



Indian Institute of Management Indore

INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT (IPM)

TERM: VII

TITLE OF THE COURSE: Political Science 3- Indian Politics and Public Policy

CREDITS: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION

More than seven decades after the formal adoption of democratic governance, Indian democracy is still a work in progress. At its onset in 1947, the initiation of democracy was accompanied by a number of promises for bettering the lives of its citizens. With regard to many of these promises India has made substantive strides. Today, the average Indian enjoys a much higher standard of living, freedom and comfort than his/ her predecessors could think of seventy years ago. But there have also been severe gaps in the fulfilment of the aspired vision. A large number of citizens are still in the clutches of poverty and our democratic freedoms have recurrently come under threat.

The course will exercise a political lens to trace out the evolution of democracy in India over the last seventy years. The first part of the course employs a historical perspective to highlight the prominent ideas that have influenced political thought in India. We will also discuss about how major public institutions in India have contributed to shape and are in turn shaped by the changing political landscape. The second part of the course will switch gears to facilitate analyses of how policy interventions can be achieved within the political milieu described in the first part. At the end of course, participants would be able to holistically perceive the major political and social challenges confronting India and would be better equipped to contemplate on suitable policy interventions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) Introduce participants to the institutional framework of governance in India
- 2) Facilitate analyses of prominent strands of political thought in modern India
- 3) Develop analytical skills to interpret contemporary political developments and events
- 4) Bring light to the intricate connection between politics and public policy
- 5) Develop skills in communicating and discussing political and policy-related issues
