

## ✓ POL-150: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

(Contact Hours: 60, Credits: 4)

### Course Objectives:

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.

### Learning Outcomes:

The paper will familiarise students with the dynamics of Indian Politics and enable them to understand both constitutional and the socio-economic dimensions of the Indian political system.

**Unit I:** Nature of Indian State: Historical and Ideological basis.  
Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.

**Unit II:** Federalism and Parliamentary Democracy: Union-State Relations,  
Working of Parliament, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.

**Unit III:** Changing Nature of Party System, Role of Political Parties and Pressure groups in Indian politics.

**Unit IV:** Globalization, Economic Liberalization and Indian Politics.

### Suggested Readings:

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