

B3PS230511T

Semester: V				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: INDIAN CONSTITUTION				
Paper code: B3PS230511T				Credits: 4
Hours/week: 4				
Category: CORE/MDC/SEC/VAC: MINOR				
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY				
Number 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. Philosophy of the Indian 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. Union Executive---President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers 5. Union Legislature---Lok sabha, Rajya Sabha, law-making	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

	6. The Judiciary---Supreme Court, High Court, judicial activism			
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Text Books

1. Austin, G. (1999) Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
2. Austin, G. (2004) Working of a Democratic Constitution of India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Jayal, N. G. & Mehta, P. B. (eds.) (2010) The Oxford Companion to Indian Politics. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Suggested Readings:

4. Abbas, H., Kumar, R. & Alam, M. A. (2011) Indian Government and Politics. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011.
5. Chandhoke, N. & Priyadarshi, P. (eds.) (2009) Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics. New Delhi: Pearson.
6. Chakravarty, B. & Pandey, K. P. (2006) Indian Government and Politics. New Delhi: Sage.
7. Chandra, B., Mukherjee, A. & Mukherjee, M. (2010) India After Independence. New Delhi: Penguin.
8. Singh, M.P. & Saxena, R. (2008) Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and Concerns. New Delhi: PHI Learning.

Evaluation:

Theory

CIA: 30 (mid-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) +5 Attendance=30

Semester Exam: 70

Paper structure for theory end-semester examination

Short questions: 10 out of 15 of 2 marks each (10x2=20)

Essay Type: 1 out of 3 of 15 marks each (1x15= 15) (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