

Department of Political Science

Program: B.A. (Multidisciplinary) Semester-I Indian Constitution (DSC-A1)

SCHEME

Course Name	Indian Constitution	(DSC A1)	Course Type	Theory
Course Code	24POLM401I	DS01	Class	B.A. (Multidisciplinary) 1st
				Semester
Delivery	Per week Lectures: 3, Tutorial:1, Practical: - Total No. Classes Per Sem: 48(L), 12(T), -(P) Assessment in Weightage: Sessional (30%), End Term Exams (70%)			
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COURSE OVERVIEW

Indian Constitution involves Sources and Features, Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy. along with Powers & Functions of Union and State Executive, Union and State Legislature, State Legislature and Judiciary.

PREREQUISITE

Indian Constitution, Union and State Executive, Union and State Legislature, State Legislature and Judiciary.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The objective of this course is to introduce the brief idea about the Indian Constitution, Union and State executive, Union and state legislature and judiciary.

COURSE OUTCOMES (COs)

After the completion of the course, the student will be able to: understand/gain knowledge about:

CO No.	Course Outcomes
I	This course is required to broaden the sphere of knowledge and sharpen the analytical attitude of the students with regard to the work and studies of the constitution of India.
1	This paper will make the students able to comprehend and critically analyze major themes and aspects of the Indian Constitution.
1	This course will enhance the ability of the students to understand the evolution and philosophy ofIndian constitution.
4.	This course intends to introduce the students to the basic philosophy of the constitution and also seeks to examine various provisions of the constitution in the context of India.
5.	Some recent constitutional amendments will also be discussed.



It will engage with the major aspects of the different organs of government and some of the new institutions that have emerged in India in recent decades.

COURSE CONTENT

Contents

Unit 1:

Indian Constitution – Sources and Features, Preamble, FundamentalRights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.

Unit 2:

Union and State Executive – President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers; State Executive – Governor, Chief Minister and Council of Ministers.

Unit 3:

Union and State Legislature – Parliament-Composition and Functions; Speaker ofLok Sabha, Amendment Process; State Legislature-Vidhan Sabha; Panchayati Raj

Unit 4:

Judiciary – Supreme Court, High Courts, Judicial Review

LESSON PLAN (THEORY AND TUTORIAL CLASSES)

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Sr.	Topic to be Delivered	Tutorial Plan	Unit
No			
1.	The making of Indian		Unit-I
	Constitution		
2.	Sources of Indian Constitution		
3.	Sources of Indian Constitution		
4.	Preamble of the Indian		
	Constitution		
5.	Basic features of the Indian		
	Constitution		
6.	Basic features of the Indian	Practice questions and	
	Constitution	queries about concepts	
7.	Features of fundamental rights		
8.	Criticism of fundamental rights		
9.	Importance of fundamental	Practice questions and	
	rights	queries about concepts	
10.	Fundamental duties		
11.	Meaning of Directive Principles		
	of State Policy		
12.	Classification of Directive	Practice questions and	
	principles	queries about concepts	
13.	Powers and functions of		Unit-II
	President of India		



14.	Evaluation of emergency power		
	of the president		
15.	Criticism of the emergency	Practice questions ar	d
	powers of the president	queries about concepts	
16.	Vice President of India		
17.	Main features of cabinet system		
	in India		
18.	Powers and functions of Prime		
	Minister		
19.	changing role of prime minister	Practice questions ar	d
		queries about concepts	
20.	Powers and functions of state		
	executive governor		
21.	Powers and functions of state		
	executive governor		
22.	Powers and functions of	Practice questions ar	d
	ministers and Chief Minister	queries about concepts	
23.	Composition of Lok Sabha		Unit-III
24.	Powers and functions of Lok		
	Sabha		
25.	Speaker of Lok Sabha		
26.	Powers and functions of the		
	speaker		
27.	Powers and functions of Rajya		
	Sabha		
28.	Mutual relationship between	Practice questions ar	d
	Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha	queries about concepts	
29.	Defects in the working of		
	Indian Parliament		
30.	Causes of decline of power of		
	the Indian Parliament		
31.	Legislative procedure in Indian		
	Parliament		
32.	Legislative procedure in Indian		
	Parliament		
33.	Process of constitutional		
	amendment		
34.	Major amendments in Indian	Practice questions ar	d
	Constitution	queries about concepts	
35.	Powers and functions of		
	Legislative Assembly		
36.	New Panchayati Raj system		
37.	Main provisions of 73rd		



	constitutional amendment		
38.	Functions of gram panchayat		
39.	Zila Parishad		
40.	Main problems and defects of		
	Panchayati Raj		
41.	Remedies for the removal of	Practice questions ar	d
	defects of Panchayati Raj	queries about concepts	
42.	Composition of Supreme Court		Unit-IV
43.	Powers and functions of		
	Supreme Court		
44.	Judicial review in India		
45.	Judicial review in India		
46.	Criticism of judicial activism		
47.	Powers and functions of High		
	Court		
48.	Powers and functions of High	Practice questions ar	d
	Court	queries about concepts	

Text Book

- 1. K.K. Gupta, Nishant Saini, Rajni Kumari, Indian Constitution, Laxmi Publication, Bhiwani.
- **2.** Rajni Kumari , The Indian Constitution: People, Politics and Government", AG Publishing House, Bhopal (M.P.)..

