



**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

**PROGRAMME: B.A., LL.B. (HONS.)FYIC**

**DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED**

**EVEN SEMESTER (IV) – ACADEMIC YEAR: .....**

<b>SL. NO</b>	<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>CH</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>BL402.3 POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR- IV (I/II)</b>	<b>STATE POLITICS IN INDIA</b>	<b>4 PER WEEK</b>		<b>1 PER WEEK</b>	<b>4</b>	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL402.3 , POLITICAL SCIENCE  
MINOR-IV (I/II), STATE POLITICS IN INDIA**
- B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS- 200)**
- C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**
- D. COURSE COMPILED BY: DR MAYENGBAM NANDAKISHWOR SINGH**
- E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR MAYENGBAM NANDAKISHWOR SINGH**

## **1. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Reading State Politics in India is so indispensable for the study of law in India. Indian Laws can never be sufficiently understood without grasping the nuanced aspects of state politics in India. Having the fundamental knowledge of state politics in India is vital for understanding the jurisprudential developments of Indian legal system. State politics in India is so dynamic and it has been constantly evolving. Changing state politics also largely shapes the dynamics of developments in all spheres. Hence, having sufficient knowledge of state politics in India is so crucial for every student. Active participation in any national and internal discourses can never be agile without thorough studying of Indian politics. India is a complex and diverse country, and it is imperative for every student to possess necessary acumen of state politics in India. The objective of this course is to acquaint students with state politics in India. The present course has been incorporated for the law students to familiarise students with state politics in India. National Law and Judicial Academy, Assam has introduced this course to provide a proper understanding of state politics in India to students.

## **2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:**

National Law University, Assam has framed its own teaching methodology to train its students in learning and understanding of political aspects and issues. The teaching methodology is not just confined to a traditional lecture method but a participatory teaching method with an aim to discuss on various current political aspects. The pedagogy followed is the combination of lectures and intense discussions in the class.

This course requires students to engage in seminars or group discussions for which topics and themes will be assigned well in advance. Assignments will be also assigned to the students as a part of the course. The students are also encouraged to do independent research on their respective assignments. Every student is required to present their topics and clear their doubts through discussion.

## **3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE:**

On the completion of this course, the students are expected to understand the nuances of each module. Students shall be in a position to understand various aspects of state politics in India with confidence. Through the wide exposure to several issues involving in state politics in India, students will be enabled to develop their own perspective on various issues in society. Moreover, this course will sharpen students' endeavour to tackle issues entangling in Indian society through the legal route.

#### 4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD:

The course will be evaluated for 200 marks. The Evaluation process will be as follows:

Internal Assessment: 70% (140 marks)

Semester End Examination: 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Project Work	40 marks
2	Seminar/Group Discussion	20 marks
3	Assignment/Assessment	30 marks
4	Mid-Semester Test	40 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester End Examination	60 marks

#### 5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)

##### MODULE I: Party Politics in India

**Nature of Politics in India:** Salient Features, and Challenges

**Party System:** Salient Features, Bi-Party and Multi-Party Systems

**National Political Parties:** Nature, Working and Ideology

**Regional Political Parties:** Evolution, Nature, Working and Ideology

**Parliamentary Democracy in India:** Nature, Merits and Demerits

**Presidential Form of Government:** Strengths and Weakness

**Debate:** Parliamentary and Presidential Forms of Government

**Emerging Trend:** Demand for Presidential Forms of Government

##### MODULE II: Issue Areas in Indian Politics

**Language Politics in India:** Origin, Nature and Problems

**Caste Politics in India:** Origin, Nature and Challenges

**Regionalism in India:** Origin, Nature and Causes

**Forms of Regionalism:** Demand for State, Demand for Autonomy,

Son of Soil Theory, Inter-States Boundary Issues

**Identity Politics:** Ethnicity, Dalit Politics and Regionalism

**Communal Politics:** Causes, Nature and Challenges

**Secularism in India:** Debates and Constitution

### **MODULE III: Political Dynamics in India**

**Politics of Reservation in India:** Constitution, Reasons and Arguments

**Electoral politics in India:** Merits and Demerits, Need for Reforms

**Coalition Politics in India:** Meaning, Nature, Advantages and Disadvantages

**Illegal Migration:** Politics of Illegal Migration, Causes and Current Issues

### **MODULE IV: Nation Building In India**

**Indian Political System:** Indian Federal Structure

**Centre-State Relations:** Legislative, Administrative and Financial

**Nation Building in India:** Meaning, Nature, Needs and Hindrances

**National Integration:** Meaning, Impediments and Remedies

## **6. PRESCRIBED READINGS:**

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