

18CHAB0	CONSTITUTION OF INDIA
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Category	L	T	P	Credit
AC	2	0	0	0

Preamble

On the successful completion of the course, the students will be able to explain the basic features and fundamental principles of Constitution of India. The Constitution of India is the supreme law of India. Parliament of India cannot make any law which violates the Fundamental Rights enumerated under the Part III of the Constitution. The Parliament of India has been empowered to amend the Constitution under Article 368, however, it cannot use this power to change the “basic structure” of the constitution, which has been ruled and explained by the Supreme Court of India in its historical judgments. The Constitution of India reflects the idea of “Constitutionalism” – a modern and progressive concept historically developed by the thinkers of “liberalism” – an ideology which has been recognized as one of the most popular political ideology and result of historical struggles against arbitrary use of sovereign power by state. The historic revolutions in France, England, America and particularly European Renaissance and Reformation movement have resulted into progressive legal reforms in the form of “constitutionalism” in many countries. The Constitution of India was made by borrowing models and principles from many countries including United Kingdom and America.

The Constitution of India is not only a legal document but it also reflects social, political and economic perspectives of the Indian Society. It reflects India’s legacy of “diversity”. It has been said that Indian constitution reflects ideals of its freedom movement; however, few critics have argued that it does not truly incorporate our own AICTE Model Curriculum for Mandatory Courses & Activities (Non-Credit) for Undergraduate Degree in Engineering & Technology ancient legal heritage and cultural values. No law can be “static” and therefore the Constitution of India has also been amended more than one hundred times. These amendments reflect political, social and economic developments since the year 1950. The Indian judiciary and particularly the Supreme Court of India has played an historic role as the guardian of people. It has been protecting not only basic ideals of the Constitution but also strengthened the same through progressive interpretations of the text of the Constitution. The judicial activism of the Supreme Court of India and its historic contributions has been recognized throughout the world and it gradually made it “as one of the strongest court in the world”

Course Outcome:

On the successful completion of the course students will be able to

CO1	Explain the meaning of the constitution law and constitutionalism and Historical perspective of the Constitution of India	Understand
CO2	Explain the salient features and characteristics of the Constitution of India, scheme of the fundamental rights and the scheme of the Fundamental Duties and its legal status	Understand
CO3	Explain the Directive Principles of State Policy, Federal structure and distribution of legislative and financial powers between the Union and the States, and Parliamentary Form of Government in India	Understand
CO4	Explain the amendment of the Constitutional Powers and Procedure, the historical perspectives of the constitutional amendments in India, and Emergency Provisions.	Understand

CO5	Explain the Local Self Government – Constitutional Scheme in India, Scheme of the Fundamental Right to Equality,	Understand
CO6	Explain the scheme of the Fundamental Right to certain Freedom under Article 19, and Scope of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21	Understand

Mapping with Programme Outcomes

Cos	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12
CO1	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-
CO2	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-
CO3	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-
CO4	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-
CO5	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-
CO6	M	L	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	L	-	-

S- Strong; M-Medium; L-Low

Syllabus

1. Meaning of the constitution law and constitutionalism
2. Historical perspective of the Constitution of India
3. Salient features and characteristics of the Constitution of India
4. Scheme of the fundamental rights
5. The scheme of the Fundamental Duties and its legal status
6. The Directive Principles of State Policy – Its importance and implementation
7. Federal structure and distribution of legislative and financial powers between the Union and the States
8. Parliamentary Form of Government in India – The constitution powers and status of the President of India
9. Amendment of the Constitutional Powers and Procedure
10. The historical perspectives of the constitutional amendments in India
11. Emergency Provisions : National Emergency, President Rule, Financial Emergency
12. Local Self Government – Constitutional Scheme in India
13. Scheme of the Fundamental Right to Equality
14. Scheme of the Fundamental Right to certain Freedom under Article 19
15. Scope of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21

Assessment Pattern

Bloom's category	Continuous Assessment Tests		Seminar
	1	2	-
Remember	40	40	0
Understand	60	60	100
Apply	0	0	0
Analyze	0	0	0
Evaluate	0	0	0
Create	0	0	0

References

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2. Constitution of India, National Portal of India, Web link: <https://www.india.gov.in/my-government/constitution-india>

Course Designers:

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