

TITLE: Certificate Course in Indian Constitution

CONDUCTING DEPARTMENT: Political Science

To be implemented from the academic year 2022-2023 onward

PREAMBLE:

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About the Course

The chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar regarded Constitutional morality as not a natural sentiment, rather one to be cultivated among the citizens. As elucidated in the Fundamental Duties of the Indian Constitution it is the duty of the citizens to oblige with the Constitution of India. Therefore, until one gains a basic understanding of how to safeguard one's life and livelihood through legal methods and guaranteed rights, the dream of a developed and progressive society shall remain an ideal-to-be-achieved. Legal Literacy is essential for the survival of our Constitutional Democracy. Legal literacy aims at bringing awareness to the masses regarding the laws of the land and the respective rights they entail.

**Aims & objectives –
India Constitution
Course**

1	To Enable the student to understand the importance of constitution
2	To understand the structure of executive, legislature and judiciary
3	To understand philosophy of fundamental rights and duties
4	To understand the autonomous nature of constitutional bodies like Supreme Court and high court, controller and auditor general of India and election commission of India.
5	To understand the central and state relation, financial and administrative.

Course outcomes

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1	Able to understand historical background of the constitutional making and its importance for building a democratic India, the structure of Indian government, the structure of state government, the local Administration,	Knowledge/Understand
2	Able to apply the knowledge on directive principle of state policy, the knowledge in strengthening of the constitutional institutions like CAG, Election Commission and UPSC for sustaining democracy.	Application
3	Able to analyze the History, features of Indian constitution, the role Governor and Chief Minister, role of state election commission, the decentralization of power between central, state and local self-government.	Analysis
4	Able to evaluate Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Zilla Panchayat, block level organization, various commissions of viz SC/ST/OBC and women.	Evaluation

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Course layout

Unit.I Week 1 : 6 Hours
Constitutions and Democrac

- Do democratic societies need a constitution?
- How is a constitution different from ordinary law?
- Is a constitution a political or a legal instrument?
- Does the Constitution

Unit II Week 2: 6 Hours

Making a Constitution Democratic

- How should a society make a constitution?
- How did India make its 1950 Constitution?
- Can Parliament amend the constitution?
- Can the Parliament replace the constitution?

Unit III Week 3 6 Hours

Preamble to the Constitution

- Does a Preamble have legl effect or is it symbolic?
- How was India's Preamble drafted?
- Does the Preamble help us interpret the constitution?

Unit IV Week 4: 6 Hours

Citizens

- Who is an Indian Citizen?
- Can Parliament decide Indian Citizenship without the Constitution?
- Are all constitutional protections confined to Indian Citizens?

Unit V Week 5: 4 Hours

Fundamental Rights

- What Fundamental Rights do we have and are they absolute?
- Who can we exercise these FRs against?
- Who will protect these rights when they are violated?

REFERENCE BOOKS:-

1. V.N Shukla's Indian Constitutional Law, M.P Singh 13th Edition
2. Uday Raj Rai, Constitutional Law-I
3. Democracy and Constitutionalism in India, Oxford University Press 2009

ADMISSION PROCESS:

The subject knowledge consisting of Indian Constitution
Constitution regarding questions for 50 marks.(Multiple Choice Questions i.e.MCQs

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Candidates who have passed any HSC of any statutory Board recognized
Equivalent thereto must have obtained minimum aggregate 40 percent marks

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION:

The medium of instruction shall be in Marathi.

STANDARD OF PASSING:

Total passing, 40% marks in MCQ paper.
Hajeri -10 marks