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**Course Objective and Course Outcome of the Political Science papers,
based on the Gauhati University FYUGP 2026 Political Science syllabus.**

1st SEMESTER

1. POL4100104MJ/MN — INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

Course Objectives

This course aims to introduce students to the idea of political theory, its history, approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. It is also designed to introduce the basic concepts of political theory. The course attempts to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Outline the key concepts in political theory and various related conceptual categories.
- **CO2.** Classify the concepts of political theories and identify their limitations.
- **CO3.** Critically analyse the functioning of the political system in relation to the context in which the students are situated.
- **CO4.** Construct a foundation for analysing contemporary political developments.
- **CO5.** Explain political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

2. PANCHAYATI RAJ IN PRACTICE - SEC

Course objective:

- To examine the financial administration of Panchayats, including constitutional provisions, fiscal decentralisation, accounting, auditing, and the role of social audit in ensuring transparency and accountability.
- To analyse the participation and empowerment of disadvantaged groups in local governance, particularly women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minorities, and the significance of the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act in promoting inclusive governance.

Course outcomes:

CO1: This paper will help students understand the importance of grassroot political institutions in empowering people.

CO2: This paper will highlight the complex challenges faced by PRIs in India and mechanisms involved to make it more participatory and inclusive in nature.

2nd SEMESTER

1. POL4200104MJ/MN — INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Course Objectives

- The paper aims at introducing students to the nature, emergence and functioning of the Constitution of India.

- The paper seeks to impart learning on the significance of the idea of citizenship and rights and how the Constitution has incorporated them and what it reflects on the nature of the Indian Constitution.
- The paper intends to make students understand the normative basis of key public institutions in India and the nature of their functioning.
- The paper aims to explore the distinctiveness of Indian federalism and how the emergence of new institutions like NITI Aayog reflects on the changing character of federalism in India.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Understand the nature and functioning of the Indian Constitution.
- **CO2.** Explain the significance of citizenship and rights in the Indian constitutional framework.
- **CO3.** Analyse the functioning of key public institutions in India.
- **CO4.** Examine the distinctiveness of Indian federalism.
- **CO5.** Analyse the changing character of Indian federalism with reference to institutions such as NITI Aayog.

2. POL-SEC — ELECTORAL PROCESS IN INDIA

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the evolution, legal framework, and significance of the electoral process in India's democratic system.
- To develop an understanding of the constitutional role, powers, and functions of the Election Commission of India, State Election Commissions, and the Model Code of Conduct in ensuring free and fair elections.
- To examine contemporary electoral reforms, electoral malpractices, and the role of media in strengthening electoral integrity and democratic governance.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Students will be able to explain the evolution, legal framework, and democratic significance of the electoral process in India, including the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- **CO2.** Students will be able to analyse the structure and functioning of the Election Commission of India and State Election Commissions and evaluate the importance of the Model Code of Conduct in conducting free and fair elections.
- **CO3.** Students will be able to critically assess major electoral reforms, identify electoral malpractices, and evaluate the role of media in promoting transparency, accountability, and informed electoral participation.

3. POL-MDC — HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES-II: DEMOCRACY AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the theoretical debates on democracy, with particular emphasis on elections, people's rights, democratic participation, and dissent.
- To develop an understanding of the relationship between the Constitution, citizenship, and federalism in sustaining democratic governance in a plural society.
- To examine the role of rights-based legislations and public policies in India, including the rights to livelihood, information, education, and food, in strengthening democratic governance and social justice.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Students will be able to explain major debates on democracy and critically analyse the relationship between democratic procedures, people's rights, and dissent.
- **CO2.** Students will be able to evaluate the significance of the Constitution, citizenship, and federalism in promoting democratic values, constitutionalism, and inclusive governance in India.
- **CO3.** Students will be able to analyse the implementation and impact of rights-based legislations such as MGNREGA, the Right to Information Act, the Right to Education Act, and the National Food Security framework in advancing democratic rights and social justice.

