PL 591: BASIC POLITICAL CONCEPTS AND INDIAN CONSTITUTION  (2 credits)

Objectives:

To acquire an understanding of certain fundamental concepts of Political Science and to develop an overview of Indian Constitution and certain issues of Indian Politics.

Unit-1: Political Concepts

State: Definition, Elements and Theories of Origin of State
Sovereignty: Definition, Characteristics, Monistic and Pluralistic Concepts
Liberty, Justice and Rights: Traditional and Contemporary Debates

Unit-2: Indian Constitutional System

Basic Features: Federalism, Secularism, Parliamentary Democracy, Rule of Law
Fundamental Rights, Directive Principals of State Policies and Fundamental Duties
Basic Issues In Indian Politics :Communalism, Casteism, Corruption, Good Governance.

Suggested Books:

NCERT Books XI and XIIth level on Political Science
OP Gauba, An Introduction to Political Theory, Latest Edition
Amal Ray and Bhattacharya, Political Theory, Latest Edition
Hoyeda Abbas and Ranjay Kumar, Political Theory, Pearson 2015
Shubhash Kashyap, Our Constitution, NBT
Subhash Kashyap, Our Parliament, NBT
Hoyeda Abbas, Ranjay Kumar, Mohammed Aftab Alam, Indian Government and Politics, Pearson, 2012