

UGCF- 2022
CATEGORY II
BA (MULTIDISCIPLINARY) with History as Major

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC): Contemporary India (1950 – 1990s)

SEMESTER – VII

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Contemporary India (1950 – 1990s)	4	3	1	0		

Learning Objectives

- This course seeks to familiarise students with the trajectory of significant changes in the Indian state, politics and economy during the 1950s to 1990s.
- Students will study the transformation of political organizations, and the emergence of new forms of political mobilization along the axes of caste, class, gender, region and community.
- The course also offers an overview of the new developments in education, cinema, art, literature and sports over this period.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course the student shall be able to

- Draw a broad outline of the history of key debates that unfolded during the framing of the Constitution.
- Highlight key moments in the process of reorganization of provincial boundaries.
- Examine the trajectory of economic policies and nature of economic developments, particularly the problems of uneven development.
- Trace the significant developments with respect to party politics, electoral coalitions, regional aspirations and inequalities; caste and religion in politics
- Assess the shift from mixed economy to liberalization.
- Evaluate the history of important social movements around axes of class, caste, gender, and region.
- Familiarize the key developments in art, literature, cinema, science and education.

Syllabus

Unit-I Laying the Foundation of Independent India (9 hours)

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

Unit-II: Major Trends in Politics and Society (12)

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.

Unit-III: Turning Points in the 1980s and 1990s (12 hours)

1. Changing forms of political mobilization
2. Liberalization of the Indian economy

Unit-IV The New Public Sphere (9 hours)

1. Popular and parallel cinema
2. Art and literature
3. Science, Technology and Education

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Relevant chapters from:

- Chandra, Bipan. (2008). India Since Independence. Delhi: Penguin
- बिपन चंद्र (2015), आज़ादी के बाद का भारत, दिल्ली: हिंदी माध्यम कार्यान्वयन निदेशालय, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
- Guha, Ramachandra. (2008). India After Gandhi. Delhi: Picador
- रामचंद्र गुहा. (2016). भारत गांधी के बाद, दिल्ली: पेंगुइन बुक्स

Unit-I: Laying the Foundation of Independent India (Teaching time: 9 hours)

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.

- Austin, Granville (1999). The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of Nation, New Delhi: OUP. Pp. 1-62, 384-411. Also available in Hindi ग्रैन्विल ऑस्टिन – भारतीय संविधान : राष्ट्र की आधारशिला, (अनुवाद: नरेश गोस्वामी) वाणी प्रकाशन, 2017
- Asha Sarangi, Sudha Pai. (2011). - Interrogating Reorganisation of States: Culture, Identity and Politics in India, Routledge India

- Abraham, Itti (2008), Foreign policy of India. Commonwealth & Comparative Politics Vol. 46, No. 2, April 2008 , pp195–219.
- Frankel, Francine R. (2005). India's Political Economy. New Delhi: OUP. Chapters 1,3,4
- Kohli, Atul (2006). "Politics of Economic Growth in India, 1980-2005: Part I: The 1980s". EPW, Vol. 41(13), April 1-7, 2006, pp 1251-1259
- Chadha, G.K. Khurana, M.R. (1989). Backward Agriculture, Unrewarded Labour and Economic Deprivation: Bihar's Contrast with Punjab. EPW, Nov 25, 1989, pp. 2617 - 2623
- Roy, Tirthankar. Indian Economy after Independence: Economic History of India 1857-2010. [Chapter-13].
- Pai, Sudha and Asha Sarangi, Interrogating Reorganisation of State, Culture, identity and politics, chapter 1-Introduction, Forward by BG Vargese

Unit II: 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 (Teaching time: 12 hours)

- Stanley, Kochanek. The Congress Party of India: The Dynamics of One-Party Democracy. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (1968).
- 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.

