

Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya
Department of Political Science
Teaching Plan for General * Year 2019-2020

Semester	Paper	Unit/Module	Faculty	No. of Lecture	To be Completed by Month
1	DSC-1A (CC-1): Introduction to Political Theory	1. Course Content: a. What is Politics? b. What is Political Theory and what is its relevance?	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	12	4
		2. Concepts: Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and State	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	12	4
		3. Debates in Political Theory: a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth? b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits? c. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness? d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family?	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	11	3
		1. Powers and functions of people's representatives at different tiers of governance Members of Parliament, State Legislative Assemblies, functionaries of rural and urban local self government from Zila Parishads/Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/Ward.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	9	2
		2. Supporting the legislative process: How a Bill becomes a Law, Role of the Standing Committee in reviewing a Bill, Legislative Consultations, amendments to a Bill, the framing of Rules and Regulations.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	7	2
		3. Supporting the legislative committees Types of committees, Role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes, and legislation.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	7	2
		4. Reading the budget document: Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Railway Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	7	2
		5. Support in media monitoring and communication: Types of media and their significance for legislators. Basics of communication in print and electronic media.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	7	2
		1) Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics and Nature of the State in India: Liberal, Marxist and Gandhian	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
		2) Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
	3) Institutional Functioning: Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2	
	4) Power Structure in India: Caste, class and patriarchy	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2	
	5) Religion and Politics: debates on secularism and communalism	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2	
	6) Parties and Party systems in India	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2	
7) Social Movements : Workers, Peasants, Environmental and Women's Movement	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2		
8) Strategies of Development in India since Independence: Planned Economy and Neo-liberalism	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2		
2	DSC-1B (CC-2): - Indian Government and Politics				

		1. The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
		2. Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
		3. Classifications of political systems: a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USA b) Federal and Unitary: Canada and China	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
	DSC-1C (CC-3) : Comparative Government and Politics	4. Electoral Systems: First past the post, proportional representation, mixed systems	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
		5. Party Systems: one-party, two-party and multi-party systems	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
		6. Contemporary debates on the nature of state: From state centric security to human centric security and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization.	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	5	2
		1. Powers and functions of people's representatives at different tiers of governance	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
3		Members of Parliament, State Legislative Assemblies, functionaries of rural and urban local self government from Zila Parishads/Municipal Corporation to Panchayat/Ward.			
	SEC- 1: Legislative Support	2. Supporting the legislative process: How a Bill becomes a Law, Role of the Standing Committee in reviewing a Bill, Legislative Consultations, amendments to a Bill, the framing of Rules and Regulations.	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
		3. Supporting the legislative committees Types of committees, Role of committees in reviewing government finances, policy, programmes, and legislation.	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
		4. Reading the budget document: Overview of Budget Process, Role of Parliament in reviewing the Union Budget, Railway Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries.	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
		5. Support in media monitoring and communication: Types of media and their significance for legislators. Basics of communication in print and electronic media.	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	5	2
		1. Approaches to International Relations a) Classical Realism (Hans Morgenthau) and Neo-Realism (Kenneth Waltz) b) Neo-Liberalism: Complex Interdependence (Robert O. Keohane and Joseph Nye) c) Structural Approaches: World Systems Approach (Immanuel Wallerstein) and Dependency School (Andre Gunder Frank) d) Feminist Perspective (J. Ann Tickner)	Mrs. Paramita Ganguly	11	3
	DSC-1D (CC-4): Introduction to International Relations	2. Cold War & Post-Cold War Era a) Second World War & Origins of Cold War b) Phases of Cold War: i. First Cold War ii. Rise and Fall of Detente iii. Second Cold War	Mrs. Paramita Ganguly	11	3
		iv. End of Cold War and Collapse of the Soviet Union (c) Post Cold- War Era and Emerging Centers of Power (European Union, China, Russia and Japan)			
		3. India's Foreign Policy a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic) b) India's Policy of Non-alignment c) India: An Emerging Power	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	4
		I. Introduction to the course	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	11	3

	Definition and characteristics of public opinion, conceptions and characteristics, debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll.			
	II. Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	11	3
	a. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.			
	b. Sampling error and non-response			
	c. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball			
	Sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified			
SEC-2: Public Opinion and Survey Research	III. Survey Research	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	11	3
	a. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of Interview			
	b. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.			
	IV. Quantitative Data Analysis	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	11	3
	a. Introduction to quantitative data analysis			
	b. Basic concepts: co relational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and Inferential Statistics			
	V. Interpreting polls	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	11	3
	Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls			
	Politics of interpreting polling			
3rd Year	1. Secularism and Communalism, Caste and Politics, Women's Participation in Politics, Regional Movements : Nature and types; Globalization and its impacts.	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11
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	2. Organization of the Government of India: PMO, Cabinet Secretary and Central Secretariat; Civil Service: Recruitment, training and accountability. 10	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	40	11
	3. Legislative Procedure and Process : Presidents' Address, Questions, Calling Attention, Adjournments, No-Confidence Motion, Cut-Motions, Mention (Reference to be made to the procedures followed in West Bengal Legislative Assembly) 15	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11
Paper-IV : Contemporary Political and Administrative Issues	4. Issues in Contemporary Indian Society: Judicial Activism, Human Rights, National and State Human Rights Commission, Public Interest Litigations, Corruption and Citizen's Charter. 20	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11
	5. Local self-government: Rural and Urban – Panchayats, Municipals and Municipal Corporations: Structure, Composition and Functions (with special reference to West Bengal). 20	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	40	11
	6. Rural Development Programmes: Integrated Rural Development – Concept and Approaches; Decentralised Planning: Rationality, Methodology and Implementation. (References to be made to the on-going poverty alleviation programmes in West Bengal)	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11

