

MA Semester: I

Course Name: Issues in Contemporary India

Course Code: HIS471

Paper: Major (IDP)

Credits: 02

Credits Equivalent: 2 Credits (One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures/organized classroom activity/contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work/practical/field work/Tutorial/teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/group work; obligatory/optional work placement; literature survey/library work; data collection/field work; writing of papers/projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.)

Course Objectives: This course aims to introduce the student to the issues and prevailing condition in various spheres in contemporary India, viz. emergency, identity politics, international relations, abrogation of Article 370, Uniform Civil Code.

Course Outcomes:

- ❖ Its outcome will lead a learner towards developing a detailed understanding of India after Independence.
- ❖ How various political and economic phenomena unfolded in decolonized India will be understood.
- ❖ The course will bring a learner to the present years when several landmark decisions took place.
- ❖ The course intends to develop a historical understanding of political processes.

Attendance Requirements: Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course. A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Mid Term Examination: 20%
2. End Term Examination: 60%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment: 20%, i.e. 20 marks out of 100

Unit-1

Integration of Princely States; Emergency under Indira Gandhi; Emergence of coalition politics;

Mandal Commission; Identity Politics; Abrogation of Article 370 and 35A; Ban on Triple Talaq; Uniform Civil Code.

Unit-2

Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change; Soft power diplomacy; Act East Policy; Neighbourhood First Policy; Relations with the US, Russia, China and other major powers.

Unit-3

Green Revolution; New Economic Policy 1991; Liberalization of Economy LPG; Contemporary Issues & Challenges: Environmental issues; Left Wing Extremism & Insurgency; Cross-border terrorism.

Suggested Readings

V.P. Menon, *The Story of Integration of the Indian States*, New Delhi, 1961.

Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution*, New Delhi, 1966.

Jawaharlal Nehru, *India's Foreign Policy*, New Delhi, 1960.

K.V. Rao, *Parliamentary Democracy of India*, New Delhi, 1970.

D.R. Gadgil, *Policy-making in India*, New Delhi, 1985.

A.S. Narang, *Indian Government and Politics*, New Delhi, 1981.

Ranvir Vohra, *The Making of India: A History Survey*, New Delhi, 1981.

A. Appadorai, *Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy*, New Delhi, 1981.

F.R. Frankel, *India's Political Economy 1947-2004*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Rudolph and Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*, University of Chicago Press, 1987.

Paul R. Brass, *The Politics of India since Independence*, Second Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2003.

W.H. Morris-Jones, *Independent India: The First 50 Years*, 1998.

H. Karlekar, *The Wages of Freedom: 50 years of Indian Nation State*, Oxford University Press, 1999.

Partha Chatterjee (ed.) *Essays on Contemporary India*, 1999.

Partha Chatterjee (ed.) *State and Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, 1998.

Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee and Aditya Mukherjee, *India after Independence: 1947-2000*, Penguin, 2000.

Bimal Jalan (ed.), *The Indian Economy: Problems and Prospects*, Penguin India, 2004.

Daniel Thorner, *The Shaping of Modern India*, Allied Publishers, 1980.

David M. Malone, *Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy*, Oxford, 2014.

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