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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course is for the third semester of Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programme. As discussed from the first semester, there are four foundation courses in BSW program namely on- psychology, sociology, economics and political science. Foundation course lays the base of knowledge on the general understanding of socio-psycho, economic and political perspectives of phenomenon in the society consisting of individuals, groups, communities, associations, institutions and its interplay. Knowledge of various aspects of politics is essential for a social worker as it builds the perspective to analyze how the political systems affect the society in general and know the constitutional rights and duties of every citizen.

This course is also designed to introduce you to a range of important aspects of the State,its functioning, the forms of government, election commission, protection of rights of the people, human rights- its evolution and various aspects. Objectives of this course is: To introduce learners to the basic concepts of politics, governance and the guarantees under the Constitution of India;To understand its significance in policy making and power dynamics of the state.

In this course, there is detailed discussion of the different concepts, aspects of political science, politics and the systems that legally govern our society. The *First Unit* gives an introduction to the discipline of political science and politics. The *Second Unit* discusses the preamble of the Indian Constitution. The *Third Unit* explains the Guarantees under the Constitution of India. The *Fourth Unit* discusses the Fundamental Rights and Duties and the DPSPs. The *Fifth Unit* describes the forms of government. *Sixth Unit* explains the Social Policies and Special Privileges for Tribes. In the *Seventh Unit*, there is detailed discussion on the Social Policies and Special Privileges for Women and Children. The *Eighth Unit* describes the role of the Election Commission. The *Ninth Unit* gives an elaborate description of the concept of Human Rights and its various dimensions.

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