

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) BENGALURU-27

Course:	BA (CPE)
Subject:	Political Science
Paper Title:	Indian Constitution-I
Semester:	III
Teaching Hours:	75
Paper Code:	PSB 319
Teaching Hours/Week:	05
No of Credits:	05
WEF:	June, 2020

Course Description

This paper offers an overview of the Constitution of India. It also explores the background and working of the Constituent Assembly. There is an emphasis on fundamental rights, parliamentary government and the role of the judiciary. *In each chapter of this paper, one topic is marked for Student Self Study (SSS)*

I Framing of the Constitution

The Constituent Assembly: Evolution, Formation, Composition, Working Process; Sources of the Constitution; The Preamble- Philosophy of the constitution; Salient features (SSS); Amendment procedure; Important Constitutional Amendments: 24th 42nd 44th 52nd 81st 86th 93rd 98th and 100th

Debate: Relevance of Constituent Assembly Debates (15 Hours)

II Key Components

Citizenship: Constitutional Provisions; Citizenship Amendment Act of 1955; Inner-Line Permit

Fundamental Rights; Directive Principles of State Policy; Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles- Distinction; Fundamental Duties (SSS)

Debate: National Register of Citizens (20 Hours)

III Union Parliament and State Legislatures

Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha- Composition, Powers and Functions; Presiding Officers; Law Making Process in the Parliament (SSS); Committee System; State Legislatures: Composition, Powers and Functions: A Review of the working of the Parliament and Legislatures

Debate: Separation of Powers and Legislative Supremacy (15 Hours)

IV Union and State Executive

Organization of Office, Powers and Functions of – President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Council of ministers; Governor, Chief Minister and State Council of Ministers (SSS)

Debate: Parliamentary Vs Presidential Executives (10 Hours)

V Judiciary

Supreme Court and State High Courts- Composition and Jurisdiction; Judicial Review; Doctrine of Basic Structure; Public Interest Litigation (SSS), Judicial Activism and Judicial Reforms

Debate: Parliament and Judiciary Confrontation (10 Hours)

Select References:

D.D Basu- Introduction to the Indian Constitution

B.L Fadia- Indian Government and Politics

M.V.Pylee- Indian Constitution

Subash Kashyap- Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution

Subhash Kashyap- Indian Constitution: Conflicts and Controversies

Partha Chatterjee- State and Politics in India

Rajni Kothari- Politics in India

Granville Austin- Indian Constitution: The Cornerstone of a Nation

Granville Austin- Working of the Indian Constitution

Ashok Ganguly- Landmark Judgments that Changed India

Pratap Bhanu Mehta- Oxford Companion of Politics in India

Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta: Public Institution in India: Performance and Design

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Course:	BA (CPE)
Subject:	Political Science
Paper Title:	Indian Constitution-II
Semester:	IV
Teaching Hours:	45
Paper Code:	PSB 419
Teaching Hours/week:	03
No of Credits:	04
WEF:	November, 2020

Course Description

The objective of the course is to enhance the understanding of the students to the Indian Constitution, more specifically the institutional and procedural mechanisms through which Indian Democracy is being shaped since independence. In each chapter of this paper, one topic is marked for *Student Self Study (SSS)*

I Federal System

Nature of the Indian State: Federal or Unitary

Union-State Relations: Legislative, Administrative and Financial

Changing Dynamics of Centre State Relations

Major Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission and National Commission for the Review and Working of the Constitution (NCRWC) (SSS)

Debate: Abrogation of Article 370

(15 Hours)

II Electoral System and Political Parties

Indian Electoral System- Features

Indian Party System Features (SSS)

Classification of Political Parties- National and Regional

Electoral Behaviour

Coalition Governments

Political Defections and Anti-Defection Law

Electoral Reforms

Debate: Ideology and Social Base of National Political Parties

(15 Hours)

III Constitutional and Statutory Commissions

Election Commission of India

Union Public Service Commission

National Commission for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

National Human Rights Commission (SSS)

National Commission for Minorities

National Commission for Women

Niti Aayog

Debate: Are Multiple Commissions really relevant in the present context? (15 Hours)

Selected References:

Subash Kashyap- Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution
Subash Kashyap- Our Political System
Subhash Kashyap- Indian Constitution: Conflicts and Controversies
B.L Fadia- Indian Government and Politics
Christophe jaffrelot- Caste, Religion and Politics in India
Rajni Kothari- Politics in India
Rajni Kothari- Rethinking Democracy
Atul Kohli- Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability
Francine R. Frankel, Zoya Hasan, Rajeev Bhargava - Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy
D.D Basu- Introduction to the Indian Constitution
Nirmal K. Mukarji, Balveer Arora- Federalism in India: Origins and Development
Zoya Hasan- Parties and Party Politics in India
Neerja Gopal Jayal and P.B.Mehta- The Oxford Companion to Politics in India
A.G.Noorani- Constitutional Questions in India
Granville Austin- Indian Constitution: The Cornerstone of a Nation

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Department:	Political Science
Course:	BA (CPE)
CBCS Paper:	Electoral Politics and Process in India
Semester:	IV
Teaching Hours:	30
Credits:	02
Paper Code:	PSBOE 4119
WEF:	November, 2020

Course	Description
The envisioned objective of the course is twofold: One, to familiarize the students with the dynamics of politics in India; and second, to enable them to understand the functioning of some institutions that mould the political domain in India.	

I Political Parties and Party System in India

Meaning of Political Party
Functions of Political Parties
Features of Indian Party System
Classification of Political Parties- National and Regional
Ideology and Social base of prominent National and Regional parties (10 Hours)

II Electoral System and Elections

Meaning of Election
Types of Election
Prominent Electoral Laws
Representation of People's Act, 1950
Election Commission of India
Political Defections
Anti-Defection Laws (10 Hours)

III Electoral Issues & Reforms in India

Voter turnout in Elections
Election malpractices
Reserved Constituencies
Reservation for Women
Electoral Bonds
EVM vs. Ballot Paper debate
Electoral Reforms (10 Hours)

Selected References:

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Rajni Kothari- 'The Congress System in India' in Zoya Hasan (eds.) Parties and Party Politics in India
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Zoya Hasan- Parties and Party Politics in India
Neerja Gopal Jayal and P.B.Mehta- The Oxford Companion to Politics in India
Yogendra Yadav and Suhas Palshikar- 'Party system and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From Hegemony to Convergence' in Desouza, PR and Sridharan. E (eds.) India's Political Parties
Partha Chatterjee- State and Politics in India
Paul Brass- The Politics of India since Independence

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