

POL118:CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY IN INDIA

L:3 T:1 P:0 Credits:4

Course Outcomes: Through this course students should be able to

- CO1 :: explain the constitutional design of state structures and institutions
- CO2 :: enumerate the working of Indian federalism in the constitutional context
- CO3 :: analyze the political processes and the actual functioning of the political system
- CO4 :: appraise the role of political parties in Indian Politics
- CO5 :: evaluate the role of Election Commission of India in electoral politics
- CO6 :: construct critical thinking and informed opinion for the betterment of Indian governance

Unit I

The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution : basic features of indian constitution, historical background and making of Indian constitution, constituent assembly and its composition and working, preamble and its relevance

Unit II

Organs of Government : the legislature and its importance in political system, the president as non executive head, the prime minister as real executive head, power and functions of prime minister and president

Unit III

The Judiciary : Supreme Court, high court, structure and composition of judiciary in india, power and functions of supreme court

Unit IV

Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy : nature and classification of directive principles of state policy, nature and significance of fundamental rights, characteristics of fundamental rights, relation between fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy

Unit V

Democratic decentralization in india : evolution of panchyati raj in india, recommendation of various committees before 1992, salient features of 73 rd amendment act, salient features of 74th amendment act

Unit VI

Religion and politics : debate of secularism in india, problem of communalism in india, major communal clashes in india, impact of communalism on indian political system

Text Books:

1. INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS by B.L FADIA, SAHITYA BHAWAN PUBLICATIONS

References:

1. THE OXFORD COMPANION TO POLITICS IN INDIA by NIRAJA GOPAL JAYAL AND PRATAP BHANU MEHTA, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
2. INTRODUCTION TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA by SHARMA, BRIJ KISHORE, PRENTICE HALL

