ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

III SEMESTER   **POLITICAL SCIENCE** TIME:3HRS/WEEK

POL-Ma4-3501(4) **INDIAN FEDERAL SYSTEM** MARKS:100

w.e.f 2023-2024 (23AK Batch) **SYLLABUS**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The student will

1. Understand and analyze the framework and dynamics of center-state relations within the Indian federal system, including legislative, executive, and financial aspects.
2. Examine the processes and mechanisms involved in the functioning of the Indian federal system, including the role of federal institutions and intergovernmental relations.
3. Analyze the electoral process in India, focusing on the framework for elections, electoral institutions, and the impact of electoral dynamics on federal governance.
4. Explore the structure, functions, and significance of the Panchayat Raj system in decentralized governance and its impact on local self-government.
5. Analyze the significance and impact of the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts on local governance and federal structure in India.

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

CO-1: Dissect and evaluate the various dimensions of centre-state relations and their

Implications for federal governance.

CO-2: Assess how different processes and mechanisms contribute to the effective functioning of the federal system.

CO-3: Analyse and evaluate the electoral mechanisms and their effects on the functioning of the federal system.

CO-4: explain the Panchayat Raj system and assess its role in local governance

CO-5: Assess the impact of these amendments on the Indian federal system and local

Governance.

# UNIT – I: Centre - State Relations:

1. Features of Indian Federal System
2. Centre-State Relations: Legislative
3. Centre-State Relations: Administrative
4. Centre-State Relations: Financial

# UNIT – II: Federal Processes:

1. Emerging Trends in Centre-State Relations
2. Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission
3. Recommendations of M. M. Punchi Commission
4. Role of Governor

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# UNIT – III: Electoral Processes:

1. Election Commission of India: Powers and Functions
2. Issues of Electoral Reforms
3. Determinants of Voting Behavior
4. Problems of Defections: Anti-Defection Law

# UNIT – IV: Panchayati Raj System:

1. Evolution of Panchayati Raj System
2. Recommendations: Balwant Rai Committee, Ashok Mehta Committee
3. Rural Governments: Structure, Powers, and Functions
4. Urban Governments: Structure, Powers, and Functions.

# UNIT – V: Constitutional Amendment Act: 73rd. & 74th:

1. Democratic Decentralization
2. 73’d Constitutional Amendment Act
3. 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts
4. Challenges and Prospects

# References:

1. An Introduction to the Constitution of India: D. D. Basu
2. Democratic Political Process: M.R. Biju
3. Indian Polity: Laxmikanth
4. Democratic Decentralization and Grassroot Leadership in India: Subh Arata Dutta
5. Panchayat raj System and Development Planning: Hari Prasad Chhetri.

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