

DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA

Semester: I				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS IN INDIA				
Paper code: M2C4PS26011T			Credits: 6	
Hours/week: 4				
Category: Core (Major)				
Theory / Practical / Composite: Theory				
No of Modules: 2				
Course Overview: This course explores the complex intersections between development and politics in India, focusing on liberalization, globalization, and their socio-economic impacts. It examines state-market relations, corporatization, agrarian changes, environmental politics, and poverty alleviation programmes. Students will critically analyze developmental paradigms and understand how cultural, gender, and class dynamics shape India's evolving political economy.				
Course Outcomes:				
1. Recall: the historical and conceptual foundations of development politics in India, including key phases of economic reforms.				
2. Explain: the relationship between the state, market, and society in the post-liberalization era and their role in shaping development priorities.				
3. Apply: development frameworks to assess the impact of corporatization on sectors such as industry, employment, health, and education.				
4. Analyze: agrarian development strategies and their socio-political implications for rural transformation and sustainability.				
5. Evaluate: the interconnections between environment, cultural politics, gender, and poverty within India's development discourse.				
6. Design: and propose alternative policy perspectives for inclusive and sustainable development in contemporary India.				
Prerequisites: <i>Basic knowledge about any prior course</i>				
SYLLABUS				
Unit/ Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mappin g	COGNITIVE LEVEL

I.	1. Era of economic reforms: State and market; the new middle class in an age of globalization	6	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	2. Corporatization - Impact on key sectors: industry, employment, health, and education	7	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	3. Agrarian Development- evolution, strategies and key issues	7	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
II.	4. Environment and the politics of development	6	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	5. Cultural politics and development	7	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	6. Politics of poverty alleviation programmes	7	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

Suggested readings

1. K. Sivaramakrishnan & Arun Agrawal, Regional Modernities: the cultural politics of development in India, Stanford University Press, 2003.
2. Stuart Corbridge, The political economy of development in India since independence, In: Brass, Paul, (ed.) Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Routledge, UK, 2009.

3. Akhil Gupta and K. Sivaramakrishnan eds., The State in India after Liberalization: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, USA and Canada: Routledge, 2012.
4. Terrence J. Byres eds., The State, Development Planning and Liberalization in India, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.
5. Leela Fernandes, Restructuring the New Middle Class in Liberalizing India, Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, 2000.
6. T.N. Srinivasan, Development Strategy: The State and Agriculture Since Independence, 2007.
7. Aradhana Sharma, Paradoxes of Empowerment: Development, Gender, and Governance in Neoliberal India, New Delhi: Zubaan Books, 2010.
Evaluation: (Theory) Theory CIA: 30; End-Semester Exam:70
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam per Module: Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15) Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module); 35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Recall: the historical and conceptual foundations of development politics in India, including key phases of economic reforms.	K1
CO2	Explain: the relationship between the state, market, and society in the post-liberalization era and their role in shaping development priorities.	K2
CO3	Apply: development frameworks to assess the impact of corporatization on sectors such as industry, employment, health, and education.	K3
CO4	Analyze: agrarian development strategies and their socio-political implications for rural transformation and sustainability.	K4
CO5	Evaluate: the interconnections between environment, cultural politics, gender, and poverty within India's development discourse.	K5
CO6	Design: and propose alternative policy perspectives for inclusive and sustainable development in contemporary India.	K6

