

First Year – First Semester

COURSE-II: CONSTITUTION

Objectives:

The purpose of the course is to acquaint the students with the Basic Postulates of the Constitution like the Constitutional Supremacy, Rule of law, and Concept of Liberty. Give them a picture of Constitutional Parameters regarding the organization, Powers and Functions of the various Organs of the Government. The emphasis is also on the study of the nature of federal structure and its functioning. A critical analysis of the significant judicial decisions is offered to highlight judicial restraint, judicial passivity, judicial activism and judicial balancing. Finally, the students should be able to articulate their independent views over contemporary crucial constitutional issues.

Course contents:

UNIT-I

Salient Features of the Indian Constitution, Preamble, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights.

UNIT-II

Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties, Parliamentary Government, Bicameralism, Legislative Process, Privileges, Council of Ministers, President of India, Governor.

UNIT-III

Judicial process under the Constitution, Nature of Judicial Review, Judicial Review – Arts 32, 226 and 227, Court system in India, Judges – Appointments, conditions of service, etc., Advisory Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, Public Interest Litigation, Activism V. Restraint.

UNIT-IV

Federalism, Center- State Relations, Freedom of Inter State Trade, Methods of Constitutional Amendment, Limitation on Constitutional Amendment.

UNIT-V

Emergency provisions, Services under the State, State Liability.

Prescribed Books:

Jain M.P. – Indian Constitutional Law.

Reference Books:

Seervai H.M. – Constitutional Law of India (3 Volumes)

Shukla V.N- Constitution of India.

Basu D.D – Shorter Constitution of India.

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Austin Granville – The Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of a Nation.