Reference Books

- 1. 1. G. Austin, The Indian Constitution: CornerStone of a Nation, Oxford,Oxford University Press, 1966.
- 2. 2. D.D. Basu, An Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, PrenticeHall, 1994.
- 3. J.D.D. Basu and B. Parekh (ed.), Crisis and Change in ContemporaryIndia, New Delhi, Sage, 1994
- 4. 4. C.P. Bhambhri, The Indian State: Fifty Years, New Delhi, Shipra, 1997.
- 5. 5. P. Brass, Politics of India Since Independence, Hyderabad, Orient Longman, 1990
- 6. 6. R. Kothari, Politics in India, New Delhi, Orient Longman, 1970.
- 7. V.H. Morris Jones, Government and Politics in India, Eothen Press, London, 1987
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PRACTICE QUESTIONS (QUESTION BANK)

1. Critically examine the fundamental rights given in the Indian constitution. भारतीय सविधान में दिए गए मोलिक अधिकारों की आलोचनात्मक व्याख्य Describe the special features of the Indian Constitution. भारतीय सविधान की प्रमुख विशेषताओं का वर्णन करे।	
2. Describe the special features of the Indian Constitution.	या करे ।
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भारतीय सविधान की प्रमुख विशेषताओं का वर्णन करे।	
3. Describe the powers, functions and position of the President of India.	
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की शक्तियों, कार्यो तथा स्थिति का वर्णन करे।	
4. Describe the main features of the Indian cabinet system.	
भारत की मंत्रिमंडलप्रणाली की प्रमुख विशेषताओं का वर्णन कीजिए ।	
5. Describe the composition, powers and functions of the Lok sabha.	
लोकसभा के संगठन, शक्तियों तथा कार्यो का वर्णन करे ।	
6. Write an essay on the amendment process of the Indian Constitution.	
भारतीय सविधान की संशोधन प्रक्रिया पर एक निबंध लिखे ।	
7. Describe the composition, powers and jurisdiction of the supreme court of	f India.
भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के संगठन, शक्तियों तथा क्षेत्राधिकार का वर्ण	न कीजिए।
8. Explain the nature and importance of Judicial Review.	
न्यायिक पुनर्निरीक्षण की प्रक्रति व महत्व का वर्णन करे ।	
9. What do you mean by Preamble?	
प्रस्तावना से आपका क्या अभिप्राय है ।	
10. Discuss Right to Equality.	
समानता के अधिकार का वर्णन कीजिए ।	
Describe the method of removal of the President of India.	
भारत के राष्ट्रपति को पद से हटाए जाने का तरीका बताए।	
What do you mean by the principle of collective responsibility?	
सामूहिक उतरदायित्व के सिद्धांत से आपका क्या अभिप्राय है।	
13. Describe the qualifications of the members of the Legislative Assembly.	
विधानसभा के सदस्यों की योग्यताए बताइये ।	
14. What do you mean by local government?	
स्थानीय शासन का क्या अर्थ है।	
Explain two qualifications of the Judge of the Supreme Court.	
सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के न्यायधीशो की दो योग्यताए बताओ ।	
16. What do you mean by Judicial Activism?	
न्यायिक क्रियाशीलता का अर्थ बताए ।	
17. Describe the meaning of fundamental rights.	
मोलिक अधिकारों का अर्थ स्पष्ट कीजिए।	



18.	What is the main purpose of Directive principles?
	निर्देशक सिद्धांतों का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है।
19.	Comment on the Vice-president of India.
	भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति पर टिप्पणी करे ।
20.	State two conditions of the appointment of Governor.
	राज्यपाल की नियुक्ति की दो शर्ते बताओं ।
21.	Write down the composition of Rajya Sabha.
	राज्यसभा की रचना लिखे ।
22.	Discuss the main problems of Panchyati Raj.
	पंचायती राज की मुख्य समस्याये बताए ।
23.	Give any two arguments in favour of Judicial Activism.
	न्यायिक क्रियाशीलता के पक्ष में कोई दो तर्क दे।
24.	Describe the composition of a state High Court.
	राज्य के उच्च न्यायालय की रचना का वर्णन करे ।
25.	The preamble of the Indian constitution is its foundation store. Explain this
	statement.
26	``भारतीय सविधान की प्रस्तावना ही भारतीय सविधान की आधारशिला है ।
26.	Describe the various sources of the constitution of India.
27	भारतीय सविधान के मुख्य स्त्रोतों का वर्णन करे ।
27.	Critically examine the emergency powers of the President of India.
20	भारत के राष्ट्रपति की संकटकालीन शक्तियों का आलोचनात्मक परीक्षण कीजिए।
28.	Discuss the appointment, powers and position of the Prime Minister of India.
20	भारत के प्रधानमंत्री की नियुक्ति, शक्तियों व स्थिति का वर्णन कीजिए।
29.	Describe the powers and position of speaker of Lok Sabha.
20	लोकसभा के अध्यक्ष की शक्तियों तथा स्थिति का वर्णन करे।
30.	Describe the composition, functions and sources of income of Gram Panchayat.
21	ग्राम पंचायत के गठन, कार्यों तथा आय के साधनों का वर्णन करे।
31.	Discuss the composition/organization and jurisdiction of the supreme court of India.
22	भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के संगठन/ संरचना व क्षेत्राधिकार की व्याख्या करे।
32.	Critically examine Judicial Activism.
	न्यायिक क्रियाशीलता की आलोचनात्मक व्याख्या कीजिए ।