3rd SEMESTER

1. POL4300104MJ — PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Course Objectives

- The course seeks to introduce the discipline of Public Administration and its significance in contemporary times.
- The course aims to encompass Public Administration in its historical context with an emphasis on the various classical and contemporary administrative theories.
- The course intends to explore some of the recent trends including good governance, new public management, feminism, ecological conservation and how the call for greater democratization is restructuring public administration.
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on contemporary administrative developments.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Develop foundation of the basic concepts related to Public Administration and its significance.
- **CO2.** Examine the major classical and contemporary administrative theories.
- **CO3.** Sketch the importance of personnel administration in an administrative system and issues related to it including civil service neutrality and role of Public Service Commission.
- **CO4.** Construct ideas on the contemporary debates in public administration.
- **CO5.** Explain the major approaches in Public Administration.

2. POL4300204MJ — UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course Objectives

- The course aims to introduce the students to the basic understanding of international relations.
- To the growing linkages and interactions between domestic and international issues under the evolving process of globalization, imperative for knowing and understanding global politics is increasingly being felt.
- The course is designed to equip the students with theoretical, historical and conceptual insights to understand the evolving dynamics of international relations.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Outline the key theoretical approaches in international relations.
- **CO2.** Explain the interactions between the domestic and international issues under the emerging process of globalization.

- **CO3.** Examine the evolution of international relations in the twentieth century.
- **CO4.** Analyse the nature of the global economy.
- **CO5.** Construct basic knowledge on some of the contemporary global issues.

3. POL4300104MN — PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to Public Administration as a discipline, its historical development, classical and contemporary theories, personnel administration and contemporary approaches.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Understand the basic concepts and significance of Public Administration.
- **CO2.** Examine classical and contemporary administrative theories.
- **CO3.** Understand personnel administration and civil service.
- **CO4.** Analyse contemporary debates in Public Administration.
- **CO5.** Explain major approaches to Public Administration.

4. POL-SEC — PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

Course Objectives

The course aims to familiarise students with the parliamentary system, procedures, practices and functioning of the Indian Parliament.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the structure and functions of the Indian Parliament.
- **CO2.** Understand parliamentary procedures and practices.
- **CO3.** Analyse the role of parliamentary committees and legislative processes.

5. POL-VAC — UNDERSTANDING INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the historical evolution, philosophical foundations, and salient features of the Constitution of India.
- To develop an understanding of the constitutional framework of rights, duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, and the structure and functioning of the Union Executive and Parliament.
- To examine the federal structure of India, with particular emphasis on Centre–State relations, the characteristics of Indian federalism, and the constitutional role of the Governor.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Students will be able to explain the historical background, constituent process, and core principles that shaped the Constitution of India.
- **CO2.** Students will be able to analyse the constitutional provisions relating to Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, the Union Executive, and the Parliament of India.
- **CO3.** Students will be able to critically evaluate the nature of Indian federalism, Centre–State relations, and the role of the Governor in the functioning of the Indian constitutional system.

4th SEMESTER

1. POL4400104MJ — POLITICAL THEORY: CONCEPTS AND DEBATES

Course Objectives

- Help the students familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding.
- Encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit.
- Introduce the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of political debates.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Illustrate the dimensions of shared living through political values and concepts.
- **CO2.** Examine the concepts of justice, rights and freedom.
- **CO3.** Explain the utility of these concepts in enriching political life.
- **CO4.** Reflect upon some of the major debates in political theory.
- **CO5.** Construct critical thinking on the socio-economic and political issues based on the contemporary political discourses in India.

2. POL4400204MJ — POLITICAL PROCESSES IN INDIA

Course Objectives

- An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis that is offered by political sociology.
- This course maps the working of "modern" institutions, premised on the existence of an individual society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities and their mutual transformation.
- It familiarizes students with the working of the Indian State, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Describe significant political processes that have shaped Indian politics in the last seven decades.
- **CO2.** Analyse various processes, including electoral processes, trends, and the party system in India.
- **CO3.** Explain the dynamics of Indian politics, including regionalism, caste, religion, and the changing nature of the Indian State.
- **CO4.** Develop engagement with the larger intellectual and research tradition on issues of Indian politics.
- **CO5.** Integrate the knowledge required for competitive examinations including NET/JRF, SLET, and research in the field of Indian Politics.

