

**B.A (Sociology)**  
**Semester – VI (Third Year)**  
**Course-8 (B)**  
**POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**  
**(Discipline Specific Elective)**

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**Block-1: Introduction to Political Sociology**

**Unit-1:** Meaning, Nature and Scope of Political Sociology

**Unit-2:** Approaches to the Study of Political Sociology

**Unit-3:** Political Systems, Political Processes and Political Socialization

**Block-2: Basic Concepts**

**Unit-4:** Concept of State, Power and Authority

**Unit-5:** Political Elite and Pressure groups.

**Unit -6:** Consensus and Conflict

**Block-3: State and Society**

**Unit-7:** Civil Society, Welfare State, Nation-State.

**Unit-8:** State and Society under capitalism and Socialism.

**Unit-9:** Pluralistic societies.

**Block-4: Voting Behaviour**

**Unit-10:** Patterns and Factors of Voting Behaviour.

**Unit-11:** Political Parties and Ideology

**Unit-12:** Role of Caste, Class, Ethnicity and Religion in Politics.

**Block-5: Local Structures of Power:**

**Unit-13:** Local Power System and Structure.

**Unit-14:** Panchayat Raj System and Decentralization of power.

**Unit-15:** Political Reservations, Participation of Weaker Sections in Politics.