

## PSH 451: POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MODERN INDIA

### **Course Objectives:**

1. To introduce to the students major thinkers who have shaped India's destiny and political scenario
2. To develop among students a critical perspectives on ideas, ideologies and political thought
3. To develop a comprehensive understanding of the diversities and differences in the political perspectives on modern India
4. To enable students to trace out the central themes and debates that occupy a central place in Indian politics

### **Course Outcomes:**

The course will equip students to –

1. Develop distinct capabilities to engage with, differentiate and be sensitive to the diversity of India
2. Understand the basis of the construction of modern India
3. Critically engage with diverse viewpoints with a sense of history
4. Evolve a critically enriched imagination of India

### **UNIT 1: Background**

- 1.1 Nationalism: Perspectives and Interpretations
- 1.2 Raja Rammohan Roy, Vivekananda - Indian Renaissance
- 1.3 Jyotiba Phule, Dayanand Saraswati, Periyar E V Ramasamy - Social reform discourse
- 1.4 Bankim, Aurobindo - Spiritual nationalism

### **UNIT 2: State, Society and Politics**

- 2.1 Naoroji, Gokhale -The Liberal legacy
- 2.2 Tilak -Assertive nationalism
- 2.3 Gandhi – On Religion and Politics, Swaraj, Satyagraha
- 2.4 Savarkar, Golwalkar - Hindutva and Hindu identity

### **UNIT 3: Dynamics of Islamic Political Thought**

- 3.1 Sir Syed Ahmad Khan - Islamic Renaissance
- 3.2 Maududi - Interpretations of Islam and Muslim Identity
- 3.3 Mohammed Ali Jinnah -Two Nations Theory
- 3.4 Maulana Azad -The Idea of India

### **UNIT 4: Development, Democracy and Politics**

- 4.1 Jawaharlal Nehru -Modernity, Democracy and Secularism
- 4.2 Ambedkar - Democracy, Representation and Emancipation
- 4.3 Rammanohar Lohia - Democracy, Decentralisation and Socialist Transformation
- 4.4 Jayaprakash Narayan - Sarvodaya to Total Revolution; M. N. Roy – Radical Humanism

### Basic Readings:

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