

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

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Course Objective

To equip the student with the basic knowledge of Indian Constitution in order to make them a responsible citizen and assertive in their approach towards the societal issues.

Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- CO1:** Understand the historical background of the constitution making and its importance for building a democratic India.
- CO2:** Explain the functioning of three wings of the government i.e., executive, legislative and judiciary.
- CO3:** Explain the value of the fundamental rights and duties for becoming good citizen of India.
- CO4:** Understand the decentralisation of power between central, state and local self-government.
- CO5:** Apply the knowledge in strengthening of the constitutional institutions like CAG, Election Commission and UPSC for sustaining democracy.

UNIT-I

(10 Lectures)

Introduction to Indian Constitution: Constitution' meaning of the term, Indian Constitution - Sources and constitutional history, Features - Citizenship, Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.

Learning Outcomes: After completion of this unit student will be able to:

- Summarise the concept of Indian constitution (L2)
- Describe the directive principle of state policy (L1)
- Understand the History, features of Indian constitution (L2)

UNIT-II

(10 Lectures)

Union Government and its Administration Structure of the Indian Union: Federalism, Centre-State relationship, President: Role, power and position, PM and Council of ministers, Cabinet and Central Secretariat, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, The Supreme Court and High Court: Powers and Functions.

Learning Outcomes: After completion of this unit student will be able to:

- Describe the structure of Indian government (L1)
- Differentiate between the state and central government (L2)
- Explain the role of President and Prime Minister (L2)

UNIT-III

(10 Lectures)

State Government and its Administration Governor - Role and Position - CM and Council of ministers, State Secretariat: Organisation, Structure and Functions

Learning Outcomes: -After completion of this unit student will

- Describe the structure of state government (L1)
- Understand the role Governor and Chief Minister (L2)
- Explain the role of state Secretariat (L2)

UNIT-IV

(10 Lectures)

Local Administration - District's Administration Head - Role and Importance, Municipalities - Mayor and role of Elected Representative - CEO of Municipal Corporation Pachayati Raj: Functions PRI: Zilla Panchayat, Elected officials and their roles, CEO Zilla Panchayat: Block level Organizational Hierarchy - (Different departments), Village level - Role of Elected and Appointed officials - Importance of grass-root democracy

Learning Outcomes: -After completion of this unit student will be able to:

- Describe the local Administration (L1)
- Summarise district administration role and importance (L2)
- Examine the role of Myer and elected representatives of Municipalities (L3)

UNIT-V

(10 Lectures)

Election Commission: Role of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commission; State Election Commission: Functions of Commissions for the welfare of SC/ST/OBC and women.

Learning Outcomes: -After completion of this unit student will be able to:

- Outline the role of Election Commission (L4)
- Explain the role of the Chief Election commissioner and Election Commission (L2)
- Examine the role of state election commission (L3)

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