

## 22. POLITICAL SCIENCE (Code No. 028)

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### Rationale

At the senior secondary level, students who opt for Political Science are given an opportunity to get exposed to the diverse concepts of the discipline helping them to be a global citizen and develop skills to understand, apply and evaluate. At this level, there is a need to enable students to have the skills to engage with political processes that surround them and provide them with an understanding of the historical context that has shaped the present. The different courses expose the students to various streams of the discipline of Political Science: Political Theory, Indian Politics and International Politics. Concerns of the other two streams - Comparative Politics and Public Administration- are accommodated at different places in these courses. In introducing these streams, special care has been taken not to burden the students with the current jargon of the discipline. The basic idea here is to lay the foundations for a serious engagement with the discipline and develop competencies related to Political Science to prepare them for higher education, learning and knowledge.

### Competencies and Outcomes:

#### 1. Indian Constitution at Work:

**1.1 Competency:** Understanding, identifying and analysing the key features, historical processes and working of the Constitution of India.

**1.2 Outcomes:** The students will:

- 1.2.1 Understand the historical processes and the circumstances in which the Constitution was drafted.
- 1.2.2 Be familiar with the diverse perspectives that guided the makers of the Indian Constitution.
- 1.2.3 Identify key features of the Constitution and compare these to other constitutions in the world.
- 1.2.4 Analyse the working of the Constitution in real life.

#### 2. Political Theory:

**2.1 Competency:** Understanding, critically evaluating and applying political theory

**2.2 Outcomes:** After the course the students will:

- 2.2.1 Understand different themes and thinkers associated with the real life.
- 2.2.2 Develop the skills for logical reasoning
- 2.2.3 Meaningfully participate in the issues and concerns of political life surrounding them.

#### 3. Contemporary World Politics:

**3.1 Competency:** Understanding, analysing the Contemporary World Politics

**3.2 Outcomes:** After the course the students will:

- 3.2.1 Understand the contemporary world.
- 3.2.2 Understand the key political events and processes in the post-cold war era.
- 3.2.3 Analyse various global institutions, processes and events shaping their lives.

#### 4. Politics in India after Independence:

**4.1 Competency:** Critically evaluate and understand, analyse politics in India after Independence

**4.2 Outcomes:** After the course the students will:

- 4.2.1** Understand and analyse constitutional institutions, figures and their working in the post-independence period; political events, trends, other facts and figures and contribution of eminent personalities from the post-independence to contemporary India.
- 4.2.2** Develop their capacity to link political policies and processes with contemporary realities.
- 4.2.3** Encourage the students to understand and analyse the challenges for contemporary India.