

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

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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.

UNIT-2

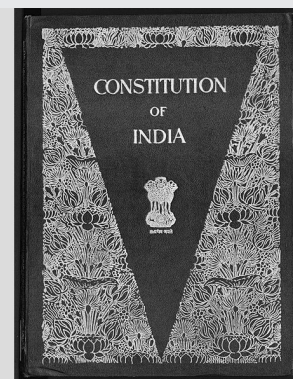
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LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT:

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.



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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.*

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

TEXT BOOKS:

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

REFERENCE BOOKS:

1. B. R. Ambedkar, "The Constitution of India" 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.