

CBCS Syllabus for Semester-II

DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY SYLLABUS 2.2 PAPER IV : POLITICAL PROCESS IN INDIA

Semester-II (Hons.)

Course Objective : Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis— that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of modern institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation hereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

- Unit-I : Political Parties and the Party System :** Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions to Single Party Majority System. **(10 lectures)**
- Unit-II : Elections and Political Behaviour :** Political Mobilization and Leadership; Determinants of Voting Behaviour-Caste, Class, Gender and Religion. **(10 Lectures)**
- Unit-III : Regional Aspirations :** Politics of regionalism; The politics of Secession and Accommodation. **(10 Lectures)**
- Unit-IV : Religion, Caste and Politics :** Debates on Secularism; Minority and Majority Communalism; Caste in Politics. **(10 Lectures)**
- Unit-V : The Changing Nature of the Indian State :** Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions; Globalization and the State. **(10 Lectures)**