



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
CourseCode	UK1DSCPOS101				
Course Title	Indian Constitution: An Introduction				
TypeofCourse	DSC				
Semester	1				
AcademicLevel	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture perweek	Tutorial perweek	Practical perweek	Total Hours/Week
	4	4hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. A preliminary understanding about our struggle for democracy. 2.A prior knowledge about the basic features of the Indian Polity.				
Course Summary	The goal of this course titled " Indian Constitution: An Introduction " is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the framework, structure, and key principles of the Indian Constitution. Another crucial aspect is to introduce them to the fundamental aspects of the Indian Constitution, including Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, the Union Government, and State governments. Moreover, the course explores the structure of the Indian judicial system and analyzes its way of functioning as a dynamic agent of social change.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Evolution and Framing of the Indian Constitution		
	1	Constituent Assembly-Composition and Objectives	5
	2	The philosophy of the Indian Constitution-The Preamble	4
	3	Salient Features of the Indian Constitution	5
II	Understanding Our Rights and Duties		
	4	Fundamental Rights	6
	5	Directive Principles of State Policy-Gandhian, Liberal and Socialistic categories.	4
	6	Fundamental Duties-An appraisal	2
III	The Union Government		
	7	President and Vice President-Constitutional Position and Functions	5
	8	Prime Minister and Council of Ministers-Role and Functions-Collective Responsibility	4
	9	Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha- Organization and Functions	5
IV	Judicial System in India		
	10	Need for Independence of Judiciary	3
	11	Supreme Court-Structure and Types of Jurisdictions High Court- Structure and Functions	4
	12	Instruments of Judicial Activism- PIL	3
V	Governing the States: A Case-Based Exploration of State Government under the Indian Constitution		
	13	Group Discussions on composition and functions of State Legislature - OR	3



	Mock Assembly/Press Conference for understanding real-time governance. - OR	4
	Debates: Central vs State powers; Role of Governor – Neutral or Political?	3

Essential Readings

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- Shama,B.K.(2007).*IntroductiontotheConstitutionofIndia*.PrenticeHall.
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- Desai,A. R. (Ed.). (1986). *Violation of Democratic Rights in India*. Popular Prakashan.
- Alexandrowitz,C.H.(1957).*ConstitutionalDevelopmentsinIndia*.OxfordUniversityPress.
- Baxi, U. (1980). *The Indian Supreme Court and Politics*. Eastern Book Company.
- Kashyap,S.C.(2021).*OurConstitution:AnIntroductiontoIndia'sConstitutionand Constitutional Law*. National Book Trust.
- Nariman,F.S.(2023).*YouMustKnowYourConstitution*.HayHousePublishers.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Understand the trajectory of the framing of our Constitution and appreciate the values embodied in the Preamble.	U, An E,	PSO2
CO-2	Assess the Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, and the Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Indian Constitution.	U,Ap,An ,E	PSO2
CO-3	Evaluate the structure and roles of the Union Legislature and Executive.	U,An,E	PSO3
CO-4	Analyse the need for Independence of Judiciary, explore its structure and jurisdictions and examine concept and instruments of Judicial activism	An,E	PSO3
CO-5	Students will be able to apply constitutional principles to real-life scenarios, critically analyze the functioning of state governments, and demonstrate an informed understanding of the practical dynamics of federalism and democratic governance in India.	C	PSO6

R-Remember,U-Understand,Ap-Apply,An-Analyse,E-Evaluate,C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module



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Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/P SO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture(L)/ Tutorial(T)	Practical(P)
CO-1	Understand the trajectory of the framing of our Constitution and appreciate the values embodied in the Preamble.	PO8/P SO1	U, An E,	F	L	-
CO-2	Assess the Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, and the Directive Principles of State Policy as enshrined in the Indian Constitution.	PO1/P SO2	U,Ap,An,E	C	L	-
CO-3	Evaluate the structure and roles of the Union Legislature and Executive.	PO1/P SO3	U,An,E	F	L	-
CO-4	Analyse the composition of the State Government and its functioning.	PO1/P SO8	An,E	F	L	-
CO-5	Analyse the need for Independence of Judiciary, explore its structure and jurisdictions and examine the concept and instruments of Judicial activism.	PO2/P SO6	C	C	L	-

F-Factual,C-Conceptual,P-Procedural,M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PSO9	PSO10	PO 1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
CO 2		1	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	2	-		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CO 4	-		-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-



Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly/Low
2	Moderate/ Medium
3	Substantial /High

Assessment Rubrics:

- PPT/Assignment/Quiz/Discussion/Seminar/Model Parliament/Role Plays
- Midsemester Examination
- Proctored Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of Cos to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO1	✓	✓	-	✓
CO2	✓	✓	-	✓
CO3	✓	✓	-	✓
CO4	✓	✓	-	✓
CO5	✓	✓	-	-

