UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	**UK2DSCPOS101**				
Course Title	**Issues in Indian Politics**				
Type of Course	**DSC**				
Semester	**2**				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4 hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1.An understanding of Indian Polity and its institutions. 2.An awareness of political parties, electoral process and democracy.				
Course Summary	This is a comprehensive course that examines the dynamic landscape of Indian democracy, covering topics such as the evolution of party systems from Congress to BJP dominance, the intricacies of coalition politics, electoral processes and reforms, challenges including communalism, casteism, and terrorism, and contemporary issues such as the Citizenship Amendment Act and the abrogation of Article 370, providing students with a nuanced understanding of the complexities shaping Indian political discourse today.				

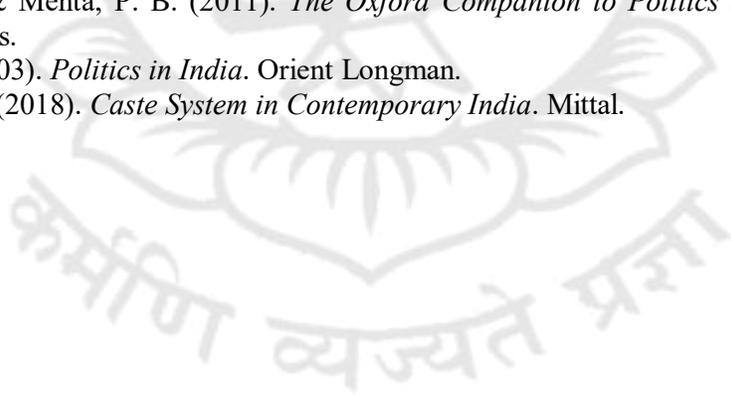**Detailed Syllabus:**

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I		**Federalism in a Parliamentary Democracy**	**14**
	1	Features of Indian federalism	
	2	Cooperative and Competitive Federalism	
	3	Tension Areas in Indian federalism-Role of Governor and Role of Finance Commission, Legislative powers-Three lists.	
II		**Party System in India**	**10**
	4	One-party dominance- INC and BJP	
	5	Coalition Politics and Multi-Party System	
	6	National and State Political Parties (Criteria of Recognition)	
III		**Electoral System in India**	**12**
	7	Election Commission: Constitutional Provisions and Functions	
	8	Electoral process and factors influencing voting behaviour	
	9	Electoral Reforms-Curbing Criminalization, Model Code of Conduct, Voter Awareness, EPIC, EVM and VVPAT.	
IV		**Challenges to Indian Democracy**	**12**
	10	Communalism and Casteism	
	11	Regionalism	
	12	Corruption in India	
	13	Terrorism	

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V	Group Discussion	12
	Students divided into different groups could conduct group discussions on contemporary issues in Indian politics, such as: the future of Indian secularism; the Citizenship Amendment Act; The Abrogation of Article 370; the Maoist insurgency, etc.	

Essential Readings

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Understand the peculiar features of Indian federal system and nature of Centre -State relations.	U, An	PSO1
CO-2	Analyse the types of party system, recognition of political parties and their operations.	U, Ap, An	PSO3
CO-3	Analyse the role of ECI and evaluate electoral process and voting behaviour in India.	Ap, An, E	PSO3

CO-4	Critically evaluate the challenges to Indian democracy.	Ap. An,E, C	PSO4
CO-5	Deliberate on the contemporary issues and major debates in Indian Politics.	Ap, C	PSO6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create
Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

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Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial(T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	Understand the peculiar features of Indian federal system and nature of Centre -State relations.	PO2 PSO1	U, An	F	L	-
CO-2	Analyse the types of party system, recognition of political parties and their operations.	PO4 PSO3	U, Ap, An	P	L	-
CO-3	Analyse the role of ECI and evaluate electoral process and voting behaviour in India.	PO6 PSO3	Ap, An, E	M	L	-
CO-4	Critically evaluate the challenges to Indian democracy.	PO5 PSO7	Ap. An,E, C	C	L	-
CO-5	Deliberate on the contemporary issues and major debates in Indian Politics.	PO4 PSO10	Ap, C	M	L	-

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PSO7	PSO8	PSO9	PSO10	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8
CO 1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

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Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$
CO2	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$
CO3	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$
CO4	$\checkmark$	- $\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$
CO5	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$

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