

# BA Political Science

Courses offered under CBCS system from 2019-20 onwards as per TSCHE guidelines (Applicable to all the Telangana State Universities)

## Discipline specific courses ( DSC)

1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Understanding Political Theory

IInd Semester

Western Political Thought

IIIrd Semester

Indian Political Thought

IV th Semester

Constitution and Politics of India

## Discipline specific Electives ( DSE)

Vth Semester

I. International Relations

Or

II. Government and Politics in Telangana

VI Semester

I. Global Politics

Or

II . Contemporary social movements

## Generic Elective ( GE )

Vth Semester

Politics of Development

## Project Work / Optional Paper

VI the Semester

Contemporary Political Theory

**B.A Political Science**  
**I st Semester**  
**Paper - I**  
**Understanding Political Theory**

Unit- I Political Theory

- What is Political Theory, Evolution, Nature , Significance
- Debates on Political Theory
  - a) Normative
  - b) Empirical

Unit-II What is Political?

- State: Theories of origin of the state, Divine, Social Contract, Evolution Theories
- Power and Authority
- Authoritative allocation of Values
- Sovereign state : Challenges

Unit- III Political Values and Theoretical Perspective

- Liberty :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Equality :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist
- Justice :- A) Liberal B) Marxist C) Feminist

Unit-IV Political Ideologies

- Liberalism
- Nationalism
- Multiculturalism

Unit-V Political Institutions and Functions

- Legislature, Executive and Judiciary
- Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Media

Reading list : -

1. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya , editions , Political Theory : An Introduction , Pearson ,2019
2. Sushila Ramaswamy, Political Theory : Ideas and Concept , PHI Learning Pvt , Ltd .2015
3. O.P. Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory , Macmillan, 2019
4. Michael G. Roskin , Robert L. Cord, James A. Medeiros , Walter S. Jones , Political Science : An Introduction , Pearson ,2018
5. Hoveyda Abbas , Ranjay Kumar , Political Theory , Pearson ,2019
6. John Hottman , Paul Graham , Introduction to Political Ideologies , Pearson ,2014
7. A. Appadorai, (2000), *Substance of Politics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.
8. George H Sabine, Thomas L Thorson, (1973), A History of Political Theory, Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi.
9. Heywood, Andrew, (2012) Political Ideologies: An Introduction, Palgrave Macmillan, UK.
10. Heywood, Andrew, (2013 ), Politics, Palgrave Macmillan (UK).
11. Leon P. Baradat, (2011), Political Ideologies, Routledge.
12. Michael Freedon, Lyman Tower Sargent, Marc Stears,(eds) (2013), The Oxford Handbook of Political Ideologies, Oxford University Press, UK.
13. Ernest Barker : Principles of Social and Political Theory ( London , Oxford University Press 1951)
14. Norman P. Barry : An Introduction to Modern Political Theory ( London Macmillan, 1989)
15. Richard Bellamy ( ed ) : Theories and Concepts of Politics ( New York , Manchester University Press 1993.)
16. Anthoppny H. Birch : The Concepts and Theories of Modern Democracy ( London , Routledge ,2001)
17. Martin Carnoy : The State and Political Theory ( Princeton , Princeton University Press , 1984)

**B.A Political Science**  
**II st Semester**  
**Paper - II**  
**Western Political Thought**

Unit- I      Greek Political Thought

- Greek Political Thought – Sophists
- Plato:- Concept of Justice , Ideal State , Education and Communism.
- Aristotle :- Forms of Governments, On revolution , Slavery , Best state

Unit- II :      Medieval and Early Modern Thought

- Thomas Aquinas :- Theory of Laws, Christianized Aristotle
- Church – State Controversy
- Niccolo Machiavelli – Human Nature , StateCraft

Unit- III      Social Contractualists

- Thomas Hobbes :- Individualism and Absolute ( State) Sovereignty
- John Locke :- Natural Rights Limited Government
- J. J. Rousseau :- Romanticism, General will , Popular Sovereignty

Unit- IV :      Utilitarian Thought

- Jeremy Bentham :- Utilitarian Principles; Hedonism
- J. S. Mill :- On liberty , Representative Government

Unit- V :      Philosophy of Dialectics

- G.W. F. Hegal :- Dialectics Purpose of History Geist ( Spirt) and State
- Karl Marx:- Historical Materialism, Class war and Revolution.

