



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICALSCIENCE				
Course Code	UK2DSCPOS100				
Course Title	Indian Constitution at Work				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	2				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture Per week	Tutorial Per week	Practical Per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4hours	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive overview of the Indian Constitution, focusing on its historical background, philosophy and key features. It examines the making of the Constitution, the philosophy behind its drafting, etc. The course also delves into the structure of the Indian government, the distribution of powers between the union and the states, the fundamental rights and duties of citizens, the role of the judiciary and the functioning of parliamentary democracy.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Crafting of the Indian Constitution		14
	1	Formation of Constituent Assembly	
	2	Salient Features of the Constitution	
	3	Philosophy of the Constitution-Preamble, Constituent Assembly Debates on Preamble, Kesavananda Bharati Case	
II	Rights and Duties		10
	5	Fundamental Rights and its significance in strengthening Indian Democracy	
	6	Directive Principles of State Policy and Welfare State	
	7	Fundamental duties and responsible citizenship	
III	Parliamentary Governance in India		12
	8	Constitutional Position of President and Vice-President	
	9	Prime Minister as Real Executive, Council of Ministers	
	10	Parliament-Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha	
	11	Changing role of the Indian Parliament	
	12	Law-making process and Amendment Procedure	
IV	Adjudicating Institutions		12
	13	Supreme Court and High Court: Jurisdictions	
	14	Judicial Activism- PIL and Judicial Review	
	15	No-Confidence Motion	
V	Engaging Democracy		12
	16	Prepare a private member bill on any social issue.	
	17	Conduct a debate on the relevance of Parliamentary Democracy	



18	Prepare a report on Electoral reforms in India
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Essential Readings

- Alexandrowitz, C.H. (1957). *Constitutional Developments in India*. Oxford University Press.
- Austin, G. (2008). *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*. Oxford University Press.
- Austin, G. (2021). *Working A Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience*. Oxford University Press.
- Avasthi, A.P. (2012). *Indian Government and Politics*. Lakshmi Narayan Agarwal. Basu, D. D. (2021). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. Lexis Nexis.
- Baxi, U. (1980). *The Indian Supreme Court and Politics*. Eastern Book Company. Chakrabarty, B. (2008). *Indian Government and Politics*. Sage.
- Desai, A.R. (Ed.). (1986). *Violation of Democratic Rights in India*. Popular Prakashan. Fadia, B. L. (2010). *Indian Government and Politics*. Sahitya Bhavan Publications.
- Kashyap, S.C. (2021). *Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law*. National Book Trust.
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- Mehta, N.G. (2011). *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*. Oxford University Press. Nariman, F. S. (2023). *You Must Know Your Constitution*. Hay House Publishers.
- Noorani, A.G. (2006). *Constitutional and Citizen's Rights*. Oxford University Press.
- Pylee, M. V. (2010). *India's Constitution*. Vikas.
- Shama, B.K. (2007). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*. Prentice Hall.
- Singh, N.P., & Saxena, R. (2014). *Indian Politics, Constitutional Foundations and Institutional Functions*. PHI.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO Addressed
CO-1	Understand the historical context of the Indian Constitution and significance of Constitutionalism.	U, An	PSO1
CO-2	Evaluate the Fundamental Rights, DPSP and Duties of the citizens as outlined in the Constitution.	Un, An, E	PSO2
CO-3	Assess the nature of functioning of Parliamentary Government in India and Explore the role of Key functionaries.	Ap, An, E	PSO3
CO-4	Analyse the functioning of the Indian parliament and ascertain the role of various Parliamentary Committees.	Ap, An, E, C	PSO8
CO-5	Analyse the structure and operation of Election Commission of India and explore the initiatives towards electoral reforms.	Ap, C	PSO3

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

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module



Name of the Course: Indian constitution: An Introduction
Credits: 4:0:0(Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical(P)
CO-1	Understand the historical context of the Indian Constitution and significance of Constitutionalism.	PO6 PSO1	U, An	C	L	-
CO-2	Evaluate the Fundamental Rights, DPSP and Duties of the citizens as outlined in the Constitution.	PO8 PSO2	Un, An, E	F	L	-
CO-3	Assess the nature of functioning of Parliamentary Government in India and Explore the role of Key functionaries.	PO1 PSO3	Ap, An, E	F	L	-
CO-4	Analyse the functioning of the Indian parliament and ascertain the role of various Parliamentary Committees.	PO1 PSO8	Ap, An, E, C	P	L	-
CO-5	Analyze the structure and operation of Election Commission of India and explore the initiatives towards electoral reforms.	PO2 PSO3	Ap. C	P	L	-

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

Mapping of Cos with PSOs and POs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PSO 7	PSO 8	PSO 9	PSO 10	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
CO 2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
CO 3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	✓	✓	-	

