

22TP101 CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Hours Per Week :

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PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE:

High School-level Civics and Social Studies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a basic understanding of Indian Polity and Constitution and make students understand the functioning of government at the center and state level besides local self-government. This course also equips students with knowledge pertaining to fundamental rights and fundamental duties of a citizen in a democracy such as India.

MODULE-1

UNIT-1

0L+8T+0P=8 Hours

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Meaning of the constitution law and constitutionalism, Historical perspective of the Constitution of India, Salient features and characteristics of the Constitution of India.

UNIT-2

0L+8T+0P=8 Hours

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, DUTIES, DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES, AND AMENDMENT

Scheme of the fundamental rights - scheme of the Fundamental Right to Equality, scheme of the Fundamental Right to certain Freedom under Article 19, scope of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21, Scheme of the Fundamental Duties and its legal status, Directive Principles of State Policy – its importance and implementation, Amendment of the Constitution - Powers and Procedure.

PRACTICES:

- Enactment of Constituent Assembly debates to further understand the rationale for the provisions of the constitution.
- Fundamental Rights in our popular culture - discussion in the movie Jai Bhim.

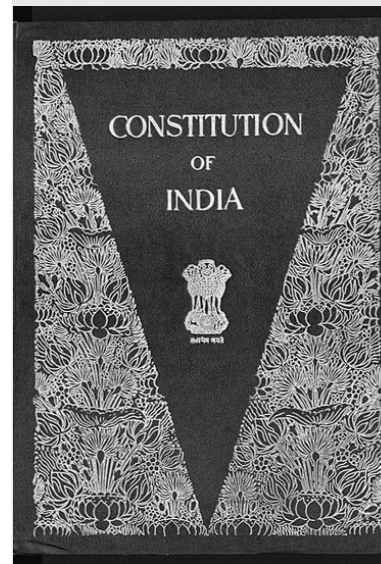
MODULE-2

UNIT-1

0L+8T+0P=8 Hours

STRUCTURE AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Federal structure and distribution of legislative and financial powers between the Union and the States; Parliamentary Form of Government in India – The constitution powers and status of the President of India; Emergency Provisions: National Emergency, President Rule, Financial Emergency.



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SKILLS:

- ✓ *Understanding the basics of the Indian constitution.*
- ✓ *Know the fundamental rights, fundamental duties, and Directive Principles of State Policy.*
- ✓ *Fair knowledge about the functioning of various institutions in a democracy.*

UNIT-2**0L+8T+0P=8 Hours****LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT**

Local Self Government – Constitutional Scheme in India – 73rd and 74th Amendments.

PRACTICES:

- Debate on federalism in India.
- Collect news published in the local papers about panchayats in the nearby areas.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have the ability to:

CO No.	Course Outcomes	Blooms Level	Module No.	Mapping with POs
1	Analyse major articles and provisions of the Indian constitution.	Analyze	1	6
2	Appreciation for the constitution and safeguarding individual rights.	Apply	1	6
3	Evaluating functions of various organs of the State in a democracy.	Evaluate	2	6

TEXTBOOKS:

1. PM Bhakshi, "Constitution of India", 15th edition, Universal Law Publishing, 2018.

REFERENCE BOOKS:

1. B. R. Ambedkar, "The Constitution of India" 2020 edition, Educreation Publishing, India, 2020.
2. Subhash Kashyap, "Our Constitution" 2nd edition, National Book Trust, India, 2011.
3. Arun K. Thiruvengadam, "The Constitution of India: A Contextual Analysis", Hart Publishing India, 2017.