

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses for Sem – III

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 1a: State Politics in India

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
State Politics in India DSE-1a	4	3	1	0	12 Pass	NIL

Learning Objectives

This course situates the study of state politics as one of the key domains of Indian politics. It aims to introduce the students to 'state politics' in India as a significant site where key idioms, processes and practices of democratic politics are produced. Discussing the relevance of the theme, the course focusses on various theories on state politics, the historical and constitutional context that shaped state reorganisation including linguistic demands and other recent demands for smaller states. The course also focuses on the rise of regional parties and movements as the means through which state politics unfolds. It subsequently looks at the political economy of development in the states through a detailed analysis of agrarian change, with specific focus on the rise of the agrarian capitalist class, rural markets, agrarian movements, regional business and economic reforms in the states.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, the students would demonstrate:

- Knowledge of the historical context and legal framework of the emergence of state politics in India
- Understanding of the phenomenon of state formation and reorganisation as part of both national and regional politics in India
- Awareness of the nature of agrarian politics in India and the political economy of states in India
- Knowledge of electoral politics and political leadership in states in India.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-1a

UNIT – I (9 hours)

State politics in India

Relevance and frameworks of analysis

UNIT – II (9 hours)

States reorganisation and formation of states

UNIT – III (9 hours)

Agrarian politics

Rise of an agrarian capitalist class, rural markets, land acquisition and farmers' movements

UNIT – IV (9 hours)

Political economy of development and reforms in the states

Policy, politics, and regional business.

UNIT – V (9 hours)

Electoral politics in states

Political parties, leadership, and mobilisation

Essential/recommended readings

State politics in India: relevance and frameworks of analysis

Kumar, A. (2016) Introduction, in *Rethinking State Politics in India-Regions Within Regions*, Taylor and Francis.

Pai, Sudha (1989) 'Towards a theoretical framework for the study of state politics in India: Some observations, *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, Jan. - March, Vol. 50, No. 1, pp. 94-109

Tillin, L. (2013) 'National and Subnational Comparative Politics: Why, What and How,' *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol.1, No.02, pp.235-240.

Snyder, R. (2001) 'Scaling Down: The Subnational Comparative Method,' *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Spring 2001, Vol. 36, No. 1, pp. 93–110.

States reorganization and formation of states

Mawdsley, E. (2002). Redrawing the body politic: federalism, regionalism and the creation of new states in India. *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, Vol. 40, No.3, pp. 34-54.

Saranghi, A. and Pai, S. (2011), Introduction: Contextualising Reorganisation, in Saranghi, A. and Pai, S (eds) *Interrogating Reorganisation of States-Culture, Identity and Politics in India*, Routledge, New Delhi.

Tillin, Louise (2011), Reorganising the Hindi Heartland in 2000: The Deep Regional Politics of State Formation, in Saranghi, A. and Pai, S (eds) *Interrogating Reorganisation of States-Culture, Identity and Politics in India*, Routledge, New Delhi.

Singh, M.P. (2008) 'Reorganisation of States in India,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 43, No.11 (March 15-21) pp.70-75.

Tillin, Louise (2013). *Remapping India: New states and their political origins*. Hurst Publishers.

Samaddar, R. (2020). Rule, Governmental Rationality and Reorganisation of States, in Saranghi, A. and Pai, S (eds) *Interrogating Reorganisation of States* (pp. 48-65). Routledge India.

Nag, Sajal (2011) 'Linguistic Provinces' to 'Homelands': Shifting Paradigms of State-making in Post-colonial India, in Saranghi, A. and Pai, S. (eds) *Interrogating Reorganisation of States-Culture, Identity and Politics in India*, Routledge, New Delhi.

Agrarian politics

Bhalla G.S. 1994 (ed.) *Economic Liberalisation and Indian Agriculture*, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi: 61107.

Brass, T. (1994) Introduction: The new farmers' movements in India, *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 21:3-4, 3-26, DOI: [10.1080/03066159408438553](https://doi.org/10.1080/03066159408438553)

Frankel, F. and Rao, M.S.A. (1989 and 1990) (eds.) *Dominance and State Power in India* Oxford University Press, New Delhi 2 Vols. 198

Pai, S. (2009) 'Agrarian Mobilization and Farmers' Movements in India' in *Oxford Companion to Indian Politics* (eds.) Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Niraja Gopal Jayal. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Baviskar, A. and Levien, M. (2021) 'Farmers' protests in India: introduction to the JPS Forum,' *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 48:7, DOI: [10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002](https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002)

Political economy of development and reforms in the states

Ahluwalia, M. (2000) 'Economic Performance of States in Post-Reform Period,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 6 May, pp.1637-1648

Jenkins, R. (2000). The evolution of economic reform in India. In *Democratic Politics and Economic Reform in India (Contemporary South Asia*, pp. 12-41). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9780511605871.004

Kennedy, L., Robin, K. and Zamuner, D. (2013) 'Comparing State-level policy responses to economic reforms in India,' 13 | 1er semestre / Spring 2013: *Économiepolitique de l'Asie* (1)

Sinha, A. (2016) 'A Distinctive Indian Political Economy: New Concepts and a Synthesizing Framework,' *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol.4, No.02, pp. 266-273.

