

## **PAPER- III- Political Sociology**

### **Unit-A**

Definition and Subject Matter of Political Sociology, Distinctive Approach of Political Sociology. Interrelationship between political system and society; Democratic and Totalitarian systems- socio-economic conditions conducive for their emergence and stability.

### **Unit-B**

Political Culture- Meaning and Significance. Political Socialization- Meaning Significance and Agencies.

### **Unit-C**

Elite Theories of distribution of power in society (with reference to Mosca, Pareto, R. Michels and C.W.Mills). Intellectuals: Political role of intellectuals-significance.

### **Unit-D**

Pressure Groups and Interests Groups-Nature, Bases, Political Significance; Bureaucracy : Characteristics, and Types, its significance in Political Development with Special Reference to India.

Political Parties : Characteristics, Social Composition of Parties, Recruitment, Mass Participation.

### **Unit-E**

Political Process in India : Role of Caste, Religion, Regionalism and Language in Indian Politics.

Public Opinion : Role of Mass Media, problems of communication in illiterate societies; its reference on parties and polity. Politicization of Social Life.

### **Essential readings**

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William Riker et.al., 1973 - An Introduction to Positive Political Theory. Englewood, Cliff.

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Mitra, Subrata K. 1992 - Power Protest and Participation Local Elites and the Politics of Development in India. Routledge.

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### **Pedagogy**

The course is designed to be taught through the lecture method. However, group discussions and seminar presentations on current topics touching upon the course may be organized.

