



इलाहाबाद विश्वविद्यालय  
**UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD**  
(A Central University)



## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

### BA 3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR

The B.A. third-year programme in Political Science provides advanced engagement with Indian political thought, public administration, and international relations, integrating normative reflection with institutional and global analysis.

Indian Political Thought traces the evolution of political ideas from pre-colonial traditions—Brahmanic, Shramanic, Islamic, and syncretic—to modern thinkers such as Rammohan Roy, Vivekananda, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Nehru, M. N. Roy, Lohia, and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. The course examines themes of state, morality, nationalism, democracy, gender, social justice, and Swaraj within their historical and intellectual contexts.

Public Administration with Special Reference to India explores foundational theories, administrative structures, planning processes, civil services, and local governance. It critically evaluates India's administrative system in light of constitutional principles, liberalization, decentralization, and contemporary reforms.

Theory and Practice of International Relations introduces major IR approaches, global political developments, security issues, regional organizations, and India's foreign policy. Together, these courses equip students with analytical skills to understand governance, political ideas, and global dynamics in an interconnected world.

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Paper	Title of the Course	Marks	Max Marks
01	Indian Political Thought	75	225
02	Public Administration with Special Reference to India	75	
03	Theory and Practice of International Relations	75	

**PAPER-I**

# **INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

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## **UNIT I**

- a) Traditions of Pre-colonial Indian Political Thought
- b) Brahmanic & Shramanic B. Islamic & Syncretic.
- c) Political Ideas of Manu (Social laws) & Kautilya (Theory of Government)
- d) Political Ideas of Mahabharat (Ved Vyasa & Shanti Parva), Origin of State, Political Morality, Gender.
- e) Buddhist Political Thought (Theory of Kingship, Diga Nikaya) Abul Fazal, Kabir

## **UNIT II**

- a) Foundations of Modern Indian Political Thought Raja (Colonial Influences)
- b) Rammohan Roy: (Concept of Freedom & Rights)
- c) Vivekananda, Aurobindo Ghosh & R.N. Tagore (Nation, Nationalism & Cosmopolitanism)

## **UNIT III**

- a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (Swaraj) Pandita Rama Bai
- b) Begum Rokeya Shekhawat (Gender Perspective)

## **UNIT IV**

- a) M. N. Roy (Radical Humanism)
- b) J.L.Nehru, R.M.Lohiya & J.P. Narayan (Concept of Democracy & Socialism).

## **UNIT V**

- a) Gandhi (Swaraj)
- b) Dr B.R. Ambedkar (Untouchability)
- c) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (Integral Humanism)

## REQUIRED READINGS

- Chatterjee, P. (1986). *Nationalist thought and the colonial world: A derivative discourse?* Zed Books for United Nations University.
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## **PAPER-II**

# **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INDIA**

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### **UNIT I – Foundations of Public Administration**

- a) Public Administration: Meaning, Scope, and Significance.
- b) Growth and Evolution of the Discipline
- c) Minnow brook Conferences- I, II and III
- d) New Public Administration, New Public Management and New Public Service.
- e) Organizational Concepts: Meaning, Structure and Principles.

### **UNIT II – Theoretical Perspectives in Public Administration**

- a) Administrative Theory: An overview.
- b) Scientific Management Theory
- c) Administrative Management and Bureaucratic Theory.
- d) Human Relations Approach and Functions of the Executive.
- e) Simon's Decision-Making Theory.

### **UNIT III – Indian Administration and its Ecology**

- a) Ecology of Indian Administration and its Significance
- b) Constitution of India: Framework and Implications for Administration.
- c) Parliamentary Democracy, Federal Structure and Planning Process.
- d) Central Administrative Structure: Central Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat and PMO.
- e) Centre-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative, Financial and Recent Developments.

### **UNIT IV – Planning and Financial Administration**

- a) Historical Overview and Impact of Liberalization on Indian Planning.
- b) An overview of different Five-Year Plans.
- c) NITI Aayog: Organization, Structure and Functions.
- d) Public Sector Undertakings: Evolution, Classification and Post-Liberalization Role.
- e) Parliamentary Control over Financial Administration: Key Committees and CAG's Role.

## **UNIT V – Civil Service and Local Governance in India**

- a) Evolution of Indian Civil Service: History, Classification, Recruitment and UPSC.
- b) Role and Challenges of Indian Civil Service in Contemporary Times.
- c) District Administration: Role and Responsibilities of District Magistrate.
- d) Rural and Urban Local Self-Government: 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.
- e) Evaluation of Local Governance in the Context of Decentralization and Development.

### **REQUIRED READINGS**

- Arora, R. K. (2023). *Administrative reforms in India*. Sahitya Bhawan.
- Arora, R. K. (2024). *Lok prashasan ke siddhant* (in Hindi). Sahitya Bhawan.
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**PAPER-III**

**THEORY AND PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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**UNIT I**

- a) The Study of International Relations: Meaning, Nature and Scope
- b) Approaches to the Study of IR: Realist and Liberal
- c) Role of State and Non-state actors

**UNIT II**

- a) Cold War and its Impact on World Politics
- b) Features of the Present World Order
- c) Globalization and its Impact on the Developing World
- d) Problems of the Third World Security

**UNIT III**

- a) NAM: Origin, Role and Relevance
- b) North-South Dialogue
- c) Regional Organisations: ASEAN, SAARC

**UNIT IV**

- a) International Terrorism
- b) Nuclear Proliferation: Problem and Solution
- c) Disarmament and Arms Control
- d) Collective Security: Under the League and the United Nations

**UNIT V**

- a) India's foreign policy: Determinants and Objectives
- b) Key features of Indian Foreign Policy
- c) India's relations with Pakistan
- d) The Post-Cold War India-US Relations

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- Bajpai, K. P., & Mallavarapu, S. (Eds.). (2005). *International relations in India: Bringing theory back home*. Orient Longman.
- Bandyopadhyay, J. (2003). *The making of India's foreign policy*. Allied Publishers.
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