

Syllabus for 1st year, 2nd-semester students of NIT, Durgapur

Course Code: XXC01

Course Name: The Constitution of India and Civic Norms

Course Objectives: The course is intended to provide an elementary understanding of the evolution of historical events that led to the making of the Indian constitution, the philosophical values, basic structure and fundamental concerns enshrined in the Constitution of India. As a compulsory paper, it will enable engineers and technocrats to learn the basic principles and promises of the Constitution and help them to be aware of their fundamental rights and duties as a citizen of the country. It will also assist them to know more about the civic norms to be followed according to the Indian constitution to be a good citizen. The course will make the students understand the structure of state and central governments and the judiciary in the country as per the provisions of the constitution. Eventually, it will make them conscious of their own rights and place in the wider society and will inculcate constitutional ethos at a formative stage in their career so that later in life, they are able to better navigate through various institutions like family, government office, private company workspace, college, university, and even in interpersonal relationships among friends and colleagues.

Total Credit: 1

Total Lectures: 16 hours

Detailed Syllabus

1. Historical background of the Making of the Indian Constitution (1 Hour)
2. Preamble and the Philosophical Values of the Constitution (1 Hour)
3. Brief Overview of Salient Features of the Indian Constitution (1 Hour)
4. Parts I & II: Territoriality and Citizenship (1 Hour)
5. Part III: Fundamental Rights (2 Hours)
6. Part IV: Directive Principles of State Policy (1 Hour)
7. Part IVA: Fundamental Duties (1 Hour)
8. Union Government: President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (2 Hours)
9. Parliament: Council of States and House of the People (1 Hour)
10. State Government: Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers (1 Hour)
11. State Legislature: Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils (1 Hour)
12. Indian Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts (1 Hour)
13. Centre-State Relations (1 Hour)
14. Reservation Policy, Language Policy and Constitution Amendment (1 Hour)

Primary Readings:

- 1) P. M. Bakshi, *The Constitution of India*, 18th ed. (2022)
- 2) Durga Das Basu, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, 25th ed. (2021)
- 3) J.C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics*, Vol. II, (2012)

Secondary Readings:

Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation* (1966; paperback ed. 1999); Granville Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience* (1999; paperback ed. 2003).