



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A. (Hons) Political Science
Paper Title:	Colonialism & Nationalism in India
Unique Paper Code:	2322101103
Semester:	I
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Work Plan

Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1.	Colonialism and Nationalism	1	Main perspectives on colonialism: Liberalism
		2	Marxism, Postcolonialism
		3	Approaches to the study of nationalism in India: Nationalist
		4	Imperialist, Marxist, and Subaltern interpretations.
2.	Colonial Rule in India and its impact	5	Constitutional developments and the colonial state
		6	Constitutional developments and the colonial state (continued)
		7	Colonial ideology of the civilising mission: Utilitarians and Missionaries,' Impact on agriculture and land relations.
		8	Impact on agriculture, land relations. (Continued)
		9	Impact on industry and ecology
3.	Reform and Resistance	10	The 1857 rebellion
		11	Major social and religious movements
		12	Major social and religious movements (continued)
		13	Education and the rise of the new middle class
		14	Education and the rise of the new middle class (continued)

4.	Nationalist Politics and Expansion of its Social Base	15	Liberal constitutionalist
		16	Swadeshi and the Radicals
		17	Swadeshi and the Radicals (continued)
		18	Non-cooperation movement
		19	Civil Disobedience movement
		20	Civil Disobedience movement
		21	Quit India Movement
		22	Socialist alternatives: Congress socialists
		23	Communists
		24	Communalism in Indian Politics
		25	Communalism in Indian Politics
		26	Communalism in Indian Politics
		27	The two-nation theory, negotiations over partition
		28	The two-nation theory, negotiations over partition
		29	The two-nation theory, negotiations over partition
		30	The Women's Question: participation in the national movement and its impact
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		32	The Caste Question: anti-Brahmanical Politics
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Unit	Contents/Syllabus
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II	Colonial Rule in India and its impact: a. Constitutional developments and the colonial state b. Colonial ideology of civilizing mission: Utilitarians and Missionaries c. Impact on agriculture, land relations, industry and ecology.
III	Reform and Resistance: a. The 1857 rebellion b. Major social and religious movements c. Education and the rise of the new middle class
IV	Nationalist Politics and Expansion of its Social Base a. Phases of the Nationalist Movement: Liberal constitutionalist, Swadeshi and the Radicals, Formation of the Muslim League b. Gandhi and mass mobilisation: Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience, and Quit India Movements c. Socialist alternatives: Congress socialists, Communists d. Communalism in Indian Politics e. The two-nation theory, negotiations over partition
V	Social Movements a. The Women's Question: participation in the national movement and its impact b. The Caste Question: anti-Brahmanical Politics c. Peasant, Tribal, and Workers movements
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Chandra, B. (1988) India's Struggle for Independence, New Delhi. Penguin.
2.	Bandopadhyay, S. (2015 revised edition) From Plassey to Partition and After: A History of Modern India. New Delhi: Orient Longman.
3.	Sarkar, S. (1983) Modern India (1885-1847). New Delhi: Macmillan.
4.	Desai, A.R. (1987 reprint) Social Background of Indian Nationalism

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

	3	3	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		15	
		20	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		