

Fourth Semester

Paper No: HSS. 554

Soft Core

STATE AND SOCIETY IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand the nature of politics, society and economy in contemporary India.
2. To understand the challenges that India faced immediately after independence.
3. To understand the programme that India achieved under various government.
4. To understand the functioning India democracy and its challenges.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the paper, students will come to know the following

1. Understand the history of contemporary India.
2. Understand the challenges that India faced at independence and after.
3. Understand leaders, their ideas, policies and contribution to make India
4. Understand the Working of democracy with in the federal structure of India.

1. Introduction: Partition and Independence - Continuities and Discontinuities between Pre-and Post-Independence India – the Colonial Legacy – the Legacy of the Freedom Struggle - The Constitution.

2. The Nehru Era: Early Challenges – Accession of Princely states – Reorganization of the States – Era of One-Party Dominance – Planned Development – India's External Relations.

3. India 1964 – 1984: the Indira Era – Early Socio-Economic measures – the External Relations – the Emergency – the Janatha Interregnum – the Punjab Crisis.

4. India 1984 – 2000: the Rajiv era; threats to India's unity; Punjab and Assam Crises- the Tamil question -- Multi- Party Politics – Economy and Society – External relations.

5. State and Society (1947 – 2000) – Federalism and Parliamentary Democracy – Centre-State Relations – Separatist Movements: the Kashmir question – Communalism and Indian Politics – Backward Caste and Dalit movements – the Indian Woman – Science and technology - Trends in literature and cultural issues

Reading list:

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V.S.Naipaul, *A Million Mutinies Now*, New York,1990

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Anil Seal, *The Transfer of Power and the Partition of India*

Raj Chandavarkar, *The Urban Working Classes in India, 1880-1950*.

Geraldine Forbes, *Indian Women in the Twentieth Century*.

Francis Robinson, *Islam in South Asia*.

David Ludden, *Agriculture in Indian Society*

Susan Bayly, *Caste in South Asia*.

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Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi : the History of the World's largest Democracy*, Delhi, 2008.

Sudipta Kaviraj (ed.), *Politics in India*, Delhi, 1997.

B.R.Tomlinson, *The Economy of Modern India 1860-1970*

Gordon Johnson, *Government and Politics in India*.

Isher Judge Ahluwalia, *Industrial Growth in India: Stagnation since the Mid-Sixties*, Walker k .Anderson & Shridhar Damle, *The Brotherhood in Saffron: the Rastriya Swayam Sevak Sangah and Hindu Revivalism*, New Delhi, 1987