3. POL4400304MJ — PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA

Course Objectives

- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the discipline of public policy and its significance in contemporary times.
- The course seeks to explain the various aspects of public financial administration.
- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the interface between public policy and administration in India.
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding of social welfare administration.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Discuss the basic concept of public policy, policy analysis, public policy process and governance.
- **CO2.** Extend the knowledge of different stages of public policy in terms of theoretical formulation.
- **CO3.** Illustrate the principles of financial management.
- **CO4.** Understand the interface between public policy and administration in India.
- **CO5.** Analyse social welfare administration in India.

4. POL4400404MJ — WESTERN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Course Objectives

- This course attempts to introduce the close interconnectedness of philosophy and politics.
- It is an attempt at taking the students through the history of Western political thought in various periods of its development.
- This course also attempts to explore the political questions of different periods and their relevance in analysing contemporary political developments.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Outline the interconnectedness between philosophy and politics and interpret ideas underlying the traditions in political philosophy.
- **CO2.** Analyse the debates and arguments of leading political philosophers belonging to different traditions.
- **CO3.** Develop knowledge on the social contract theories from Hobbes to Rousseau.
- **CO4.** Construct an understanding of the Liberal and Marxist schools of thought.
- **CO5.** Appraise the relevance of political philosophy in understanding contemporary politics.

5th SEMESTER

1. POL4500104MJ — INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to the diversity of thinkers in the Indian political tradition, the development of Indian Political Thought, its social context and major streams of Indian thought.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the themes and issues in Political Thought of India and introduce the diversity of thinkers within the Indian political tradition.
- **CO2.** Outline the positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues that are constitutive of modern India.
- **CO3.** Assess the importance of the socio-political context for the emergence of the ideas.
- **CO4.** Explore the socio-economic dynamics of class, caste and gender within the rubric of Indian Political Thought.
- **CO5.** Derive the relevance of Political Thought of India in understanding contemporary politics.

2. POL4500204MJ — COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS-I

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to comparative government and politics and develops an understanding of different political systems and institutions through comparative analysis.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the basic concepts and approaches of comparative government and politics.
- **CO2.** Analyse major political institutions comparatively.
- **CO3.** Compare different governmental and political systems.
- **CO4.** Examine political processes in different countries.
- **CO5.** Develop comparative perspectives for understanding contemporary politics.

3. POL4500404MN — RURAL LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Objectives

- The course seeks to provide an introduction to the Rural Local Governance and its significance in contemporary times.
- This course encompasses local governance in its historical context. This course acquaints students with the Rural Local Institutions and their actual working.
- The course seeks to explain the various aspects of decentralization and democratic decentralization. It further encourages a study of rural local institutions in their mutual interaction and their interaction with the people.
- The course attempts to provide the students a comprehensive understanding on rural local finance.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Locate the importance of grassroots political institutions in empowering people.
- **CO2.** Comprehend the importance and significance of rural local governance.
- **CO3.** Outline the constitutional structure of the rural local bodies.
- **CO4.** Explain the various aspects of decentralization and democratic decentralization and its relationship with democracy and participation.
- **CO5.** Assess the study of rural local institutions and its mutual interaction with the people.

4. POL4500604MN — INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Course Objectives

- To introduce the students to the diversity of thinkers in the Indian political tradition.
- To enable them to understand the trajectory of development of Indian Political Thought spanning over two millennia.
- To introduce students to the social context which influenced the formation of such ideas.
- To provide a sense of the broad streams of Indian thought while encouraging a specific knowledge of individual thinkers and texts.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the themes and issues in Political Thought of India and introduce the diversity of thinkers within the Indian political tradition.
- **CO2.** Outline the positions of leading political thinkers in India on issues that are constitutive of modern India.
- **CO3.** Assess the importance of the socio-political context for the emergence of the ideas.
- **CO4.** Explore the socio-economic dynamics of class, caste and gender within the rubric of Indian Political Thought.
- **CO5.** Derive the relevance of Political Thought of India in understanding contemporary politics.

