

**SAINT CLARET COLLEGE, ZIRO**  
**B. A. (POLITICAL SCIENCE)**  
**SYLLABUS AS PER RGU SEMESTRAL SCHEME**  
(Subjected to syllabus enrichment by SCCZ for Claretines)  
**Semester VI**  
**BPOL-609 POLITICAL THOUGHT-II**

**Objectives:** Having studied this paper, a student will be able to:

- a) *Understand the Indian Political Philosophy.*
- b) *Explain the different theories of state.*
- c) *Analyse the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and B.R. Ambedkar in the Indian Political System.*
- d) *Critically examine the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in a modern society.*

**Unit 0: Baseline Analysis (3hours).** Assessment of baseline knowledge; course objectives & goal setting.

**Unit I** Hegel; Dialectics and State.

**Unit II** Karl Marx; Historical Materialism and Class Struggle.

**Unit III** Kautilya; Arthashastra and Saptanga Theory.

**Unit IV** Mahatma Gandhi; Satyagraha and Ahimsa.

**Unit V** B.R Ambedkar; Social Justice and Equality.

**Unit 100: Advanced Skills.** Chart displays explaining the contributions of western & Indian political thinkers, Debates on the relevance of Gandhian philosophy, Journal references.

**Recommended Readings:**

Appadorai, A. (1992). *Indian Political Thinking through the ages*. Delhi: Khanna Publishers.

Bhagat, R.M. (1961). *Political Thought: Plato to Marx*. Jalandhar: New Academic Publishing.

Chakrabarty, B & Pandey, R.K. (2009). *Modern Indian Political Thought*. New Delhi: sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd.

Mohanty, D.K. (1997). *Indian Political Tradition: From Manu to Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Anmol Publications Pvt. Ltd.

Mukherjee, S & Ramaswamy, S. (1999). *A History of political thought; Plato to Marx*. New Delhi: Prentice hall.

Sabine, G. H. & Thomson, T.L. (1973). *A History of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Oxford & IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd.

Varma, V.P. (1986). *Ancient and Medieval Indian Political Thought*. Agra: Lakshmi Narain Agarwal.

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