

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER  
GENERIC ELECTIVE**

**PS620G: POLITICAL SCIENCE: INDIAN PARLIAMENT**

**THEORY (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)  
MINIMUM MARKS: 24**

*Objectives: This course is meant to help students in tracing the evolution of modern legislature in India, discuss the organization and functions of parliament, to understand the nature of Indian federalism and the party system.*

**Unit: I (Introduction)**

- 1.1. History & Growth of Parliamentary System in India
- 1.2. Composition of Parliament:
  - a) The President
  - b) Lok Sabha
  - c) Rajya Sabha

**Unit: II (Parliament as a Multifunctional Institution)**

- 2.1. The Legislative Function
- 2.2. Political & Financial Control
- 2.3. Conflict Resolution & National Integrational Role
- 2.4. Role of Standing Committees

**Unit: III (The Electoral System)**

- 3.1. Election Commission of India
- 3.2. Mode of Election:
  - a) Lok Sabha
  - b) Rajya Sabha
  - c) The President

**UNIT: IV (Political Parties & Groups)**

- 4.1. Indian National Congress & the UPA
- 4.2. Bhartiya Janata Party & the NDA
- 4.3. Coalition Politics & the Role of Regional Parties
- 4.4. Anti-Defection Law

**Tutorials (2-Credits: 30 Hrs.)**  
[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]  
**Maximum Marks: 30**

**Unit: I (Debates-I)**

- 1.1. The Significance of Parliamentary Standing Committees in India
- 1.2. Role of Opposition in a Parliamentary System

**Unit: II (Debates-II)**

- 2.1. Electoral Reforms
- 2.2. Indian Judiciary: An Appraisal

## **Suggested Readings:-**

Kapur, Devesh and Pratap Banu Mehta, "The Indian Parliament as an Institution of Accountability," Democracy, Governance and Human Rights, Programme Paper Number 23, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, January 2006.

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<http://www.prsindia.org/administrator/uploads/media/Conference%202011/Strengthening%20Parliamentary%20Committees.pdf>

## **Government links:**

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