PO-C11: Political Process in India

Objectives: The course will introduce to the student the key issues and details of the political process in post independence India. It will also try to develop among students a perspective to understand and analyse Indian politics. The aim is to help students understand the expansive meaning of political process as it shapes in the arena of electoral and party politics, in the form of mass mobilizations and as politics of interests.

1. Overview of electoral politics
    a. 1951-1967
    b. 1968-1989
    c. 1990-2009

2. Nature of party system
    a. One party dominance
    b. Competitive multi party system

3. Politics of Regionalism
    a. Politics of language
    b. Issues of autonomy and ethnicity
    c. Inter- state disputes

4. Role of caste in Indian politics
    a. Dalit politics
    b. OBC politics
    c. Limits of caste politics post1999n

5. Political economy
  a. Economic reforms
  b. Inequalities and redistribution

6. Politics of mass mobilizations
    a. Naxalite movements
    b. Farmers' movements
    c. NGOs

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