



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	GENERAL ELECTIVE
Paper Title:	IDEAS IN INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	1
Faculty:	DR. Akansha
Year:	1

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
1	The knowledge of ideas of Indian political thought	2.5 weeks	Introduction to IPT, features, scope. Dharma and Danda; a study of Kautilya.
2	Acquaintance with ideas of gender, women empowerment in Indian political thought that shaped society and politics.	2.5 weeks	Gender and ideas of Tarabai Shinde
3	Comprehensive understanding of cultural nationalism, its foundations and nature of nationalism in India. to learn and critical engagement with idea of culture and nationalism.	3 weeks	Culture and nationalism: swami Vivekananda
4	Challenging colonial mindset, explore idea and thoughts of swaraj.	3 weeks	Swaraj: Gandhi
5	Knowledge of Nyaya in ideas and thoughts of Ambedkar's prominent works. Explore sources and practices in action to study Nyaya in ancient India.	2.5 weeks	Nyaya: Ambedkar
6	Exploring terminology in Indian context, meaning of popular ideas.	2.5 weeks	Hindutva: Savarkar
7	Understanding Indian theories to study society and explore its functionality	2.5 weeks	Integral Humanism: Deen Dayal Upadhyaya

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Dharma and Danda: Kautilya
II	Gender: Tarabai Shinde
III	Culture and Nationalism: Vivekananda
IV	Swaraj: Gandhi
V	Nyaya: Ambedkar
VI	Hindutva: Savarkar
VII	Integral Humanism: Deen Dayal Upadhyaya
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Sharma, R S (2005), Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India, Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi
2.	Mehta, V.R. (1992) 'The Pragmatic Vision: Kautilya and His Successor', in Foundations of Indian Political Thought, Delhi: Manohar
3.	O' Hanlon, Rosalind (2002) A comparison between women and men: Tarabai Shinde and the critique of Gender Relations in Colonial India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

4.	Parel, A. (ed.) (2002), 'Introduction', in Gandhi, freedom and Self Rule, Delhi: Vistaar Publication.
5.	Sen, Amiya P. (2011), 'Vivekanand: Cultural Nationalism', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers Delhi. Pearson
6.	Rodrigues, Valerian (2002) The Essential writings of B.R Ambedkar, Delhi: Oxford University Press
7.	Sampath, Vikram (2021) Savarkar: A Contested Legacy, 1924-1966, Gurugram: Penguin Random House India
8.	Upadhyaya, Deendayal. (1964), Integral Humanism, Delhi: Bharatiya Jan Sangh.

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

