

✓ SEMESTER - V

POL - 300

SOCIALIST POLITICAL THOUGHT

Credit - 4

Course Objectives:

To understand the emergence and development of socialist political thought from early socialism to revisionism and evolutionary socialism, the contexts of their development, and the problems they are trying to offer solutions to.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to understand the evolution and development of political ideas that attempt to solve the problems arising from the crisis of capitalism and how relevant those are in the present times.

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| Unit I: | Early Socialist Thinkers: St. Simon, Charles Fourier, Robert Owen, Critique of Utopian Socialism |
| Unit II: | Classical Marxism: Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Historical Materialism, Class Struggle, State and Revolution, Dictatorship of the Proletariat, Party. Mao Zedong: Cultural Revolution |
| Unit III: | Anarchism: Pierre-Joseph Proudhon: Property, Decentralization, State Mikhail Alexandrovich Bakunin: State, Revolution, Anarcho-Socialism |
| Unit IV: | Revisionism and Evolutionary Socialism: Eduard Bernstein: Capitalism, State, Working Class Sidney Webb and Bernard Shaw- State, Fabian Socialism |

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✓ SEMESTER - V

POL - 301

STATE AND DEMOCRACY IN INDIA

Credit - 4

Course Objectives:

To focus on the dynamics of Indian democracy - its strengths and limitations, political and social processes that broaden the democratic space and emphasizes on the stresses and strains that Indian democracy has to cope with.

Learning Outcomes:

It will familiarize students with the challenges to democracy and the role of the Indian State by focusing on some key determinants of democracy.

- Unit I:** Understanding Indian Democracy and the Role of the State: Rajni Kothari, Francine R. Frankel and Atul Kohli.
- Unit II:** Democracy and Electoral process: Emerging trends in Electoral Politics and Electoral Reforms.
- Unit III:** Indian democracy at the grassroots level: Panchayati Raj and Panchayat Extension to Sixth Schedule Areas (PESA); Economic inequality and Indian democracy.
- Unit IV:** Women, Religious minorities and Dalits: Issues of social justice.

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Mitra, S. K., *Culture and Rationality: Politics of Social Change in Post-colonial India*, Sage, 1999.

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SEMESTER - V

POL - 302

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN NORTHEAST INDIA

Credit - 4

Course Objectives:

To familiarize the students with the political developments in Northeast India from British rule to the post-independent period and to acquire an analytical understanding of the political processes and issues in the region.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to understand the intricate interconnectedness of the historical narratives and distinctive socio-political structures of the region, ranging from traditional political institutions, colonial government and the post-independent constitutional framework and the various demands for autonomy by tribal groups, the inter-state disputes and the role of the political parties and pressure groups in the political processes.

- Unit I:** Colonial Rule and Post-Colonial Framework:
British rule and its impact in Northeast India; Constitutional and Legal Frameworks: Provisions of the Sixth Schedule and Article 371, Inner Line Permit System
- Unit II:** Traditional and Modern Governance:
Traditional Political Institutions of Hill Societies: Nokma, Dolo, Syiem, Haosa (Kuki Chief); Interface between traditional and modern institutions of governance.
- Unit III:** Autonomy Movements:
Autonomy Movements: Hill State Movement, provisions of the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and Bodoland Movement; Issues of Migration: Tripura, and Assam, Border disputes; Assam-Meghalaya and Assam-Nagaland.
- Unit IV:** Regional Parties and Pressure Groups:
Mizo National Front (MNF), United Democratic Party (UDP), Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU), Naga Mothers' Association (NMA)

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