

Semester	VI
Course	UG
Paper Code	
Paper Title	Constitutional History of India from the Colonial to the Post-Colonial times (1765-1975): Acts, Laws and Provisions
No. of Credits	4
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	
Number of Modules	2
Syllabus	<p>Module A: 1765-1858</p> <p>UNIT 1 Introduction to British Rule in India: Establishment and expansion of East India Company Rule: Regulating Act of 1773, The Pitt's India Act of 1784, Cornwallis Code and the Permanent Settlement, The Charter Acts: 1813, 1833, 1853 Consolidation of the Legal and Institutional structure</p> <p>UNIT 2 Social Legislations: Sati Regulation Act (1829): Prohibiting the practice of Sati Widow Remarriage Act (1856): Permitting remarriage of Hindu widows Infanticide Act (1870): Prohibiting the practice of female infanticide Age of Consent Bill - 1891 Impact of British Rule on Indian Society</p> <p>Module B: 1858-1975</p> <p>UNIT 1 Government of India Act of 1858: Transfer of power from British East India Company to British Crown Indian Councils Act: Indian Councils Act of 1861, Indian Councils Act of 1892, Indian Councils Act of 1909 Government of India Act of 1919 and 1935 Indian Independence Act of 1947: Granting independence to India Specific Acts that affected the people – Arms Act, Press Act, Rowlatt Acts etc. Tenancy Act, Rent Act and Caste Disabilities Removal Act</p> <p>Unit 2 Making of the Constitution of India: Adoption and key features Social and Economic Reforms : Laws passed by Indian Government Hindu Code Bills: Laws reforming Hindu personal law Special Marriage Act (1954): Permitting civil marriage Dowry Prohibition Act (1961): Prohibiting the practice of dowry</p>

	<p>The Emergency (1975-1977): Imposition of emergency and suspension of civil liberties</p> <p>Constitutional Crisis and the 42nd Amendment: Attempts to amend the Constitution and the subsequent crisis, the 44th Amendment.</p>
Learning Outcomes	<p>Understanding of Constitutional History: Students will gain a deep understanding of the constitutional history of India, including the development of British rule and the evolution of Indian constitutional law and comprehension skills for Civil Service Examination.</p> <p>Analytical Skills: Students will develop analytical skills to evaluate the impact of colonial laws on Indian society and economy.</p> <p>Research Skills: Students will develop research skills to investigate and analyze historical events and laws.</p>
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Essential Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anindita Mukhopadhyay, Behind the Mask

	<p>2. Aparna Balachandran (et al) ed. , Iterations of Law: Legal Histories from India</p> <p>3. B B Misra, Central Administration of the East India Company, 1773–1834</p> <p>4. B B Misra, The Judicial Administration of the East India Company in Bengal, 1765–1782</p> <p>5. B B Misra, The Administrative History of India, 1834–1947: General Administration</p> <p>6. D D Basu, The Constitution of India</p> <p>7. Leila Neti, Colonial Law in India and the Victorian Imagination</p> <p>8. Nancy Gardner Cassels, Social Legislation of the East India Company</p> <p>9. Radhika Singha, A Despotism of Law</p> <p>10. Rajeev Bhargava(ed), Politics and the ethics of the Indian Constitution</p> <p>Suggested Readings:</p> <p>1. Subhash C Kashyap, Our Constitution</p> <p>2. Gunnel Cederlof and Sanjukta Dasgupta eds. Subjects, Citizens and Law: Colonial and Independent India, Routledge, 2019.</p> <p>3. Anil Chandra Banerjee, The Constitutional History of India</p> <p>4. AB Keith, Constitutional History of India</p>	
Evaluation	<p>Theory</p> <p>CIA:5+ Mid Sem:20+ Attendance: 5= 30 Semester Exam: 70</p>	
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	<p>End Semester Exam: 70</p> <p>Two modules of 35 marks each.</p> <p>(3 questions of 5 marks from 5 options: 3X5=15 2 questions of 10 marks from 3 options: 2X10=20)</p>	