

Constitution of India (HS24301)

(Mandatory Audit Course)

Course Type: Audit (Non-Credit)

Course Objectives:

The primary objectives of this course are to:

1. Familiarize students with the salient features, structure, and significance of the Constitution, including the principles enshrined in the Preamble.
2. Provide an understanding of fundamental rights and duties, their scope, significance, and role in ensuring justice, equality, and freedom in a democratic society
3. Explain the concept of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) and their role in governance, emphasizing their interrelationship with Fundamental Rights.
4. Analyze emergency provisions and constitutional amendments, discussing their implications on Indian democracy and governance.
5. Encourage a comparative understanding of the Indian Constitution with other constitutions worldwide, fostering awareness of global governance models.

Course Outcomes (COs):

After completing this course, students will be able to:

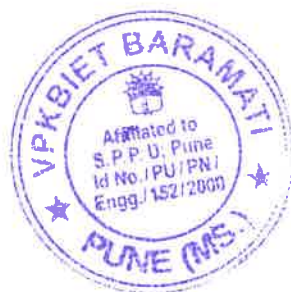
1. Describe the salient features and basic structure doctrine of the Constitution and Interpret the values enshrined in the Preamble
 2. Comprehend Fundamental Rights and Duties of Indian Citizens
 3. Analyze the Role of Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) in Governance
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Course Syllabus

Unit 1: Introduction to the Constitution of India

(5 Hours)

- Historical Perspective and Making of the Indian Constitution
- Salient Features of the Constitution
- Preamble and its Significance
- Basic Structure of the Constitution
- Emergency Provisions in the Indian Constitution
- Important Amendments to the Constitution



Unit 2: Fundamental Rights and Duties

(4 Hours)

- Fundamental Rights: Meaning, Scope, and Significance
- Right to Equality, Freedom, Protection from Exploitation, Freedom of Religion
- Cultural and Educational Rights, Right to Constitutional Remedies
- Fundamental Duties of Indian Citizens

Unit 3: Directive Principles and Governance

(4 Hours)

- Directive Principles of State Policy: Meaning and Purpose
- Relationship between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
- Role of Directive Principles in Policy Formulation
- Comparison with Other Constitutions

Reference Books & Study Materials

1. **M. Laxmikanth**, *Indian Polity*, McGraw Hill Education, 6th Edition, 2020.
2. **D.D. Basu**, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, LexisNexis, 25th Edition, 2021.
3. **Subhash Kashyap**, *Our Constitution: An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law*, National Book Trust, 2019.
4. **J.N. Pandey**, *The Constitutional Law of India*, Central Law Agency, 2020.
5. **Bare Act**, *Constitution of India*, Government of India Publications.

Evaluation and Assessment

Since this is an audit course, there is a mandatory internal evaluation which can be based on the following:

- **Assignments & Reports**– Writing about a constitutional provision or case study.
- **Quiz/MCQs** – To test basic understanding of the Constitution.
- **Group Discussion/Presentation** – On relevant topics like Fundamental Rights or Constitutional Amendments.


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