



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

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

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

EVEN SEMESTER (VI) – ACADEMIC YEAR:

SL. NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T	P	CR	CH
1	BL602.3 POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR, SEMINAR PAPER, VI-II	INDIAN POLITICS SINCE INDEPENDENCE	4 PER WEEK	1 PER WEEK		4	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL602.3, POLITICAL SCIENCE, MAJOR, SEMINAR PAPER, VII-II , INDIAN POLITICS SINCE INDEPENDENCE
- 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:

A study of Indian Politics since Independence is extremely essential for students of any discipline. Indian Politics since Independence is a very dynamic and engaging course. Since independence, the nature of Indian politics has been evolving. Politics is one realm which really shapes the course of the nation and its people. This course on Indian politics since independence provides the learners a unique opportunity to be well acquainted with various political aspects in India. This seminar paper has been incorporated with the aim of training the students to explore various nuances of Indian Politics since Independence. In this seminar paper course, the aim is to train students to write terms papers, projects and assignments on specific themes related to Indian Politics since Independence. This seminar paper course also furnishes a platform for the students to engage in research work activities. In the process of writing seminar paper on certain specific themes or topics on Indian Politics since Independence, this seminar paper course explores the possibilities of generating new ideas and knowledge. Moreover, the objective of this course is to broaden the overall understanding of students about the Indian Politics since Independence.

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam has framed its own teaching methodology to train its students in learning and understanding of political aspects and issues. The teaching pedagogy followed is normally the combination of lectures and intense discussions in the class. But this seminar paper is not purely based on lecture method. In this seminar paper course, students will be required to engage in seminars, group discussions, dialogues and debates for which topics and themes will be assigned well in advance. Assignments, projects and term papers will be also assigned to the students as a part of the seminar paper course. In this course, students are strongly encouraged to do independent research on their respective assignments. Students are advised to carry out original research works while writing their seminar papers.

3. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

On the completion of this course, the students are expected to understand the nuances of writing a seminar paper. Students will be in the position to explore various facets of Indian Politics since Independence through this seminar paper. Students will be able to grasp multifarious aspects of Indian Politics since Independence. They will also come

across the complexities and peculiar facets of Indian Politics since Independence. Students will be able to master the art of writing research paper on Indian Politics since Independence confidently. Moreover, this seminar paper will expose students to the realm of original research activities.

4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD:

The Course shall be assessed for 200 marks. The Evaluation scheme would be as follows:

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Seminar Paper	80 marks
2	Seminar Progress Report	30 marks
3	Presentation	50 marks
4	Active Learning Component	30 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks

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

MODULE I: Political Parties in India

Nature of Indian Politics since Independence: Salient Features, and Challenges

Political System: Parliamentary System, Quasi-Federalism

Party System: National Party and Regional Parties

National Political Parties: Congress, BJP, Indian Communist Parties, Nature, Working and Ideology

Regional Political Parties: State Parties, Nature, Working and Ideology

MODULE II: Emerging Nature of Indian Politics

Coalition Politics in India: Meaning, Nature, Advantages and Disadvantages, Reasons for Coalition Politics

Elections in Indian Politics: Nature of Elections, Election Machinery, Challenges

Secularism in Indian Politics: Secularism Debate, Secularism in Indian Constitution

Centre-State Tussles: Administrative, Financial and Legislative

MODULE III: Factors in Indian Politics

Language and Indian Politics: Interface

Caste and Indian Politics: Interface

Regionalism in India Politics: Interface

Religion and Indian Politics: Interface

MODULE IV: Issue Areas in Indian Politics

Political Party System: Clash of Political Parties

Electoral System: Reformation of Electoral System in India

Criminalisation of Politics: Meaning and Reasons

Caste and Politics: Divisions of Society, Backwardness

Regionalism and Politics: Regional Discontents; Issue areas

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