Reading list :

1. . D.Mackenzie Brown, (1959), Indian Political Thought from Manu to Gandhi., University of California Press, Berleley and Los Angeles.
2. George Klosko, (eds), (2011), The Oxford Handbook of The History of Political Philosophy, Oxford University Press, New York.
3. Gregory Claeys, (eds)(2013), Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
4. M.P.Singh and Himanshu Roy, (eds), (2011), Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers, Pearson, New Delhi.
5. N.D.Arora and S.S.Awasthy, (2007), Political Theory and Political Thought, Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi.
6. S.K.Sarma and Urmila Sharma, (2006), Western Political Thought (from Plato to Burke), Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi.
7. Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy, (2011), A History of Political Thought,: Plato to Marx, PHI Learning Private Limited, New Delhi.
8. Thomas Pantham, Kenneth L. Deutsch, (1986), Political Thought in Modern India, Sage Publication, New Delhi.

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III rd Semester  
Paper - III  
Indian Political Thought

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Unit- I            State and Society in Ancient India

- Manu – Features of Manusmriti, Origins of Varna, Varna Dharma
- Buddha – Dhamma , Sangha , Eightfold path
- Kautilya- Saptanga Theory , Mandala Theory , Statecraft

Unit-II            Medieval Political Thought

- Basava- Anubhava Mantapa , Gender Equality
- Ziauddin Barani- Theory of Kingship ( Ideal Sulthan ) , Ideal Polity

Unit- III          RenaissanceThought

- Raja Ram Mohan Roy - Colonial Encounters , Brahma Samaj
- Jyothi Rao Phule- Gulam Giri , Satya Shodhak Samaj , Education

Unit-IV          Reformist Thought

- M. K. Gandhi – Satyagraha , Trusteeship , Problem of Political Obligation
- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar- Who are Shudras ? , Annihilation of Caste

Unit-V            Socialist Thought

- M.N. Roy- Radical Humanism
- Jawaharlal Nehru- Democratic Socialism
- R.M. Lohia – Concept of Four Pillars of State(Chaukhamba Model)

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IV th Semester  
Paper - IV  
Constitution and Politics of India

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Unit- I Constitutional Development in India

- Brief overview of Nationalist Movement
- Evolution of Indian Constitution -1909 Act ,1919 Act ,1935Act.
- Philosophical Foundations of the Indian Constitution – Liberal, Gandhian, Socialist

Unit- II : Institutional Framework

- Union Government – Executive; Legislature; Judiciary
- State Government - Executive; Legislature; Judiciary

Unit- III Federal Politics

- Union- State Relations : Legislative, Administrative, Financial
- Recent trends in Union - State Relations

Unit- IV : Electoral Politics in India

- Political Parties a) National : INC, BJP, CPM, BSP
  - b) Regional : DMK, Akali Dal, TDP, TRS
  - c) Recent Trends in Party System
- Election Commission & Electoral Reforms

Unit- V : Issues in Indian Politics

- Debates on Secularism – Majority Communalism, Minority Communalism
- Caste in Politics and Politicization of caste
- Gender in Indian Politics
- Issues of Minorities – Sachar Committee

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V th Semester  
GE Paper  
Politics of Development

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- Unit- I            Development: Meaning, Nature, Importance
- Types of Development: Economic, Political and Social.
- Unit- II :        Development Debates
- Capitalist , Socialist , Gandhian , Sustainable Development
- Unit- III        State and Development in India
- Planning, Mixed Economy, Socialistic Pattern of Society
  - Sectors of Development: Industry, Agriculture, Irrigation, Land Reforms.
- Unit- IV :        Issues of Development in the Post-Economic Reforms period
- Economic Reforms: Liberalisation , Privatisation, Globalisation
  - Development and Displacement
  - Development and Environment