Electoral politics in states

Auerbach, A. M., Bussell, J., Chauchard, S., Jensenius, F. R., Nellis, G., Schneider, M., & Ziegfeld, A. (2022). Rethinking the study of electoral politics in the developing world: Reflections on the Indian case. *Perspectives on Politics*, 20(1), 250-264.

Kumar, A. (2003). State Electoral Politics: Looking for the Larger Picture. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38(30), 3145–3147

Yadav, Y. (1999). Electoral politics in the time of change: India's third electoral system, 1989-99. *Economic and political weekly*, 2393-2399.

Yadav, Yogendra, and Palshikar, S. (2006) 'Party system and electoral politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From hegemony to convergence,' *India's political parties* 6: 73-116.

Additional Readings:

Roy, H., Singh, M.P. and Chouhan, A.P.S. (2017) *State Politics in India*, Primus Books.

Narain, I. (1965) (ed.) *State Politics in India* Meerut, Meenakshi Prakashan

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 1b: Indian Constitution: Key Debates

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Indian Constitution: Key Debates DSE-1b	4	3	1	0	12 Pass	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course has been designed with the aim to familiarise students with the key debates that went into the making of the Indian Constitution. The debates have been identified for their historical significance and contemporary relevance. The course is on the distinguishing features of the constitution, the modalities through which consensus on contentious matters were arrived in the Constituent Assembly, and the political contexts in which these debates have remained significant. The course takes the students back to the Constituent Assembly Debates to help them comprehend the principles that were articulated to resolve or defer a debate. While the Constituent Assembly Debates serve as resources for a historical and a contextual analysis of the Constitution, the forms in which the debates have resurfaced is also paid attention through recourse to debates in the Parliament. Alongside, scholarship produced by political theorists, historians and lawyers have been included to trace the contours of the debate and the constitutional values that emerge out of it.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, the students will demonstrate:

- Knowledge of the process of constitution making and familiarity with Constituent Assembly debates
- An understanding of the framing of debates in the Constituent Assembly and the forms in which they have remained significant
- An understating of the principles that undergirded the debates and the constitutional values that they sought to entrench

SYLLABUS OF DSE-1b

UNIT – I (7 Hours)

Citizenship

UNIT – II (7 Hours)

Religious Freedom (and Minority Rights)

UNIT – III (7 Hours)

Uniform Civil Code

UNIT – IV (7 Hours)

Asymmetrical Federalism

UNIT – V (7 Hours)

Emergency Provisions and Preventive Detention Laws

UNIT – VI (5 Hours)

Constitutional Amendment

UNIT – VII (5 Hours)

Language Question

Essential/recommended readings

Unit wise reading list

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), Volumes I- XII, available at <http://164.100.47.194/Loksabhadhindi/cadebatefiles/cadebates.html>

1. Citizenship

Primary Text: Part II, The Constitution of India

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Citizenship, 10 August 1949 to 12 August 1949, Vol. IX, pp. 343-349, 353-357, 398-401 (Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, 4th edition, 2003). URL: <http://loksabhaph.nic.in/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/vol9.html>

Valerian Rodrigues, 2008, Citizenship and the Indian Constitution, in Rajiv Bhargava (ed), *Politics and Ethics of Indian Constitution*, Oxford University Press

Anupama Roy, 2016, We the People: Citizenship in the Indian Constitution, in *Citizenship in India (Oxford India Short Introductions)*, Oxford University Press.

Anupama Roy, 2019, The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and the Aporia of Citizenship, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 54, Issue No. 49.

2. Religious Freedom (and Minority Rights)

Primary Text: Art 25- 30, The Constitution of India

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Religious Conversion, 1st May 1947, Vol III (<http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C01051947.html>) and 6th December 1948, Vol. VII (<http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Debates/cadebatefiles/C06121948.html>)

Rajeev Bhargava, 2002, India's Secular Constitution, in ZoyaHasan et al, *India's Living Constitution*, Permanent Black.

