



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 1st Semester

PLS: DSC 102: INDIAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-3

Course Objectives:

- 1) To understand the historical context and significance of the making of the Indian Constitution, along with its salient features and underlying philosophy.
- 2) To examine the Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in the Constitution and understand their significance in protecting citizens' rights and promoting civic responsibilities.
- 3) To explore the Directive Principles of State Policy and their role in guiding the government's socio-economic objectives and welfare initiatives.
- 4) To analyze the concept of federalism in the Indian context, including the division of powers between the Union and the states, and understand the dynamics of Union-State relations.
- 5) To study the emergency provisions in the Constitution and their implications for governance during times of crisis.
- 6) To discuss the 6th Schedule of the Indian Constitution, with a focus on administration in the hill districts of Assam, and analyze its implications for regional governance.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Making of the Indian Constitution, Salient Features and Philosophy of the Constitution. Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.	
2	Federalism: Nature of Federalism, Union-State Relations, Sarkaria Commission and Punchhi Commission.	
3	The Executive: President- Election, Impeachment Procedure, Powers and Functions.	

	Prime Minister- Appointment and Role and Functions. Union Council of Ministers- Composition, Powers and Functions.	
4	The Legislature: Parliament- Composition, Powers and Functions, Relations between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The Judiciary: The Supreme Court- Composition and Jurisdiction, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.	
5	Political Institutions at the Local Level: Panchayati Raj Institution and Urban Local Bodies. Discussion on 6th Schedule with reference to Administration of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts of Assam.	

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- 1) Explain the historical background and significance of the Indian Constitution, identify its salient features, and understand the underlying philosophy.
- 2) Analyze and interpret the Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in the Constitution and their importance in safeguarding citizens' rights and promoting civic responsibilities.
- 3) Evaluate the Directive Principles of State Policy and understand their role in guiding government policies for socio-economic welfare.
- 4) Analyze the concept of federalism in the Indian context, including the division of powers between the Union and the states, and understand the dynamics of Union-State relations.

Discuss and analyze the emergency provisions in the Constitution and their implications for

- 5) Analyze the appointment process, powers, and functions of the Prime Minister and evaluate the composition and role of the Union Council of Ministers.
- 6) Analyze the composition, powers, and functions of Parliament, including the relations between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.
- 7) Understand the composition and jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, analyze the concept of judicial review, and evaluate the role of judicial activism in shaping Indian governance.

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