

B.A. Political Science

SEMESTER-I

(MINOR)

POL-MI--T-1: Indian Constitution Minor Course;

Credit-4;

Full Marks-50

Course Objectives:

After completion the course the learners will be able to:

- Develop a basic understanding about the structure of the Indian Constitution.
- Understand the nature of federalism in India.
- Get an idea about the Fundamental rights of the Indian citizens' and the role that the Indian judiciary play in protecting and upholding these rights.

Unit 1: Framing of the Indian Constitution: Role of the Constituent Assembly, the Preamble and Philosophy of Indian Constitution.

Unit 2: Rights and Duties: Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.

Unit 3: Federalism and Decentralization in India: Nature of Indian Federalism: Union-State Relations – Nature and Evolving Trends of Federalism in India, 5th and 6th Schedules, Panchayati Raj and Municipalities.

Unit 4: Union Executive: President and Vice President. Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Relationship between President and Prime Minister.

Unit 5: Union Legislature: Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha: Composition and functions, Speaker.

Unit 6: The Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts- Composition and functions, Judicial Activism & Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

Suggested Readings:

1. Basu, D.D., Manohar, V.R., Banerjee B.P., Khan S. A., Introduction to the Constitution of India, Nagpur, Lexis Nexis Butterworths Wadhwa, 2008.
2. Kashyap, S.C., Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1994. Page 10 of 47
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4. Kochanek, Stanley A. & Hardgrave Robert L.(Jr), India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation, USA, Thomson Wadsworth, 2008.
5. Johari J.C., Indian Government and Politics: Basic Framework and State Structure, New Delhi, Vikash Publication, 1974.
6. Austin, Granville, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford, 1966.
7. Austin, Granville, Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2003
8. S.K. Chaube (2009). The Making and Working of the Constitution, Delhi. National Book Trust.
9. P, Mehta and N, Jayal (2010). The Oxford Companion to Politics in India. New Delhi. Oxford University Press.
10. Louise Tillin (2013). Remapping India: New States and their Political Origins. New Delhi. Oxford University Press.
11. L, Rudolph and S, Rudolph. (2008). Explaining Indian Institutions: A Fifty-Year Perspective, 1956- 2006. Volume 2. The Realm of Institutions: State Formations and Institutional Change. New Delhi, Oxford University Press. Pp 183-210.

