

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)-560027

Course:	B.A. Second Semester (JIP)
Subject:	Public Policy
Paper Title:	Introduction to Indian Constitution
Paper Code:	
Teaching Hours/Week:	05
Teaching Hours/Semester:	75 Hrs
No of Credits:	05
W.e.f:	November, 2019

Course Description:

This paper introduces a student to the Constitution of India.. There is an emphasis on the topics like Citizenship, Fundamental rights, Parliamentary government Union and state executives and the working of the judicial systems. A modest effort is made to introduce a student to the Indian constitution. Lectures, Class room discussions, readings and student presentations constitute the frame of study to fulfill the course objectives. This paper will also have a module for self study with guided reading.

I Framing of the Constitution

Sources of the Constitution; The Preamble- Philosophy of the Constitution; Salient Features of the Constitution ; Amendment procedures of the Constitution; Important constitutional Amendments -24, 42,44, 73, 74, 104 **(15 Hours)**

II Key Components

Citizenship- Constitutional Provisions; Citizenship Act of 1955; Fundamental Rights; Directive Principles of State Policy: Features and Issues; Fundamental Duties (SSS) **(15 Hours)**

III Parliament & State Legislatures

Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha: Organization, Changing profile of Members of parliament, Powers and Functions; Law Making Process in Parliament; Committees of Parliament (SSS); State Legislatures: Organization, Powers and Functions; Working of the Parliament and State Legislatures. **(15 Hours)**

IV Union & States Executives

President –Organization of office, Method of Election, Powers and Functions
Vice-President- Organization of office, Powers and Functions (SSS)
Prime Minister- Organization of office, Powers and Functions
Union Council of Ministers- Features, Powers and Functions
Prime Minister-President Relations (SSS)
Governor- Organization of Office, Powers and functions
Chief Minister- Organization of office, Powers and Functions
State Council of Ministers- Features, Powers and Functions (SSS) (15 Hours)

V Judiciary

Supreme Court- Composition & Jurisdiction; State High Courts- Composition & Jurisdiction; Lower Courts – Organization and Working ; Judicial Review; Doctrine of Basic structure ; Public Interest Litigation; Judicial Activism(SSS) ; Judicial Reforms; Judiciary-Parliament Relations (SSS) (15 Hours)

SELECT REFERENCES:

1. D.D. Basu- Introduction to Constitution of India (2011)
2. B.L Fadia & Kuldeep Fadia - Indian Government and Politics (2016)
3. M.V.Pylee- India's Constitution (2016)
4. J.R.Siwach- Dynamics of Indian Government and Politics(1990)
5. J.C.Johari- Indian Politics(2011)
6. K.K.Ghai- Indian Government and Politics(2016)
7. Bidyuth Chakrabarthy- Indian Government and Politics(2008)
8. Ashok Gangulay- Land Mark Judgments that Changed India(2015)
9. Partha Chatterjee – State and Politics in India(1999)
10. Rajni Kothari- Politics In India (2012)
11. Granville Austin- Indian constitution : Corner Stone of a Nation(1999)
12. Bhanu Pratap Mehta- Oxford companion of Politics in India(2011)
13. Madav Khosala- The Indian constitution(2012)
14. Subshash Kashyap- Our Political System(2011)

JOURNALS:

- (1)Mainstream
- (2) Seminar
- (3) Indian Journal of Political Science
- (4) Economic & Political Weekly
- (5) Indian Journal of Parliamentary Affairs
- (6) Law Commission Reports