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## Vth Semester

### Paper- V ( A)

#### International Relations

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- Unit- I International Relations – Nature , Evolution and Scope; State and Non- State Actors in IR ,  
Westphalian State and Sovereign State system and its characteristics
- Unit-II European conquest of Asia and Africa – Its Impact on society, culture, economy ( European  
colonialism )First World War and Second World War  
Decolonization and its consequences ; Rise of the Developing world ;Neo- colonialism
- Unit- III Cold War ;Détente ; End of the Cold War ;Disintegration of the Soviet Union ; American Hegemony
- Unit-IV India’s Foreign Policy: Determinants; features; Non- Alignment
- Unit-V India’s Relations with USA; China; Pakistan; Sri Lanka and Nepal

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Vth Semester  
Paper – V ( B)  
Government & Politics in Telangana

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- Unit- I            State Politics
- Historical Background of Telangana  
Nizam Rule, Public Awakening in Telangana- Andhara Maha Sabha , Library movement,  
Tribal Self – Assertion , Aadi Hindu Movement,  
Telangana Armed Struggle, Hyderabad State’s integration with the Indian Union
- Unit-II            States Reorganization in India
- Fazal Ali Commission , Gentleman Agreement, Hyderabad’s Merger with Andhra and Formation of AP
  - Mulki Rules , Regional Committees’ Formation
- Unit- III           Demand for separate Telangana State
- 1969 Agitation.
  - Telangana Praja Samithi
  - Six point formula
  - Telangana Movement from 1990
  - Issues : Water , Financial Resources , Employment, Education and Discrimination
- Unit-IV           Politics of Formation of Telangana
- Justice Sri Krishna Committee Report on the condition of Telangana
  - Political Parties views on Separate Telangana: INC , BJP, CPI, CPM, TRS , TDP, MIM and Role of Political JAC
  - Role of Civil Society organizations : Students, Employees, Lawyers and Communities’ groups
- Unit-V            Formation of Telangana
- Constitutional Process
  - Electoral Politics in Telangana

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VI th Semester  
Optional Paper / Project  
**Contemporary Political Theory**

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Unit- I : Liberal Theory :

Isaiah Berlin: Two concepts of Liberty

Hannah Arendt : On Totalitarianism

Unit- II : Neo Marxist theory

Antonio Gramsci: Hegemony and Passive Revolution

Sameer Amin: Critique of Globalization

Unit- III: Feminist Theory: I

Simone de Beauvoir: Issue of Equality

Betty Friedan : Feminine mystique

Unit-IV : Feminist Theory: II

Vandana Shiva : Eco-feminism

Cynthia Enloe: Women's Experience as politics

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## VI th Semester

### Paper – VI ( A)

#### Global Politics

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Unit- I	Power , Elements of Power , Balance of Power ,Growing importance of Soft Power
Unit-II	Security, Collective Security, Bipolarity , Multipolarity, Unipolarity
Unit- III	Human Rights; Agencies of human Rights Protection; Terrorism , Environmental Issues
Unit-IV	World Bank and IMF; UNCTAD; North – South Dialogue and South – South Co- operations; WTO
Unit-V	Disarmament, Arms Race , Arms control , NPT, CTBT, MTCR Proliferation of Small Arms, WMDs

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VI th Semester  
Paper- VI ( B)  
Social Movements

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- Unit- I            Introduction to Social Movements: Meaning, Nature, Significance.  
Rise of Social Movements  
Issues in Social Movements: Depravation, Identity, Justice, Assertion
- Unit-II            Social Reform Movements  
Anti- Brahmin Movement: Ramaswamy Naicker, Naryana Guru  
Backward Class movements in Andhra Pradesh , Telangana and Tamil Nadu  
Women's Movement
- Unit- III          Agrarian Movements  
Bharat Kisan Union  
Shetkari Sanghatana  
Karnataka Rajya Ryta Sangha
- Unit-IV          Environmental Movements  
Chipko Movement  
Narmada Bacho Andholan
- Unit-V            Assertion Movements  
Adivasi Movement: Jharkhand  
Dalit Movements in Maharastra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh  
Naxalite Movement: Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh

