

INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Course Objectives:

At the end of semester the students able to understand the concepts of:

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:

At the end of the semester/course, the student will be able to have a clear knowledge on the following:

1. Understand historical background of the constitution making and its importance for building a democratic India.
2. Understand the functioning of three wings of the government ie., executive, legislative and judiciary
3. Understand the value of the fundamental rights and duties for becoming good citizen of India.
4. Analyze the decentralization of power between central, state and local self-government.
5. Apply the knowledge in strengthening of the constitutional institutions like CAG, Election Commission and UPSC for sustaining democracy.
 - a. Know the sources, features, and principles of Indian Constitution.
 - b. Learn about Union Government, State government and its administration.
 - c. Get acquainted with Local administration and Pachayati Raj.
 - d. Be aware of basic concepts and developments of Human Rights.
 - e. Gain knowledge on roles and functioning of Election Commission

UNIT- I

Introduction to Indian Constitution: Constitution meaning of the term, Indian Constitution – Sources and constitutional history, Features - Citizenship, Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.

UNIT-II

Union Government and its Administration Structure of the Indian Union: Federalism, Centre-State relationship, President: Role, power and position, PM and Council of ministers, Cabinet and Central Secretariat, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, The Supreme Court and High Court: Powers and Functions;

UNIT-III

State Government and its Administration Governor - Role and Position - CM and Council of ministers, State Secretariat: Organisation, Structure and Functions

UNIT-IV

Local Administration - District's Administration Head - Role and Importance, Municipalities - Mayor and role of Elected Representative - CEO of Municipal Corporation Pachayati Raj: Functions PRI: Zilla Panchayat, Elected officials and their roles, CEO Zilla Panchayat: Block level Organizational Hierarchy - (Different departments), Village level - Role of Elected and Appointed officials - Importance of grass root democracy.

UNIT-V

Election Commission: Election Commission- Role of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissionerate State Election Commission: Functions of Commissions for the welfare of SC/ST/OBC and women

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