6th SEMESTER

1. POL4600104MJ — FEMINISM: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to feminist theories, major debates and their application to contemporary political and social issues.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the basic concepts and theories of feminism.
- **CO2.** Analyse major feminist perspectives.
- **CO3.** Examine gender relations from a political perspective.
- **CO4.** Analyse contemporary debates on feminism.
- **CO5.** Apply feminist perspectives to contemporary political and social issues.

2. POL4600204MJ — COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS-II

Course Objectives

The course develops a deeper comparative understanding of political institutions, political processes and governmental systems.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain advanced concepts in comparative government and politics.
- **CO2.** Compare political institutions across different political systems.
- **CO3.** Analyse political processes comparatively.
- **CO4.** Evaluate different forms of government and political institutions.
- **CO5.** Apply comparative perspectives to contemporary political developments.

3. POL4600304MJ — HUMAN RIGHTS: TRADITIONS AND DEBATES

Course Objectives

- To understand human rights, its origin, and debates. It is important for students to know how debates on human rights have taken distinct forms historically and in the contemporary world.
- To impart knowledge on the significant development of human rights, starting from the European tradition to the Cairo Declaration.
- To deal with several issues that violate human rights through a comparative study. The course seeks to anchor all issues in the Indian context and draws upon another country to form a broader comparative framework.
- To explore challenges to human rights and future possibilities.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Describe human rights, their origin, and debates. Identify how debates on human rights have taken distinct forms historically and in the contemporary world.
- **CO2.** Discuss the institutional framework that categorises human rights.
- **CO3.** Outline the significant developments in human rights from the European tradition to the Cairo Declaration.
- **CO4.** Critically analyse structural violence and various socio-economic and political issues within the framework of human rights.
- **CO5.** Assess the challenges to human rights and future possibilities.

4. POL4600404MJ — POLITICS IN NORTHEAST INDIA

Course Objectives

- Introduce students to the historical, geographical, and socio-political foundations of Northeast India, with emphasis on its geopolitical significance and political evolution.
- Develop an understanding of the evolution of political institutions, colonial transformation, political integration, federalism, and constitutional arrangements in Northeast India.
- Examine the role of ethnicity, identity, migration, regional political movements, democratic institutions, and governance in shaping the politics of Northeast India.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the geopolitical, historical, and socio-cultural foundations of Northeast India.
- **CO2.** Analyse the impact of colonial rule and frontier administration on the political evolution of the region.
- **CO3.** Understand the processes of political integration, state formation, and federal accommodation in post-colonial Northeast India.
- **CO4.** Evaluate the role of identity, ethnicity, migration, and regional political movements in shaping contemporary politics.
- **CO5.** Examine the functioning of democratic institutions, regional political parties, and constitutional mechanisms in Northeast India.

5. POL4600604MJ — URBAN LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to urban local governance, its historical evolution, constitutional framework, decentralisation and contemporary functioning of urban local institutions.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the significance of urban local governance.
- **CO2.** Understand the constitutional framework of urban local bodies.
- **CO3.** Analyse decentralisation and democratic participation in urban governance.
- **CO4.** Examine the functioning of urban local institutions.
- **CO5.** Assess contemporary challenges of urban local governance.

6. POL4600804MN — FEMINISM: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Objectives

The course introduces students to feminist perspectives, major feminist debates and their relevance to contemporary political and social issues.

Course Outcomes

- **CO1.** Explain the major concepts of feminism.
- **CO2.** Understand major feminist theories.
- **CO3.** Analyse gender and political relations.
- **CO4.** Examine contemporary feminist debates.
- **CO5.** Apply feminist perspectives to contemporary issues.