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UG All papers with credits

Year	Semester	DSC/GE/DSE/SEC	Paper	Title of the Paper	Credits
I	I	DSC- 101	Pep- I	Understanding Political Theory	5
		AEC		Environmental Science / Basic Computer skills	2
	II	DSC- 201	Pep- II	Western Political Thought	5
		AEC		Environmental Science / Basic Computer skills	2
II	III	DSC-301	Pep-III	Indian Political Thought	5
		SEC-I	SEC-I	Psephology And Public Opinion	2
		SEC-II	SEC-II	Human Rights	2
	IV	DSC-401	Pep-IV	Constitution and Politics of India	5
		SEC-III	SEC-III	Legislative Practices and Procedures	2
		SEC-IV	SEC-IV	Laws, Duties and Rights of Citizens	2
III	V	DSE-501	ELC-A	International Relations	5
		DSE-501	ELC-B	Government and Politics in Telangana	
		GE		Politics of Development	4
	VI	DSE-601	ELC-C	Global Politics	5
		DSE-601	ELC-D	Contemporary social movements	
		GE/ Project Work		Contemporary Political Theory	4

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Semester III  
(SEC) Paper I  
PSEPHOLOGY AND PUBLIC OPINION

Unit I

Psephology: Meaning, its rise in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, role in democracy, application.

Is psephology a science or art?

Psephology and poll surveys; Psephology and election result predictions and consequences,

Data analysis techniques and psephology as a career

UNIT II

Public Opinion : Meaning, characteristics, Role in Democratic political system.

Formation and Conditions necessary for public opinion

Agencies of Public Opinion: Political Parties, Associations, Public Platforms, Media, Civil Society.

The Manufacture and Manipulation of Public Opinion

Suggested Readings:

1. G. Gallup, (1948) *A guide to public opinion polls* Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1948.
2. G. Kalton, (1983) *Introduction to Survey Sampling* Beverly Hills, Sage Publication.
3. Lokniti Team, (2004) 'National Election Study 2004', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXIX (51).
4. 'Asking About Numbers: Why and How', *Political Analysis* (2013)
5. S. Kumar and P. Rai, (2013) 'Chapter 1', in *Measuring Voting Behaviour in India*, New Delhi: Sage.
6. D. Rowntree (2000) *Statistics Without Tears: an Introduction for Non Mathematicians*, Harmondsworth : Penguin.
7. Discussion of readings and Indian examples.
8. Groups of students to collect examples of and discuss various sample based studies across many fields: e.g. consumer behaviour, unemployment rates, educational standards, elections, medicinal trials etc.
9. D Thakur, *Psephology And Elections Forecasting*, Deep And Deep Publications, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 1996.
10. Christophe Jaffrelot and Sanjay Kumar (Ed), *Rise of the Plebeians? The Changing Face of Indian Legislative Assemblies.*, New Delhi:
11. Ashutosh Kumar and Ronki Ram Edited "Globalisation and the Politics of Identity in India" Pearson Longman, Delhi, 2008

B.A Political Science  
Semester III  
(SEC) Paper II  
HUMAN RIGHTS

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UNIT I

Definition of Rights, Natural Rights and Human Rights

Universalisation of Human Rights, UN & Human Rights

Women and Human Rights; Children and Human Rights ; Business and Human Rights;  
LGBTQs and Human Rights; Differently ebled people and Human Rights

Unit II

Forms of HRs Violations: Torture, Death penalty, Slavery, Genocide.

