

**University of Pune**  
**F. Y. B. A. Political Science**  
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**INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

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**COURSE RATIONALE**

This paper focuses in detail on the political processes and the actual functioning of the political system. It simultaneously studies in detail the political structure both Constitutional and Administrative. It emphasizes on local influences that derive from social stratification of castes and jatis, from language, religion, ethic and economic determinants and critically assesses its impact on the political processes. The major contradictions of the Indian Political Process are to be critically analyzed along with an assessment of its relative success and failure in a comparative perspective with other developing countries and in particular those belonging to the South Asian region.

**Term I**

**Period**

**Topic 1: Background and the Salient Features of Indian Constitution**

- a) Formation of Constituent Assembly
- b) Philosophy of the Preamble for Indian Constitution 12
- c) Major Features: Parliamentary Democracy, Federalism, Independent Judiciary –Social Justice and Social Transformation

**Topic 2: Fundamental Rights, Duties and the Directive Principles of State Policy**

- a) Nature of Fundamental Rights –Major Fundamental Rights-Right to Equality, Right to Liberty, Right to Freedom of Religion, Cultural and Educational Rights 12
- b) Importance of Fundamental Duties
- c) Nature and Significance of Directive Principles of State Policy

### **Topic 3: Federalism**

- a) Salient Features of Indian Federalism
- b) Centre –State Relations 12
- c) Issues of Conflict-Water Issue, Border Issue and Sharing of Resources

### **Topic 4: Structure of Union Government -Legislature-Executive –Judiciary**

- a) Union Legislature - Structure-Powers and Role
- b) Union Executive-President, Prime Minister and his Cabinet- 12  
Role and Functions
- c) Judiciary- Nature of Judiciary, Supreme Court-Powers and Functions

## **Term II**

### **Topic 5: Structure of State Government -Legislature-Executive –Judiciary**

- a) State Legislature - Structure-Powers and Role 12
- b) State Executive-Governor , Chief Minister and his Cabinet-  
Role and Functions
- c) Judiciary- Nature of Judiciary, High Court-Powers and Functions

### **Topic 6: Party System and Elections**

- a) Nature and Changing Pattern of Party System
- b) Elections- Election Commission :-Major Features of Electoral System and  
Patterns Of Voting Behavior 12
- c) Rise and Role of Regional Parties

### **Topic 7: Role of Caste and Religion in Indian Politics**

- a) Caste and Politics of Identity
- b) Rise of OBCs 12
- c) Religion and Politics of Communalism

## **Topic 8: Issues of Regionalism and Development**

- a) Causes and Patterns of Regionalism
- b) Issues of Development-Uneven Development-Leading to Regional Imbalance-Poverty Eradication, Health and Education 12

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