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Paper PSc.01 : POLITICAL THEORY

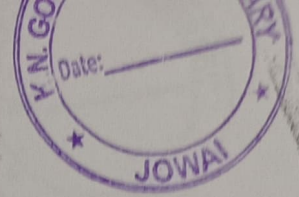
This is an introductory paper to the basic concepts, ideas and theories in Political Theory. Various perspectives and dimensions and the contemporary relevance of the following will be discussed in details

Course Content:

1. Nature, scope and significance of Political Theory.
2. Origin and development of State: Evolutionary Theory, Social Contract Theory and Marxist Theory.
Liberal and Marxist Perspectives on the nature and function of the State.
3. Sovereignty: Nature, Characteristic and Types – Monistic and Pluralistic Theory.
4. Concepts of Rights, Liberty and Equality.
Rights – Natural, Legal and Marxist Theories of Rights.
Liberty – Kinds of Liberty; Negative and Positive Liberty.
Equality – Kinds of Equality; Relationship between Liberty and Equality.
5. Concept of Law; Natural, Sociological and Marxist Theories of Law.
Concept of Justice; Natural, Distributive and Social Justice.
Concept of Political Obligation; Grounds of Political Obligation and Resistance.
6. Democracy: Concept; Dimensions of Democracy – Social, Economic and Political; Liberal and Marxist Perspectives of Democracy.

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Paper PSc.03 : INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

The paper focuses on the political processes and the actual functioning of the Indian political system with an emphasis on the role of social and economic processes in the functioning of the political system in India.

Course Content:

1. Nature of Indian State: Historical & Ideological basis.
 2. Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles.
 - JK ③ 3. Federalism and Parliamentary Democracy: Union-State Relations, Structure and Working of Parliament, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.
 4. Politics of Land Reforms and Economic Liberalization.
 5. Role of Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Electoral Politics.
 - ⑥ 6. Social Movements and Political Mobilization – Caste and Gender.
- LK JR

Readings:

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Paper PSc.05 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with a view to understand how the great thinkers explained and analyzed political events and problems of their times and prescribed solutions. The texts are to be interpreted both in their historical and philosophical perspectives to understand the universality of the enterprise of political theorizing.

Course Content:

Major Ideas, Theories and Contributions of the following Thinkers:

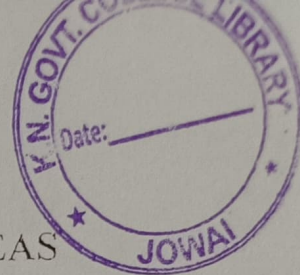
1. Greek Political Thought:
Plato – Justice, Ideal State and Communism. — IR
Aristotle – State and Revolution, Slavery. — IR
2. Machiavelli – Human Nature, State Craft, Morality and Politics.
3. Contractualists – Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: State of Nature, Social Contract and Nature of State.
4. J.S. Mill: Liberty, Representative Government, Position of Women.
- ✓ 5. Hegel: Dialectics, State, Freedom. — IR
6. Marx: Historical Materialism, State and Class Struggle.

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Paper PScO.06.1 : MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL IDEAS



The paper seeks to highlight the contributions of Indian Political Thinkers during the phase of National Struggle for freedom and critically evaluate their ideas.

Course Content:

- JK ① Impact of Colonialism and the Emergence of Social Reform Movement – Vivekananda and Ram Mohan Roy.
- JK ② Moderate - Gokhale; Extremist - Tilak; Revolutionary - Bhagat Singh.
3. Mahatma Gandhi: Satyagraha and Non-Violence, Sarvodaya and Swaraj. P.C
4. Religious and Secular Nationalism – M. A. Jinnah and Jawaharlal Nehru. - EK
5. Caste and Representation – B. R. Ambedkar and R. M. Lohia - SL
6. Indian Socialism – Jawaharlal Nehru, M. N. Roy and Jayprakash Narain.
LK R.C SL

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