

B.Tech. - SEMESTER 4

MC	Constitution of India	0L:2T:0P	0 Credits	45 hrs.
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Course Objective:

This course is designed to provide students with a foundational understanding of the Indian Constitution, its principles, and its impact on governance and society. By the end of the course, students will be able to:

On completion of the course, the learners will have an ability to:

- Understand the making of the Indian Constitution, the significance of its Preamble, Basic Structure, and their interpretations.
- Evaluate the scope, significance, and implications of Fundamental Rights and Duties in the context of governance and citizenship.
- Examine the roles, powers, and responsibilities of Union and State Government bodies, including the President, Prime Minister, Governors, Chief Ministers, and legislatures.
- Assess the functions and relevance of constitutional bodies like the Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, UPSC, and others in ensuring accountability and transparency.
- Analyse the judiciary's role, emergency provisions, and the impact of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on upholding justice and constitutional principles.

Course Structure

Module 1: The Constitution - Introduction 10L

1. The History of the Making of the Indian Constitution
2. Preamble and its interpretation
3. Fundamental Rights
4. Fundamental Duties

Module 2: Union Government 10L

1. Structure of the Indian Union
2. President – Role and Power
3. Prime Minister – Role and Power
4. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha

Module 3: State Government 5L

1. Governor – Role and Power
2. Chief Minister – Role and Power

Module 4: Constitutional Bodies 10L

1. Election Commission of India
2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)
3. Union Public Service Commission and State Public Service Commissions
4. Finance Commission of India (FCI)

Module 5: Judiciary & Discussions**10L**

1. Emergency Powers of the Constitution of India
2. Indian Judiciary – Role and Power
3. Public Interest Litigation (PIL)
4. Recent discussions on Constitution of India

Assignment

Identify a specific area where you believe the present laws in the country could be reformed or where the implementation is insufficient based on the Constitution (e.g., gender equality, environmental rights, or electoral reforms). Create a report style Power Point presentation (PPT) suggesting amendments and justify these changes with reference to the Constitution, policies, and judgements.

References

1. Ethics and Politics of the Indian Constitution – Rajeev Bhargava Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2008
2. The Constitution of India B.L. Fadia Sahitya Bhawan; New edition (2017)
3. Introduction to the Constitution of India DD Basu Lexis Nexis; Twenty-Third 2018 edition

Course Outcomes

On completion of this course, the successful students should be able to:

SNo.	Description	Course Outcome	Bloom's Taxonomy Level
1	Explain the historical evolution, philosophical principles, and key features of the Indian Constitution, including the Preamble, Basic Structure, and their interpretations.	CO1	L1
2	Critically evaluate the significance, scope, and application of Fundamental Rights and Duties in promoting justice and responsibility in a democratic society.	CO2	L2
3	Describe the organisation, powers, and roles of Union and State Government bodies, including the President, Prime Minister, Governors, and legislatures.	CO3	L1
4	Evaluate the functions and impact of constitutional bodies such as the Election Commission, CAG, UPSC, and Finance Commission in maintaining democratic governance and accountability.	CO4	L2
5	Analyse the judiciary's role, emergency provisions, and the use of Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in addressing constitutional challenges and promoting justice.	CO5	L3
