ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN’S (AUTONOMUS), VISAKHAPATNAM

IV SEMESTER **POLITICAL SCIENCE** TIME:5HRS/WEEK

POL 4503 (4) **INDIAN POLITICAL PROCESS** MAX. MARKS: 100

(w.e.f 2020-21 year) **SYLLABUS**

# OBJECTIVES: TO ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO

* Understand the institutional orientation with regard to the Indian government.
* Develop the abilities for competitive examinations.
* Become responsible citizens.

**COURSE OUTCOMES: On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:**

* Know and understand the federal system of the country and some of the vital contemporary emerging issues.
* Evaluate the electoral system of the country and to identify the areas of electoral reforms.
* Know the constitutional base and functioning of local governments with special emphasis on 73rd& 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.
* Understand the dynamics of Indian politics, challenges faced and gain a sensitive comprehension to the contributing factors.
* Apply the knowledge and critically comprehend the functioning of some of the regulatory and governance institutions.

**UNIT-I: FEDERAL PROCESS:**

1. Features of Indian Federal System- Centre State Relations-Legislative, Administrative and Financial.

2. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations-Restructuring Centre-State Relations Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission, M.M. Punchy Commission.

**UNIT-II: ELECTORAL PROCESSES:**

1. The Election Commission of India, Powers and Functions- Role of Election commission In Indian Democracy.
2. Issues of Electoral Reforms, Voting Behavior-Determinants and problems of defections.

**UNIT-III : GROSSROOT DEMOCRACY-DECENTRALISATION:**

1. Panchayat Raj system-Local and Urban Governments-Structure, Powers and Functions.
2. Democratic Decentralization-Rural Development and Poverty alleviation with reference to 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts, Challenges and Prospects.

**UNIT-IV: SOCIAL DYNAMICS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES TO INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM:**

1. Role of Caste, Religion, Language and Regionalism in India.
2. Politics of Reservation, Criminalization of Politics and Internal threats to Security.

**UNIT-V : REGULATORY AND GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS:**

1. NITI Ayog, Finance Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
2. Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, Lokpal and Lokayukta.

**REFERENCE BOOKS:**

1. M.V.Pylee: Indian Constitution, Constitutional Government in India Constitutional History of India.
2. Durga Das Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India.
3. Rajni Kothari: Politics in India.
4. Sangh Mitra: Indian Constitution Acts (East India Company to Independence).
5. Hoshyar Singh, P.C.Mathur&Pankaj Singh (ed): Coalition Governments & Good Governance.
6. B.C.Fidia: Indian Government and Politics.
7. Subhash C. Kashyap: Concise Encyclopedia of Indian Constitution.
8. P.B. & Vimal Rathod: Indian Constitution, Government and Political System.
9. Virender Grover (ed): Federal System, State Autonomy and Centre-State Relations in India.
10. Prof. Lailah, P.Venkataramana, K.Saibaba K.Mallesam, Prof.V.aveendraSastry (ed): Indian Government-Politics.
11. Lakshmikanthan: Indian Polity.
12. R.C.Agarwal& Mahesh Bhatnagar : Constitutional Development and National Movement of India.

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