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Reading List

Historical Development of India (Pre-1947)


Modern India (Post-1947)


India’s Democracy


¹ Good introductory history book.


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2 Subsequently has been made into a book by Oxford University Press Delhi.

3 This book should include a chapter similar to Kapur, Devesh, and Pratap Bhanu Mehta. 2006. *The Indian Parliament as an Institution of Accountability*. Geneva: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which is a very good introductory piece.
Federalism


### Ethnic Politics

**A. Contentious Politics**


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4 This category is used to capture ethnic dynamics broadly, not just religious or socio-economic politics. For a more general discussion about definitions of ethnicity, see Chandra, Kanchan. 2006. “What is Ethnic Identity and Does it Matter?” *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 397-424.

5 Very brief primer on gender issues. Other works relating to gender are scattered throughout the reading list.


**B. Religious Politics**


**C. Class Politics**


Political Economy

A. Poverty, Redistribution, and Development


\(^6\) Read with “The Absent Liberal” piece.

\(^7\) This book includes a primer on development economics, with specific material on India in later chapters.
B. Growth and Industrialization


\(^8\) This article was criticized in another article published in the same issue, with Rodrik and Subramanian providing their response to the criticism.


**C. Indian Post-Industrialization and International Political Economy**


Parties in India

A. National Parties

i. The Rise, Fall, and Re-emergence of Congress


ii. The Rise of the BJP


9 A concise summary of Indira Gandhi’s life (and a summary of this biography) can be found at Salon.com: http://dir.salon.com/story/books/review/2002/03/26/gandhi/index1.html

10 Also in Zoya Hasan (ed.) Parties and Party Politics in India.


B. Regional/Ethnic Political Party Politics


Education and Development


India and the Subcontinent


India and the World


**General References**


**To Check Regularly:**

*Economic and Political Weekly*: [http://epw.in/epw/user/userindex.jsp](http://epw.in/epw/user/userindex.jsp)


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11 This handbook is on economic development.
Relevant Syllabi


Other Useful Links


Berkeley South Asia Library (Nice summaries of recent and historical events): http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/SSEAL/SouthAsia/