

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

BHS-DSC14

CORE-XIV: INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Instr.Hrs.: 4

Credits : 4

Year : III

Semester: VI

Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire

a) adf

b) dfa

Objectives:

- To provide an in depth knowledge on Indian citizen's Rights and Duties.
- To make them aware of the constitutional laws and its implications.
- To make the learner's proficient regarding the functioning of Government in India.

Course Outcome:

- This course explains the role of Constitution in a democratic society and it will ensure a complete knowledge about the Indian Constitution.
- To create an awareness of framing, drafting and implementation of Indian Constitutional Laws in the Parliament.

Contents

UNIT I

(20 Hrs)

The Historical Background and the Making of the Constitution – Preamble – Main Features of the Indian Constitution – Fundamental Rights – Fundamental Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy.

UNIT II

(15 Hrs)

The Union Executive: President – Election of the President – Powers and Functions – Vice-President – Union Cabinet: Prime Minister – Powers and Functions.

UNIT III

(15 Hrs)

The Union Parliament: Composition, Powers and Functions of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha – Judiciary – Public Services – Emergency – Amendments.

UNIT IV

(20 Hrs)

State Executive: Governor – Constitutional Status, Powers and Functions – State Cabinet – Legislature: Composition and Functions – Chief Minister: Powers and Functions – High Court.

UNIT V

(20 Hrs)

Indian Federalism: Centre and State Relations – Legislative Aspects – Union List, State List, Concurrent List - Political Parties – Election Commission: Powers and Functions.

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2. Pylee M.V., Constitutional Government in India, S. Chand & Company 2004.
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