

Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya
Department of Political Science
Teaching Plan for General * Year 2018-2019

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. U.K. a) Constitution : sources and salient features 03 b) The Crown : power, position and role. 03 c) The Cabinet: composition and functions; powers and position of the Prime Minister; the Cabinet dictatorship. 08 d) Parliament : composition and functions; the House of Lords and the House of Commons; Speaker; Committee System; Role of Opposition; Relation between	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia		
		Paper II Modern Governments			

	the two Houses. 12			
	e) Party System. 02			
	2. U.S.A.	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	120	11
	a) Basic features of the constitution 03			
	b) U.S. Federalism : changing nature 04			
	c) The Bill of Rights 02			
	d) Executive : President : election, power and position; U.S. Cabinet. 05			
	e) Legislature : U.S. Congress; Powers and functions of the Senate and the House of Representatives – relationship between the two Houses. 06			
	f) Judiciary : functions and role. 03			
	g) Party System. 02			
	3. Switzerland	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	120	11
	a) Salient features of the constitution. 03			
	b) Direct Democracy in Switzerland : devices. 04			
	c) Swiss Federal Council : composition, functions and powers. 03			
	d) Federalism : the basic features and present trends. 03			
	e) Swiss Federal Assembly : composition, functions and powers. 03			
	f) Federal Tribunal : organization and jurisdiction. 02			
	4. China	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	100	11
	a) Constitutional Developments in China : a brief outline. 03			
	b) Rights and Duties of Chinese citizens. 02			
	c) National Government :			
	i) Legislature, National People's Congress, Standing Committee;			
	ii) Executive : President, Premiere State Council;			
	iii) Judiciary – Peoples Procuratorate. 08			
	d) Local Peoples' Congress and Local People's Government. 02			
	e) Communist Party: structure, functions and role. 02			
	1. Framing of the Constitution of India: composition and role of the Constitution Assembly. 05	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	2. The Preamble and its significance 03	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	3. Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens. 15	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	4. Directive Principles of State Policy. 04	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	5. Nature of Indian Federalism – Centre-State Relations: Recent Trends. 07	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	6. Union Executive: President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers. 12	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	7. Union Legislature: Composition and functions, Law making procedures, Committee System, Speaker. 12	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	8. Government in the States: Governors, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers – State Legislature: compositions and functions. 10	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	9. Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts: composition, jurisdiction and role. 08	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	10. Official Language: Constitutional provisions. 03	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	11. Election Commission: composition and functions – electoral Reforms in India. 05	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	12. Amendment Procedure. 04	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	13. Provisions regarding Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. 06	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	14. Party System in India: features and trends.	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	10	11
	1. Secularism and Communalism, Caste and Politics, Women's Participation in Politics, Regional Movements : Nature and types; Globalization and its impacts. 20	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11
	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	Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	40	11
2nd Year				
	Paper III Indian Government			

		Attention, Adjournments, No-Confidence Motion, Cut-Motions, Mention		
		(Reference to be made to the procedures followed in West Bengal Legislative Assembly) 15		
3rd Year	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
		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
		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
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