Gurpreet Mahajan, 2008, Religion and the Indian Constitution: Questions of Separation and Equality, in Rajiv Bhargava (ed), *Politics and Ethics of Indian Constitution*, Oxford University Press

ShibaniKinkarChaube, 2000, End of the Indian Problem II- Minority Rights, in *Constituent Assembly of India: Springboard of Revolution*, Manohar

3. Uniform Civil Code

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On UCC, 23rd November 1948, Vol. VII URL: <http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C23111948.html>

Peter Ronald deSouza, 2015, Politics of the Uniform Civil Code, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 50, Issue No. 48,

NiveditaMenon, 2014, A Uniform Civil Code in India: The State of the Debate in 2014. *Feminist Studies* 40(2), 480-486. doi:10.1353/fem.2014.0025.

4. Asymmetrical Federalism

Primary Texts: Article 370- 371 (J), Part XXI, The Constitution of India,

Primary Texts:Fifth Schedule and Sixth Schedule, Part XXII, Constitution of India

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), On Special Status to Jammu and Kashmir, 17th October 1949, Vol. X.

URL: <http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C17101949.html>

Arun Thiruvengadam, 2018, Federalism and Local Government (pp. 71-92), *The Constitution of India, a Contextual Analysis*, Hart Publishing

Rekha Saxena, 2021, Constitutional Asymmetry in Indian Federalism, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 56, Issue No. 34.

M.P. Singh, 2016, The Federal Scheme, in Sujit Choudhry et al, *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Ashwani Kumar, 2019, The Constitutional Legitimacy of Abrogating Article 370, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 54, Issue No. 38

5. Emergency Provisions and Preventive Detention Laws

Primary Text: Articles 352, 353, 356, 358, 359, Part XVIII, The Constitution of India

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings) on Draft Article 15-A, Personal Liberty and Procedure Established by Law (Article 22), September 15 and 16, 1949, Volume IX (<http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/vol9.html>)

Venkat Iyer, 2000, Emergency Law in India: the Background and the Development of the Law, in *States of Emergency, the Indian Experience*, Butterworths.

S.P. Mukherjee, 1990, Preventive Detention (Parliamentary Debates, 13 February, 1951), in *Eminent Parliamentarians Monograph Series*, Lok Sabha Secretariat, pp. 61- 81 (<https://eparlib.nic.in/bitstream/123456789/58670/1/Eminent Parliamentarians Series Syam a Prasad Mookerjee.pdf>)

Granville Austin, 1966, Fundamental Rights II, Social Reform and State Security versus 'Due Process' (pp. 128- 142), in *Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP.

Granville Austin, 1999, Democracy Rescued or Constitution Subverted: Emergency and 42nd Amendment, in *Working a Democratic Constitution*, OUP

Arvind Narrain, 2022, Roots of the Emergency: Preventive Detention, in *India's Undeclared Emergency*, Context, Westland Publications.

6. Constitutional Amendment

Primary Text: Art 368, Part XX, The Constitution of India.

Constituent Assembly Debates (Proceedings), Excerpts on Amendment Procedure in B R Ambedkar's Final Speech on 25th November 1949 URL: <http://164.100.47.194/loksabha/writereaddata/cadebatefiles/C25111949.html>

D DBasu, 2011, Procedure for Amendment, in *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (20thed.). Lexis Nexis, India.

Arun Thiruvengadam, 2018, Constitutional Change, in *The Constitution of India, a Contextual Analysis*, Hart Publishing

Pratap Bhanu Mehta, 2002, The Inner Conflict of Constitutionalism: Judicial Review and the 'Basic Structure', in Zoya Hasan et al, *India's Living Constitution*, Permanent Black.

Sudhir Krishnaswamy, 2009, Amending Power: The Constitutional Basis for Basic Structure Review, in *Democracy and Constitutionalism in India, A Study of the Basic Structure Doctrine*, Oxford University Press.

7. Language Question

Primary Text: Art 343- 351, Part XVII, The Constitution of India.

Granville Austin, 1966, Language and the Constitution- The Half-Hearted Compromise, in *Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation*, OUP.

Paramjit S Judge, 2021, Fifteen Years that Never Ended: The Language Debate in *Making of Modern India*, Rawat

Paramjit S Judge, 2021, Language Issue in Constituent Assembly Debates, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 56, Issue No. 14

(On Assembly Debates) *Indian Express*, 24 Sep 2019, <https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/amit-shah-on-hindi-language-status-constituent-assembly-national-language-6022271/>

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