Unit III: 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 new states like Uttarakhand/Jharkhand/Chhattisgarh. The unit also assesses the shift from mixed economy towards liberalization and its impact. (Teaching time: 12 hours)

- Kumar, Ashutosh (ed) (2016), *Rethinking State Politics in India: Regions within Regions*, New Delhi: Routledge India
- Christophe Jaffrelot, (2003), *India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in North India. Part II Uneven emancipation of the Lower Castes...*
- Hasan, Zoya. (2004). *Parties and Party Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Relevant Chapters
- Bruce Desmond Graham (1990), *Hindu Nationalism and Indian Politics_ The Origins and Development of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh*. Cambridge University Press.
- Kohli, Atul (2006). "Politics of Economic Growth in India, 1980-2005: Part II: The 1990s and Beyond", *EPW*, Vol. 41, No. 14 (Apr. 8-14), pp. 1361-1370
- P Sainath. (1996). "Reforms that Weren't," *Asian Studies Review*.

Unit IV: 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 (Teaching time: 9 hours)

- Gayatri Sinha - (2009), *Art and visual culture in India, 1857-2007*. (Relevant Chapters)
- Zoya Hasan (ed.), (2019), *Forging Identities: Gender, Communities, And the State in India*, Routledge. (Relevant chapters).
- Sahu, Sudhansubala. (2018). "Revisiting Television in India," *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 67 (2), August, pp. 204-219.
- Dwyer, Rachel. (2002). *Cinema India: The Visual Culture of Hindu Film*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.
- Gupta, Vikas. (2014), 'Changing Discourses on Inequality and Disparity: From Welfare State to Neoliberal Capitalism', in Ravi Kumar, (Ed.), *Education, State and Market: Anatomy of Neoliberal Impact*, Aakaar, pp 19-57.
- Gupta, Vikas. Agnihotri, Rama Kant. and Panda Minati (Ed.), (2021). *Education and Inequality: Historical and Contemporary Trajectories*. Orient Blackswan. (Relevant Chapters)
- Qaiser, Rizwan. (2013), "Building Academic, Scientific and Cultural Institutions, 1947-1958", in his *Resisting Colonialism and Communal Politics*, Delhi, Manohar, (First published 2011). Pp. 179-240.
- Raina, Dhruv. "Science Since Independence." *India International Centre Quarterly* 33, no. 3/4 (2006): 182–95. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/23006080>.
- Stanley, Kochanek and R.L. Hardgrave. (2007). *India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation*. Cengage Learning.
- Sunil Khilnani - *The Idea of India*-Penguin Books India (2012), Also available in Hindi as *भारतनामा*, Rajkamal Prakashan , 2016
- Basu, Durga Das (2020). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Nagpur: Lexis Nexis Pp. 3-50 [MOVE TO SUGGESTED READINGS.]
- Kudaisya, Gyanesh. (2014). *Reorganisation of States in India: Text and Context*. Delhi: National Book Trust. Chapter on Introduction

- Damodaran, A.K (1987). Roots of Indian Foreign Policy. India International Centre Quarterly. Vol.14. No. 3., pp. 53-65. [MOVE TO SUGGESTED READINGS.]
- Dhavan, Rajeev. (2008). “Book Review: Sarbani Sen, Popular Sovereignty and Democratic Transformations: The Constitution of India,” Indian Journal of Constitutional Law, Vol.8, pp.204-220.
- Sanjaya Baru, Economic Policy and the Development of Capitalism in India: the role of regional capitalists and political parties
- D. R. Nagaraj. 2010. The Flaming Feet and Other Essays (Permanent Black) Chapter 5: “The Cultural Politics of the Dalit Movement”
- Urvashi Butalia, “Women’s Movement in India: Action and Reflection.” (Originally published, Communique (Nos. 42-43, July-Aug 1997)
- Jayal, Niraja Gopal & Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds.). (2010). The Oxford Companion to Politics in India. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Prasad, Archana (2003). Against Ecological Romanticism Verrier Elwin and the Making of an Anti-Modern Tribal Identity. Preface: Ecological Romanticism and Environmental History.
- Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi and N.N. Vohra (eds.) (2002). Looking Back: India in the Twentieth Century. New Delhi: National Book Trust.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, from time to time.

Discipline Specific Elective: Migration and Indian Diaspora: Social and Cultural Histories

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