party System
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2	Understand the constitutional framework and functioning of elections and electoral processes in India. They will be able to analyse the role of the Election Commission, electoral systems, and voting patterns in ensuring free, fair, and democratic elections.	Lecture	Elections and Electoral Processes
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	Students will review and consolidate the key concepts, theories, and themes covered throughout the course. They will be able to integrate their understanding, clarify doubts, and apply their knowledge to analyse issues related to Indian state politics and democratic governance.	Revision	Revision

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	UNIT – I (8 Hours) Political Parties and the Party System Political Parties: National and State Parties; Trends in the Party System: From the Congress System to ascendancy of Bhartiya Janata Party
II	UNIT – II (7 Hours) Elections and Electoral Processes Electoral Process, Representation and social determinants of voting behaviour; Election Commission and Electoral Reforms
III	UNIT – III (8 Hours) Religion and Politics Debates on Secularism and Communalism

IV	UNIT – IV (8 Hours) Caste and Politics Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste; Intersectionality of Caste, Class and Gender, reservation and affirmative action policies
V	UNIT – V (7 Hours) Tribes and Politics Policies and Challenges: Fifth and Sixth Schedules; Forest Rights Act; Development and Issues of Displacement
VI	UNIT – VI (7 Hours) Dimensions of the State in India Welfare, Regulatory and Coercive
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	R. Kothari (2002) ‘The Congress System’, in Z. Hasan (ed.) <i>Parties and Party Politics in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 39-55. Pradeep Chibber and Rahul Verma (2019) ‘The Rise of the Second Dominant Party System in India: BJP’s New Social Coalition in 2019’ in <i>Studies in Politics</i>, Vol. 7, No.2, Pp.131-148. Y. Yadav and S. Palshikar (2006) ‘Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From Hegemony to Convergence’, in P.R. DeSouza and E. Sridharan (eds.) <i>India’s Political Parties</i>, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 73-115. C. Jaffrelot and G. Verniers (2020), ‘A New Party System of a New Political System?’, <i>Contemporary South Asia</i>, Vol.28, No.2, pp. 141-154. M. Vaishnav and J. Hinton (2019), ‘The Dawn of India’s Fourth Party System’, <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Paper</i>, 5 September. K.C. Suri (2019), ‘Social Change and the Changing Indian Voter: Consolidation of the BJP India’s 2019 Lok Sabha Election’, <i>Studies in Indian Politics</i>, Vol.7, Issue 2, pp.234-246.
2.	N. G. Jayal (2006) <i>Representing India: Ethnic Diversity and the Governance of Public Institutions</i>, Palgrave Macmillan, London. Yogendra Yadav (2010), ‘Representation’, in Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds), <i>The Oxford Companion to Politics in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 347-360. E. Sridharan and M. Vaishnav (2017), ‘Election Commission of India’, in D. Kapur, P.B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav (eds.) <i>Rethinking Public Institutions in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 417-463. U.K. Singh and A. Roy (2018), ‘Regulating the Electoral Domain: The Election Commission of India’, <i>Indian Journal of Public Administration</i>, 17 August 2018. U. Singh and A. Roy (2019), <i>Election Commission of India: Institutionalising Democratic Uncertainties</i>, Oxford University Press, Delhi.

	S. Kumar (2022), <i>Elections in India: An Overview</i>, Routledge, London and New York Y. Yadav (2000) 'Understanding the Second Democratic Upsurge', in F. Frankel, Z. Hasan, and R. Bhargava (eds.) <i>Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics in Democracy</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 120-145.
3.	3. Religion and Politics T. Pantham (2004) 'Understanding Indian Secularism: Learning from its Recent Critics', in R. Vora and S. Palshikar (eds.) <i>Indian Democracy: Meanings and Practices</i>, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 235-256. N. Chandhoke (2010) 'Secularism', in P. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.) <i>The Oxford Companion to Politics in India</i>, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 333-346. R Bhargava (ed.) (2006) <i>Secularism and its Critics</i>, Oxford India Paperbacks
4.	4. Caste and Politics R. Kothari (1970) 'Introduction', in <i>Caste in Indian Politics</i>, Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.3-25. M. Weiner (2001) 'The Struggle for Equality: Caste in Indian Politics', in Atul Kohli (ed.) <i>The Success of India's Democracy</i>, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. 193-225. G. Omvedt (2002) 'Ambedkar and After: The Dalit Movement in India', in G. Shah (ed.) <i>Social Movements and the State</i>, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 293-309. M. Galanter (2002) 'The Long Half-Life of Reservations', in Z. Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds.) <i>India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices, Controversies</i>, New Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 306-318. C. Jaffrelot (2005) 'The Politics of the OBCs', in <i>Seminar</i>, Issue 549, pp. 41-45. M. John (2011) 'The Politics of Quotas and the Women's Reservation Bill in India', in M. Tsujimura and J. Steele (eds.) <i>Gender Equality in Asia</i>, Japan: Tohoku University Press, pp. 169-195.

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		
		20	
		15	

	• Attendance	5	
3.	Practical • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		