DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ED 1.12 POLITICAL THEORY (International Relations)

The course on political theory familiarizes students on key concepts like state, sovereignty, liberty, equality, rights, etc. with an aim to make them understand what these commonly used terms mean and how they are and can be deployed in debates in society, cutting across disciplines and boundaries. The idea is to make students better understand the world of politics and be aware of fundamental concerns underlying common everyday discourses of collective existence.

Module I

1. Nature of Political Theory
2. Power and Authority
3. State: Major Perspectives
4. Sovereignty
5. Citizenship, Rights and Liberty
6. Equality, Property and Justice

Module II

1. Democracy and Authoritarianism
2. State, Nation and Nationalism
3. State and the Economy
4. Theories of Political Change

Suggested Reading:

1. N.D. Arora and S.S. Awasthi, *Political Theory*
2. A.N. Birch, *Concepts and Theories of Modern Democracy*
3. Amal Roy and Mohit Bhattacharya, *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions*
The course on Indian Constitution and politics deals with ideas, features and dynamics of India’s Constitution, and the creative interplay between legal or constitutional provisions and the living political system. It introduces students to the basic principles and salient features of the Constitution, and provides an outline to meaningful conceptions of citizenship.

Module I

1. Indian Political System – An Overview.
2. Salient Features of the Constitution.
3. The Preamble.
4. Fundamental Rights and Duties.

Module II

1. The President.
2. Prime Minister and Ministerial Responsibility.
3. Federalism and Centre-State Relations.
4. Governor.
5. The Judicial System in India.

Suggested Reading:
