

Programme Name	Pre-Ph.D. Course Work	Programme Code	
Course Code	DSE704	Credit	3
Year/Sem	1/1	L-T-P	3-0-0
Course Name	Governance & Political Economy in India		
Objectives of the Course:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop an understanding of the concepts and approaches of political economy and their application to the Indian political system. 2. To analyze the evolution of party systems, electoral processes, and federal dynamics in India, including key constitutional and institutional debates. 3. To examine governance challenges related to social justice, minority rights, economic structures, and policy frameworks in contemporary India. 			
Unit I: Introduction Political Economy & Indian Political System: Political Economy as a Method and Approach, Comparative economic systems; Economic growth; Development; Backwardness; Reform. Legal, Historical, Cultural, Political Economy; Rights and Accountability: Rule of Law, Civil and Political Rights, Corruption and Accountability, Institutional Mechanisms.			
Unit II: Party System in India: Single Party to Dominant and Multi-Party System, Regional and State Parties, Coalition Politics; Party Alliances and Government Formation, Federalism, Regionalism and Political Parties. Elections in India: Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Community, Class, Gender and Region. Electoral Reforms. 3 Problems relating to formation of States; Debates on Article 370 and 371; Problems of UnionState relations - Recommendations of the Rajamannar Commission and the Sarkaria Commission; Challenges of diversity, development and separatism.			
Unit III: Protection for Minorities and Deprived Groups: Role of Commissions, Special Officer on Linguistic Minorities, National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, National Human Rights Commission, Minorities Commission, National Commission for Women. Issues related to ethnic minorities. Politics of Identity. Judicial Review and Judicial Activism in India.			
Unit IV: Structural Concerns: Organised and unorganised sectors-labour issues, agrarian crisis and farmers suicide, Terms of Trade between Industry and Agriculture, policy of Special Economic Zones (SEZ), right to work and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Right to Information (RTI).			
Course Outcomes (CO)			
CO1: Understand and explain the key concepts of political economy and their application to the Indian political system, including development, reforms, and governance frameworks.			
CO2: Analyze the evolution of the party system, electoral behavior, and federal structure in India, including issues related to regionalism, coalition politics, and centre-state relations.			
CO3: Evaluate the role of constitutional bodies and institutions in protecting the rights of minorities and marginalized groups, along with issues of identity politics and judicial intervention.			
CO4: Assess major socio-economic and governance challenges such as labour issues, agrarian crisis, SEZ policies, and welfare measures like NREGA and RTI.			
Reference Books:			
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