

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN'S (AUTONOMOUS), VISAKHAPATNAM
B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE SECOND YEAR
IV SEMESTER Core paper I INDIAN POLITICAL PROCESS **Max. Marks: 100**
(w. e. f 2020-21) **SYLLABUS**
POL4503(4).

OBJECTIVES: TO ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO

- Understand the institutional orientation with regard to the Indian government
- Develop the abilities for competitive examinations
- Become responsible citizens

COURSE OUTCOMES: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Know and understand the federal system of the country and some of the vital contemporary emerging issues.
- Evaluate the electoral system of the country and to identify the areas of electoral reforms.
- Know the constitutional base and functioning of local governments with special emphasis on 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.
- Understand the dynamics of Indian politics, challenges faced and gain a sensitive comprehension to the contributing factors.
- Apply the knowledge and critically comprehend the functioning of some of the regulatory and governance institutions.

UNIT –I: FEDERAL PROCESS

1. Features of Indian Federal System- Centre State Relations-Legislative, Administrative and Financial
2. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations-Restructuring Centre-State Relations Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission, M.M. Punchy Commission

UNIT-II: ELECTORAL PROCESSES

1. The Election Commission of India, Powers and Functions- Role of Election commission in Indian Democracy

2. Issues of Electoral Reforms, Voting Behavior-Determinants and problems of defections.

UNIT-III: GROSSROOT DEMOCRACY-DECENTRALISATION

1. Panchayat Raj system-Local and Urban Governments-Structure, Powers and Functions.

2. Democratic Decentralization-Rural Development and Poverty alleviation with reference to 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts, Challenges and Prospects.

UNIT-IV: SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES TO INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

1. Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.

2. Politics of Reservation, Criminalization of Politics and Internal threats to Security

UNIT – V: REGULATORY AND GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS

1. NITI Ayog, Finance Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General of India

2. Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, Lokpal and Lokayukta

REFERENCE BOOKS:

- M. V. Pyle: Indian Constitution Constitutional Government in India
- D. D. Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India
- Rajni Kothari: Politics in India, Caste in Indian Politics
- Prof. Alaia, P. Venkataraman, K. Saibaba. Mallesam, Prof. V. Ravindra Sastry(ed): Indian Government – Politics
- M. R. Biju: Democratic Political Process
- J.K. Chopra(ed): Local Self Government and Municipal Administration
- B.C.Fadia: Indian Government and Politics
- N.G. Jayal: Democracy in India.
- Atul Kohli: The success of India's Democracy.