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**Title of Add on Course: Citizens Politics in India: Public
Opinion, Elections, Interest Groups and the Media**

Course Duration: 36 Hours

**Course Offered by the Department of Political Science, A.K.P.C
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Objective of the Course:

1. Knowledge about citizens and politics in Indian society.
2. To understand the concept of public opinion elections Interest groups and
the media.

3. To be aware of the India's real politics and ideological politics.
4. To understand the media's real role and present role.
5. To aware the political consciousness of the Indian citizens

Syllabus

1. Meaning of citizen, characteristics, quality of good citizens.
2. Define politics, citizen involvement in politics, the role of a citizen in politics.
3. Public opinion: definitions, characteristics, the role of public opinion in Indian democracy.
4. Elections: composition and function of the Election Commission of India, the role of citizens in different types of elections in India.
5. Interest groups: definition, the role of interest groups in politics.
6. Media: definition, the role of media in politics, the positive and negative role of media in society.

Unit- I

Citizen, Characteristics, Quality of Good Citizens. (Time: 4 Hours)

Unit-2

Definition of Politics, Citizen Involvement in Politics, Role of Citizens in Politics. (Time: 6 Hours)

Unit-3

Public Opinion, Its Definition, Characteristics, Role of Public Opinion in Indian Democracy. (Time: 7 Hours)

Unit-4

Elections: Composition and Functions of Election Commission in India, Role of Citizens in Different types of elections in India. (Time: 7 Hours)

Unit-5

Interest groups: definition, the role of interest groups in politics. (Time: 5 Hours)

Unit-6

Media: definition, the role of media in politics, the positive and negative role of media in society. (Time: 7 Hours)

Course outcomes:

CO -1 :Students will learn about the definition of citizen and the qualities of a good citizen.

CO -2 :It will be possible to know what kind of role citizens will play during elections.

CO 3 :They will know about the composition and functioning of the Election Commission in India.

CO 4 :Citizens will be able to learn about the role they will play in different types of elections.

CO 5 :They will Learn about what interest groups are and what role they play in politics.

CO 6 :They will learn about the positive and negative role of the media in society.

Programme Outcome

1. Students will learn about citizenship and politics.
2. Students will be aware of ideological politics and realpolitics.
3. Public opinion will learn about elections, Interest groups, and the media.
4. Political awareness and Participation of citizens will increase

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