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AE Course: The Constitution, Human Rights and Law

Code- AECC301

Credits: 2

Duration: 30 hours

Course Outcomes:

- 1 Understand and infer the significance of the constitution of India to students from all walks of life and help them to understand the basic concepts of Indian constitution.
- 2 Outline the importance of fundamental rights as well as fundamental duties.
- 3 Relate the functioning of Union, State and Local Governments in the Indian federal system.
- 4 Explain the procedure and effects of emergency, composition and activities of election commission and amendment procedure.

UNIT-I

Introduction to Constitution:

(6 Hours)

Meaning and importance of the Constitution, salient features of Indian Constitution. Preamble of the Constitution. Fundamental rights- meaning and limitations. Directive principles of state policy and Fundamental duties -their enforcement and their relevance.

UNIT-II

Union Government:

(5 Hours)

Union Executive- President, Vice-president, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers. Union Legislature-Parliament and Parliamentary proceedings. Union Judiciary-Supreme Court of India – composition and powers and functions.

UNIT-III

State and Local Governments:

(6 Hours)

State Executive- Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers. State Legislature-State Legislative Assembly and State Legislative Council. State Judiciary-High court. Local Government-Panchayat raj system with special reference to 73rd and Urban Local Self Govt. with special reference to 74th Amendment.

UNIT-IV

Election provisions, Emergency provisions, Amendment of the constitution

(5 Hours.)

Election Commission of India-composition, powers and functions and electoral process. Types of emergency-grounds, procedure, duration and effects. Amendment of the constitution- meaning, procedure and limitations.

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UNIT -5 (8 hours)

HUMAN RIGHTS:

Functioning of different human rights organizations in the country and the National Human Rights Commission in India, Relationship between Human Rights and Fundamental freedom

NHRC and its working, other organizations working for the cause, Relationship between Human Rights and fundamental freedom, addressing rights of women, children, disabled and tribals

Comparing diverse issues of tribals, refugees and prisoners.

Challenges faced by legal academicians, activists and NGOs in effective implementation of Human Rights and laws. Various perspectives and role of Media, Laws safeguarding Human Rights and its implementation

Textbooks

1. M.V.Pylee, "Introduction to the Constitution of India", 4th Edition, Vikas publication, 2005.
2. Durga Das Basu(DD Basu) , "Introduction to the constitution of India", (Student Edition), 19th edition, Prentice-Hall EEE, 2008.

Reference Book

1. Merunandan, "Multiple Choice Questions on Constitution of India", 2nd Edition, Meraga publication, 2007.