



U. G. SYLLABUS - NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 2nd Semester

PLS: IDC 151: INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit-3

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the making of the Constitution of India and the significance of its salient features.
2. To analyze and understand the provisions related to the Fundamental Rights, Duties, and Directive Principles of State Policy in the Indian Constitution.
3. To examine the role, powers, and functions of the President of India, including the election process, impeachment procedure, and emergency powers.
4. To understand the appointment process and role of the Prime Minister of India, as well as the composition, powers, and functions of the Union Council of Ministers.
5. To study the composition, powers, and functions of the Parliament of India, including the relationship between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, and the parliamentary control over the Executive.
6. To explore the structure of the judiciary in India and understand the composition and jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, as well as the concept of judicial review.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	Constitution of India: Making of the Constitution, The Preamble, Salient Features.	
2	The Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.	
3	Executive in India: I The President of India: Election, Impeachment Procedure, Powers and Functions, Emergency Powers.	
4	Executive in India: II The Prime Minister: Appointment and Role of the Prime Minister.	

	Union Council of Ministers: Composition of the Council, Powers and Functions, Relationship between the Prime Minister and Union Council of Ministers.	
5	Union Legislature: The Parliament of India: Composition, Powers and Functions, Relationship between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, Parliamentary control over the Executive. Judiciary in India: Judicial Structure, The Supreme Court- Composition and Jurisdiction, Judicial Review.	

Course Outcomes:

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

- 1) Explain the process and significance of the making of the Constitution of India and identify its salient features.
- 2) Analyze and understand the provisions related to Fundamental Rights, Duties, and Directive Principles of State Policy in the Indian Constitution.
- 3) Evaluate and analyze the role, powers, and functions of the President of India, including the election process, impeachment procedure, and emergency powers.
- 4) Understand the appointment process and role of the Prime Minister of India and evaluate the composition, powers, and functions of the Union Council of Ministers.
- 5) Analyze and evaluate the composition, powers, and functions of the Parliament of India, including the relationship between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, and the mechanisms of parliamentary control over the Executive.
- 6) Enhance research skills through the study of the Indian political system and engage in independent research to explore relevant topics.
- 7) Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, about the Indian political system, demonstrating a clear understanding of the subject matter.

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