

B.A. Political Science
SEMESTER-II
(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.

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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.
3. Chakrabarty, Bidyut & Pandey, Rajendra Kumar, *Indian Government and Politics*, New Delhi, Sage, 2008.
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
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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.