



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 4th Semester

PLS: DSM 251: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-3

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the making of the Indian Constitution, including its salient features and underlying philosophy.
2. To explore the fundamental rights and duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution, as well as the directive principles of state policy.
3. To examine the nature of federalism in India, including the dynamics of Union-State relations, and the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission and the Punchhi Commission.
4. To study the executive branch of the Indian political system, including the election and impeachment procedure of the President, the appointment and role of the Prime Minister, and the composition and functions of the Union Council of Ministers.
5. To analyze the legislature in India, focusing on the composition, powers, and functions of the Parliament, and the interrelation between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Additionally, to study the composition and jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and its role in judicial review and judicial activism.
6. To examine political institutions at the local level, including the Panchayati Raj Institution and urban local bodies. Also, to discuss the administration of Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts in the context of the 6th Schedule.

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 process of making the Indian Constitution and identify its salient features and underlying philosophy.
2. Understand and interpret the fundamental rights and duties, as well as the directive principles of state policy, enshrined in the Indian Constitution.
3. Evaluate the nature of federalism in India and analyze the dynamics of Union-State relations, considering the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission and the Punchhi Commission.
4. Describe and analyze the executive branch of the Indian political system, including the election and impeachment procedure of the President, the role and functions of the Prime Minister, and the composition and functions of the Union Council of Ministers.
5. Analyze the composition, powers, and functions of the Parliament, as well as the relationship between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Understand the composition and jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and its role in judicial review and judicial activism.
6. Recognize and appreciate the complexity and dynamics of the Indian political system, and its significance in shaping governance and politics in India.

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