
SEMESTER III

I. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 4: INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) **Theory: 60 Lectures**

Course Objectives:

1. The course shall aim to provide a guideline of the normative and empirical premises of the Indian Constitution.
2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the working of the Indian Government.
3. The challenges faced by the Indian polity shall also be discussed so that the gap between formulation and implementation can be gauged.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Comprehension about the values and philosophy of the constitution will help the students to have a far-sighted vision in the course of discussing matters relevant to the state.
2. A clear understanding of the structure and functions of the various organs of the government shall lead to better understanding of the Indian polity.
3. A thorough discussion about the issues confounding the Indian polity shall help students find viable solutions for a better future.

Course Content

UNIT I

1. Indian Constitution: Salient Features and Basic Structure of the Indian constitution.
2. Preamble
3. Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy

UNIT II

1. Union Executive: President and Prime Minister, Council of Ministers
2. Union Legislature: Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
3. State Government: Governor and Chief Minister, Council of Ministers

UNIT III

1. Supreme Court and High Court – Composition and Functions, Judicial Review/Activism
2. Amendment Process of Indian constitution.

UNIT IV

1. Issues in Indian Politics: Caste, Religion, Region, Language, Reservation and Naxalism

Reference Books:

1. R. Thakur-The Government and Politics in India,
 2. D.D. Basu - An Introduction to the Constitution of India
 3. D.D. Basu and B. Parekh - Crisis Change in Contemporary India
 4. BidyutChakrabarty and Rajendra Pandey- Indian Government and Politics
 5. Peu Ghosh – Indian Government and Politics
 6. A. P. Avasthi – Indian Government and Politics
 7. K.K. Ghai- Indian Government and Politics
 8. M. Laxmikant- Indian Polity
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