Causes of HRs Violations: Xenophobia, Political oppositions

Differences of opinion on Governance

NHRC : SHRC. Assessment of performance

Suggested Readings

1. Alfredson, Lisa S. *Creating human rights : how non citizens made sex persecution matter to the world* , Philadelphia : University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009.
2. Normand, Roger, *Human rights at the UN : the political history of universal justice* ,Bloomington : Indiana University Press, 2008.
3. Butler, Clark, *Human rights ethics : a rational approach*, West Lafayette, Ind. : Purdue University Press, c2008.
4. Griffin, James, *On human rights*,Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.
5. Charvet, John. *The liberal project and human rights : the theory and practice of a new world order*,New York : Cambridge University Press, 2008.
6. Ramcharan, B. G., *Contemporary human rights ideas*,New York, NY : Routledge, 2008.
7. Baxi, Upendra (2002), *The Future of Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
8. Geetha, V. (2002) *Gender*, Stree Publications, Kolkata.
9. Haragopal, G. (1997) *The Political Economy of Human Rights*, Himachal Publishing House, Mumbai.
10. Menon, Nivedita (ed) (2000) *Gender and Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.



B.A Political Science  
Semester IV  
Laws, Duties and Rights of Citizens  
(SEC) Paper IV

Course Description:-

More often than not, when we talk of laws we mean authoritatively sanctioned rules, which are considered essential for a well-ordered society. Yet laws in a democracy are also about constituting a society marked by equality, freedom, and dignity. The rights approach to law has assumed importance in democracies, precisely because of people's struggles to broaden the understanding of law as something which reflects the will of the people. As such law becomes an important source of rights and duties, which develop and strengthen alongside institutions of representative democracy, constitutional norms, and the rule of law. This course aims to understand law as a source of rights, as a progressively widening sphere of substantive justice, welfare, and dignity. This relationship between laws and rights will be studied through specific values which have come to be seen as integral for a democratic society viz., equality and non-discrimination, empowerment, redistribution and recognition of traditional rights etc.

MODULE-I: Equality and non-discrimination

Rule of Law :

Laws under Indian constitution specific to

- a. Gender: the protection of women against domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment
- b. Caste: laws abolishing untouchability and providing protection against atrocities
- c. Class: laws concerning minimum wages
- d. Disability and equality of participation and opportunity
- e. Fundamental Duties

MODULE-II: Empowerment

- a. Access to information
- b. Rights of the consumer
- c. Traditional rights of forest dwellers and the issue of women's property rights
- d. Rural employment guarantee

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Semester IV  
Legislative Practices and Procedures  
(SEC) Paper III

Course Description:-

To acquaint the student broadly with the legislative process in India at various levels, introduce them to the requirements of peoples' representatives and provide elementary skills to be part of a legislative support team and expose them to real life legislative work. These will be, to understand complex policy issues, draft new legislation, track and analyse ongoing bills, make speeches and floor statements, write articles and press releases, attend legislative meetings, conduct meetings with various stakeholders, monitor media and public developments, manage constituent relations and handle inter-office communications. It will also deepen their understanding and appreciation of the political process and indicate the possibilities of making it work for democracy.

MODULE-I: Powers and functions of people's representative at different tiers of governance

Members of Parliament, State legislative assemblies, functionaries of rural and urban local self - government from Zila Parishad, Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/ward.

MODULE-II:

Supporting the legislative process

How a bill becomes law, role of the Standing committee in reviewing a bill, , the framing of rules and regulations.

Supporting the Legislative Committees

Types of committees, role of committees ,Union Budget – Role of Parliament in approving budget

Suggested Readings:

1. H. Kalra, (2011) *Public Engagement with the Legislative Process* PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
2. P. Mehta, 'India's Unruly Democracy: The Rise of Judicial Sovereignty', *Journal of Democracy*
3. *Celestine*, (2011) *How to Read the Union Budget* PRS, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.
4. N. Jayal and P. Mehta (eds), (2010) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, Oxford University Press: New Delhi,
5. D.D. Basu , *Introduction to Indian Constitution*, Lexis Nexis, New Delhi