

**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
VALLABH VIDYANAGAR**



**MASTER OF ARTS
Post-Graduate Department of Political Science
Syllabi for the Master of Arts (M.A.)
(To be implemented from June 2017)
Semester-II**

**PA02CPOS21
Dynamics of Politics in Gujarat State**

Course Rationale

Dynamics of politics in India offers quite a distinct model of socio-political culture, leadership role and development pattern. This course attempts to understand and explain major movements and patterns of politics in Gujarat with a focus on the weaker section.

Unit 01

Theoretical Framework for the study of State Politics in India and the Significance of such a Study

Unit 02

Determinants of Politics in Gujarat State: Geography, Social composition, Economy, Cultural milieu, Leadership, and the inter-influence of state and national politics

Unit 03

Major Parties, Pressure Groups, and the politics of gender and social justice in Gujarat

Unit 04

Grass-root empowerment, political movements and the role of State in Gujarat

Unit 05

Contemporary and Emerging trends in politics in Gujarat

References

- Pravin Sheth, Patterns of Political Behaviour in Gujarat
Pravinsheth and Ramesh Menon, Caste and Communal Time Bomb
Vishnu Pandya, Vartman Gujarat: Triji Shakti no Suryoday
Gajendra Shukla, Bhartiya Janta Party: Ek Rajkiya Vishleshan

Pravin Sheth and Baldev Agja, Ekvismi Sadinu Gujarat

Manhar Baxi, Gujaratnu Rajkaran

Dr. Baldev Agja, Gujaratnu Rajkaran (Congress Pakshni Bhumika)

Parshva Publication, Ahmedabad

Editors: Indira Hirway, S.P. Kashyap, Amita Shah, Dynamics of Development in Gujarat,

PA02CPOS22
Governance in India: Issues of Ethics and Excellence

Course Rationale

This paper focuses on a critical understanding and analysis of the structures and processes of governance in India. The Constitution of India envisaged a modern, secular and strong Indian polity with due safeguards for the rights of the individual and a principled directive for the legislature and executive. Thus, this paper endeavors to review the exercises carried in this direction in reference to the issues of ethics and excellence.

Unit 01

Constitution of India: A Historical overview of its framework, ideological orientations, and guiding canon for social change and justice

Unit 02

The structures of Governance in India at the Union, State and Local Self-Government Level

Unit 03

A critical analysis of the performance of the structures of Governance in realizing the objectives of the Constitution of India

Unit 04

Issues of Ethics in Governance in India: An analysis of the reasons for corruption, degeneration of social values and political culture

Unit 05

Issues of Excellence in Governance: A review of responses of the Governance and Structures and processes in adopting the technology and mindset for excellence in governance

Unit 06

The current trends and a futuristic perspective about the issues of ethics and excellence in Governance in India

Reference:

1. Jagmohan: Soul and Structure of Governance in India
2. Ram Narayan Prasad: Governance of India: Issues and Perspectives
3. Binayak Ray: India Sustainable development and good governance issues: a case
4. Timothy L. Fort: Ethics and governance: business as mediating institutions

PA02CPOS23

South Asia: Issues of Terrorism, Development and Co-existence

Course Rationale

South Asia has emerged as world's most attention-seeking region in the twenty first century. The region's demographic composition, its political landscape, its natural resources, its market and economic capabilities, and of course, its epicenters of global terror have all made this region as world's most influential region. This paper seeks to focus on the three key areas of concern for the world politics: terrorism, development and co-existence amongst the nations of South Asia.

Unit 01

An overview of the Major players of South Asia: Geography, History, Politics, Economy, Culture, Strategic imperatives

Unit 02

The influence of major world powers in and on South Asia in the Post-Cold War era: their interests, policies, strategies and results

Unit 03

Defining the issues of terrorism, development and co-existence with special reference to South Asia

Unit 04

Assessing the relevance, capabilities and performance of SAARC, particularly in dealing with the issues of terrorism, development and co-existence

Unit 05

Current trends and future perspectives on the issues of terrorism, development and co-existence in South Asia

Reference:

1. Sugata Bose, Ayesha Jalal: Modern South Asia: history, culture, Political Economy.
2. John R. Hinnells, Richard King: Religion and violence in South Asia: theory and practice.
3. Pradeep Barua: The State at war in South Asia
4. Ali Riaz, Religion and Politics in South Asia

PA02CPOS24
Research Methods in Political Science

Course Rationale

The Course on Research Methods in Social Sciences is designed for those budding inquisitive minds, who are inclined for carrying out a research in a discipline of social science. To do research is to be involved in a process. A process can be seen as a series of linked activities moving from systematic beginning to a logical end. The research process should not be treated as a rigid process. The course aims to provide the basic understanding of research process and methods to the beginners.

Unit 01

The meaning of research and the significance of research in Human Life

Unit 02

The essential first steps: Selecting and defining a problem, identifying research objectives, and constructing a hypothesis

Unit 03

Selecting a research design: Literature Survey, References, Sampling, Data Collection, Data analysis methods

Unit 04

Statistical tools and software for social science research

Unit 05

Methodical Research Writing: Research Papers, Dissertation and Thesis

Reference:

1. R.A. McQueen, Christina Knussen: Research Methods for Social Science: a practical introduction.
2. R.P. Yadav: Research Methods in Social Science
3. Prue Chamberlayare, Doanna Bornat, Tom Wengraf: The turn to biographical methods in Social Science: Comparative
4. A.G. Shah & Dave: Social Thinkers

PA02EPOS21

Dr. Ambedkar: Life and Political Thoughts

Unit 1

Life and Work of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Unit 2

Dr. Ambedkar's Political Thinking

Unit 3

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's contribution in Constitution Building

Unit 4

Dr. Ambedkar's Role in Nation Building in Various Sectors

Book Reference:

- (1) Karnik Devendra, Khumar Muljibhai (Translation)- "Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkarnu Jivan ane Karya"
- (2) Jadav Dr. D.R.- "Dr. Ambedkar: Vyaktitva avem Krutitva", Meena Colony, Jaipur, 1984
- (3) Bali L.R.- " Dr. Ambedkar aur Bhartiya Savidhan", Jaladhar, Panjab
- (4) Jyotikar Dr. P.G.- "Arshdrashta Dr. Ambedkar", University Granth Nirman Board, Ahmedabad
- (5) Keer Dr. Dhananjay- "Dr. Ambedkar: Jivan ane Karya"
- (6) Mehta Dr. Makrand- "Hindu Varnavyavstha, Samaj Parivartan ane Gujaratna Dalito"
- (7) Jyotikar Dr. P.G.- "Dr. Ambedkarane ajnu Bharat"
- (8) Parmar Rameshchandra- "Yugpurush Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar"