

MHS26201- Introduction to Constitution of India		
Teaching Scheme: Theory: 2 Hours/Week	Credits: 02	Examination Scheme: In-Semester Exam: 30 Marks CAA: 30 Marks Total: 60 Marks

Course Objectives: To realize the significance of constitution of India to students from all walks of life and help them to understand the basic concepts of Indian constitution. Identify the importance of fundamental rights as well as fundamental duties. Understand the functioning of Union, State and Local Governments in Indian federal system. Learn procedure and effects of emergency, composition and activities of election commission and amendment procedure.

Course Outcomes: At the end of the course the student should be able to:

CO1. Understand and explain the significance of Indian Constitution as the fundamental law of the land.

CO 2. Utilize his fundamental rights in proper sense at the same time identifies his responsibilities in national building.

CO3. Analyze the Indian political system, the powers and functions of the Union, State and Local Governments in detail

CO 4. Understand Electoral Process, Emergency provisions and Amendment procedure

Course Contents

UNIT-I Introduction to Constitution: [7 Hours]

Meaning and importance of the Constitution, salient features of Indian Constitution, Preamble of the Constitution. Fundamental rights, Directive principles of state policy and Fundamental duties.

UNIT-II Union Government: [7 Hours]

Union Executive, Union Legislature and Union Judiciary-Supreme Court of India – composition and powers and functions.

UNIT-III State and Local Governments: [7 Hours]

State Executive- Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers. State Legislature-State Legislative Assembly and State Legislative Council. State Judiciary-High court. Local Government-Panchayat Raj system with special reference to 73rd and Urban Local Self Govt. with special reference to 74th Amendment.

UNIT-IV Election Emergency and Amendment Provisions [7 Hours]

Election Commission of India- composition, powers, functions and electoral process. Types of emergency-grounds, procedure, duration, and effects. Amendment of the constitution- meaning, procedure, and limitations.

Textbooks:

1. M. V. Pylee, "Introduction to the Constitution of India", 4th Edition, Vikas publication, 2005.
2. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, LexisNexis, 25th Edition, 2021.

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1. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, LexisNexis, 25th Edition, 2021.
2. Subhash Kashyap, Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law, National Book Trust, 2019.
3. Bare Act, Constitution of India, Government of India Publications.
4. Merunandan, "Multiple Choice Questions on Constitution of India", 2nd Edition, Meraga publication, 2007.

Activity:

1. Poster presentation /PPT Presentation
2. Case Study
3. Seminar


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