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This is the second block of the first course or paper of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University's B. A. Fifth Semester Programme in Political Science. The first course or paper of the BA Fifth Semester Programme in Political Science is titled as "Politics in India-2 (Structure and Processes)". The second block of this course contains seven units- (Units 9-15).

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