

Programme: MA (Political Science)

Course Code: POL - 629

Title of the Course: Democracy and Electoral Management

Number of Credits: 2

Effective from AY: 2023-24

Pre-requisites	Any student who is eligible for a Post Graduate Programme	
Course Objectives	<p>The course , designed jointly with the Chief Electoral Officer Goa and approved by Election Commission of India seeks to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Familiarize students with the critical linkages between democracy and elections.2. Enable them to understand the significance of Election Commission of India and the entire electoral machinery.3. Understand the challenges faced during the conduct of elections by the different levels of officers and the ways to handle them.4. Know the remedies available to address the issues pertaining to electoral malpractices.	
Content	<p>1. Introduction to the Course: Scope Rationale, Outcome</p> <p>2. Democracy and Elections: Concept, Linkages, Challenges,</p> <p>3. Electoral Management in India: Institutions, Structure, Function, Mandate</p> <p>4. Electronic Voting Machine: Operational Dimensions, Procedures, Remedials.</p> <p>5. Case Studies from Polling Station: Oath of Secrecy, Start of Poll, Mock Poll, Challenged Votes, People with disability, Tendered ballot, VVPAT related issues, Identification, NOTA, Sealing of Voting Machine.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8</p> <p>6</p> <p>4</p> <p>8</p>
Pedagogy	Lectures/Discussions/Practical Demonstration/Field visit	
References/Readings	<p>Bidyut Chakrawarty and Rajendra K Pandey "Reconceptualizing Indian Democracy: The Changing Electorate" Sage, New Delhi 2020</p> <p>Election Commission of India Handbooks, https://eci.gov.in/files/category/3-handbooks/.</p> <p>Election Commission of India Training Material,</p>	

	<p>https://eci.gov.in/training-material/.</p> <p>Robin Age , Elections in India: Everything you need to know, Harper Collins, Children's Books, 2020.</p> <p>S.Y.Quraishi ed. , Great March of Democracy: Seven Decades of Indian Elections, Penguin, New Delhi 2019</p>
Course Outcomes	<p>1 The student will be able to understand the linkage between democracy and elections</p> <p>2 The student will know the working of Election Commission of India</p> <p>3 The student will be able to identify the electoral malparactices and the remedies.</p> <p>4 The student will get a functional knowledge of Electronic voting Machine</p>