



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

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

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

EVEN SEMESTER (II) – ACADEMIC YEAR:

SL NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T	P	CR	CH
1	BL203.3 (POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR (I/II)	INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	4 PER WEEK		1 PER WEEK	4	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL203.3 (POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR - I/II), INDIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT**
- 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 Indian Political Thought is so indispensable for the study of law in India. Indian Laws can never be sufficiently understood without grasping the nuanced ideas of the finest Indian political thinkers. Having the fundamental knowledge of different Indian thinkers is vital for understanding the jurisprudential developments of Indian legal system. Several thinkers in India have been providing philosophical groundworks for addressing various socio-economic and Political issues. Indian Political thought so advanced by many political thinkers are constantly reinterpreted and re-examined by every generation afresh in the light of their own experience and context thereby reinvigorating the values and systems further. The objective of this course is to acquaint students with various Indian political thinkers—classical, modern and contemporary. The present course has been incorporated for the law students to study various political thinkers in India. National Law and Judicial Academy, Assam has introduced this course to provide a proper understanding of Indian Political Thought 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 the subtleties of various Indian thinkers with confidence. Through the wide exposure to several Indian thinkers, 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: Classical Indian Political Thought

Kautilya: Ideas on State, Duties of the Ruler, Taxation, Espionage, Statecraft, Saptanga Theory, Caste System, Foreign Policy, Criticisms of Kautilya's Ideas, Importance of Kautilya's Ideas

Swami Vivekananda: Caste and Untouchability, on Hinduism, Nationalism & Internationalism, Democracy, Emancipation of Women

MODULE II: Modern Indian Political Thought

Mahatma Gandhi: Ideas on Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Civil Disobedience, Views on State, Sarvodaya, Religion and Politics, Swaraj, Economy, Caste, Relevance of Gandhism

B. R. Ambedkar: Ideas on Democracy, Views on Caste System, Annihilation of Caste System, Untouchability, Religion, on Nationalism, Socialism, Comparative Study Between Gandhi and Ambedkar

MODULE III: Revivalist Indian Political Thought

M. S. Golwalkar: Hindu Nation, Hindu Rashtra, Socialism

V. D. Savarkar: Ideas on Hindutva, Hindu and Hinduism, Hindu and Muslim Unity, Interpretation of Indian History, Relevance of Savarkar's Ideas

MODULE IV: Recent Indian Political Thought

Jayaprakash Narayan: Ideas on Democracy, Total Revolution, Socialist Society, Caste System, Sarvodaya, on Kashmir, Criticisms of J. P. Narayan's Ideas

Ram Monohar Lohia: Caste & Class, English Language, New Socialism

Amartya Sen: Views on Justice, Niti and Nyaya, Democracy and Justice, Critical Analysis of Amartya Sen's Idea of Justice

6. PRESCRIBED READINGS:

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