

Course: VEC
Title of the Course: Democracy and Elections

Semester: I/II	Credits: 2	Subject Code: ACBVECDE2301	Lectures: 30
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:

- CO1 –Identify and discuss the challenges and safeguards of Indian democracy.
- CO2 –Discuss the importance of people's participation in safeguarding democracy.
- CO3 – Illustrate the process of elections in India.
- CO4 –Appraise the importance of elections in a democracy.

Unit 1: Democracy

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- Meaning and Features
- Indian Parliamentary System
- Challenges and Safeguards to Democracy.

Unit 2: Elections

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- Elections: Role of Election Commission and Electoral Reforms
- Political Parties in India: An Introduction
- Voter Registration: Method and importance

Recommended Text Books:

- Chakrabarty B and Pandey R. K.; *Indian Government and Politics*; Sage Publications; 2008.
- G. Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a nation*; Oxford; Oxford University Press; 1999.
- Zoya Hasan [eds.], *Parties and Party Politics in India*, New Delhi, OUP, 2002.

Reference Books:

- G. Austin; *Working of a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience*, Oxford, 2003
- Brass Paul; *The Politics of India since Independence*; Cambridge; Cambridge University Press; 1994
- Chandra Bipan, Aditya Mukherjee, *India after Independence*, New Delhi, OUP, 2009.

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Websites:

- Parliament of India- <https://sansad.in/poi>
- Election Commission of India- <https://eci.gov.in/>
- National Voters Services Portal- <https://www.nvsp.in/>

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