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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course entitled “Political Thinkers-2” is the discipline specific course offered by the disciple of Political Science, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University in UG 6th Semester. This course contains 14 units. This course is designed to help the learners to have a deep understanding of the various dimensions of the Indian Political Thought. It is supposed that the learners of Political Science should have thorough knowledge about various aspects of the political thought of the prominent thinkers of the country where he/she resides. Keeping this in view, the course begins with the political ideas of different political thinkers of ancient as well as modern India. Their ideas and contributions have significantly helped in the development of Indian Political Thought.

The first and second units of the course seek to make the learners familiar with the politicall thought of two great thinkers of ancient India, Manu and Kautilya, both of whom have provided vital insights into various aspects related to the state and government. In the third unit, the political ideas of Raja Ram Mohan Roy are explained. Through this unit, the learners will be familiar with the various theories of Roy specially his views on Brahmo Samaj. The fourth unit discusses socio-political ideas of Jyotiba Phule. In the fifth and seventh units of the course, the learners will be able to learn about the views and opinions of some leading personalities from India in the modern period - Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, encompassing the social, political and economic spheres and whose thoughts and ideas have immensely contributed towards enriching the realm of Indian political tradition and thought. The sixth unit highlights the political and social ideas of Savarkar. Similarly, in the eight unit discussions are made about the views of another leading personality from India in the modern period namely Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Unit nine is related to the study of the views and concepts of J.P. Narayan and Madan Mohan Mallavya. Unit ten discusses views of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, such as his political views, his views on Hindu-Muslim unity, democracy, nationalism, non-violence and partition of India. In eleventh unit we have discussed Ram Manohar Lohia’s perspective on socialism and Gandhism and his views on international society. Unit twelveth focusses on Deendayal Upadhayay’s views on integral humanism and idea of national culture. Unit thirteenth discusses Amartya Sen’s concepts of development as freedom and missing women. The last unit of the course deals with Ambikagiri Raichoudhury’s ideas of humanism, freedom and state, Assamese nationalism etc. along with his contributions to the freedom struggle of India.

While going through the units of the course, you will find that each unit is further divided into certain sections and sub-sections, wherever necessary, for your better understanding. Again, some units carry certain activities. These "ACTIVITIES" will provide you the opportunity to practically apply your own thoughts based on the knowledge gained from reading the text in a particular section. Besides, in order to give you additional information on certain relevant topics, you will find a category called "LET US KNOW" after the sections in each unit. Another category that has been included at the end of each section of a particular unit is "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS". The purpose of this category is to help you asses yourself as to how thoroughly you have understood a particular section. It will be better if you answer the questions put in these boxes immediately after you go through the sections of the units and then match your answers with "ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" given at the end of each unit. Furthermore, a set of sample questions has been included under the category called "MODEL QUESTIONS" to give you a hint of the type of questions you are likely to get in the examination.