

C1PS230121T

Semester: I				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT				
Paper code: C1PS230121T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week: 4				
Category: CORE/MDC/SEC/VAC: CORE (MAJOR)				
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY				
No of Modules: TWO				
Course Overview: The course enables the students to understand and analyse the philosophical background to India's political visions, refer to developments and trends in the Indian constitutional system with the help of constitutional provisions and specific enumeration of powers, functions, positions of different constitutional functionaries.				
Course Outcome:				
1. Remember- key provisions, chief features, basic principles of the constitution				
2. Understand- the philosophical background, the key pillars of the political vision				
3. Apply- constitutional principles to contemporary trends				
4. Analyse- issues and trends predominant in India's constitutional system				
5. Evaluate- assess the merits and demerits of changes and amendments, the politics of constitutional decisions				
6. Create- models and research insights into key issues				
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course				
SYLLABUS				
Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	1. Constituent Assembly and philosophy of the Constitution 2. Fundamental Rights and Duties; Directive Principles of State Policy 3. Constitutional Amendment	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
II.	4. The Executive---President, Emergency powers, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers 5. The Legislature---structure and functions of the	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

	Parliament, role of the Speaker, law-making 6. The Judiciary---structure, powers, jurisdictions, judicial activism			
Text Books				
<p>1. Basu, DD (2022), Introduction to the Constitution of India, 26th edition, Lexis Nexis, New Delhi, India.</p> <p>2. Bhargava, Rajeev (2009), Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.</p>				
Suggested Readings:				
<p>3. Austin, Granville (1999), The Indian Constitution---Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.</p> <p>4. Austin, Granville (1999), Working a Democratic Constitution---A History of the Indian Experience, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.</p> <p>5. Hasan, Zoya, Sridharan E., Sudarshan R. (2002) eds., India's Living Constitution--- Ideas, Practices, Controversies, Permanent Black, New Delhi.</p>				
Evaluation: Theory				
CIA 30 – (mid-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) + 5 Attendance = 30				
End-semester 70				
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module:				
Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15)				
Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module)				
35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)				

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember: key provisions, chief features, basic principles of the constitution	K1
CO2	Understand: the philosophical background, the key pillars of the political vision	K2
CO3	Apply: constitutional principles to contemporary trends	K3
CO4	Analyse: issues and trends predominant in India's constitutional system	K4
CO5	Evaluate: assess the merits and demerits of changes and amendments, the politics of constitutional decisions	K5
CO6	Create: models and research insights into key issues	K6

