

UNIT-III: The Universality of Rights

- (i) Rights: Natural, Moral and Legal
- (ii) Three Generations of Rights

UNIT-IV: Major debates

- (i) Political obligation: Grounds
- (ii) Cultural Relativism and Multiculturalism.

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Core Paper IV (C-IV)

POLITICAL PROCESS IN INDIA

Introduction: Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis - that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation thereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

Political Parties, the Party system and Determinants of Voting Behaviour

UNIT-I: Indian party system

- (i) Party System in India: Features and Trends
- (ii) Voting Behaviour and Its determinants: Caste, Class, Gender and Religion.
- (iii) Election Commission: Constitution and Functions, Electoral Reforms

UNIT-II: Regionalism, Religion and Politics

- (i) Regionalism: Causes and its trends,
- (ii) Secularism and Communalism: Debates

UNIT-III: Caste and Politics

- i) Caste and Politics: Politicisation of Caste
- ii) Affirmative Action: Policies, Women, Caste and Marginalized Class

UNIT-IV: The Changing Nature of the India State

- (i) Developmental and Welfare Dimensions
- (ii) Coercive Dimension

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