

CLASS X: DEMOCRATIC POLITICS II

(Total 50 Periods)

Themes	Learning Objectives
<p>1. Working of democracy</p> <p>Are divisions inherent to the working of democracy? What has been the effect of caste on politics and of politics on caste? How has the gender division shaped politics? How do communal divisions affect democracy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyse the relationship between social cleavages and political competition with reference to Indian situation.• Understand and analyse the challenges posed by communalism to Indian democracy.• Understand the enabling and disabling effects of caste and ethnicity in politics.• Develop a gender perspective on politics.
<p>2. Power sharing mechanisms in democracy</p> <p>Why and how is power shared in democracies? How has federal division of power in India helped national unity? To what extent has decentralisation achieved this</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce students to the centrality of power sharing in democracies.• Understand the working of spatial and social power sharing mechanisms.

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<p>objective? How does democracy accommodate different social groups?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse federal provisions and institutions. • Understand the new Panchayati Raj institutions in rural and urban areas.
<p>3. Competition and contestations in democracy How do struggles shape democracy in favour of ordinary people? What role do political parties play in competition and contestation? Which are the major national and regional parties in India? Why have social movements come to occupy larger role in politics?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the vital role of struggles in the expansion of democracy. • Analyse party systems in democracies. • Introduction to major political parties in the country. • Analyse the role of social movements and non-party political formations.
<p>4. Outcomes of democracy Can or should democracy be judged by its outcomes? What outcomes can one reasonably expect of democracies? Does democracy in India meet these expectations? Has democracy led to development, security and dignity for the people? What sustains democracy in India?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the difficult question of evaluating the functioning of democracies. • Develop the skills of evaluating Indian democracy on some key dimensions: development, security and dignity for the people. • Understand the causes for continuation of democracy in India.
<p>5. Challenges to democracy Is the idea of democracy shrinking? What are the major challenges to democracy in India? How can democracy be reformed and deepened? What role can an ordinary citizen play in deepening democracy?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish between sources of strength and weaknesses of Indian democracy. • Reflect on the different kinds of measures possible to deepen democracy. • Promote an active and participatory citizenship.