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

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

POL-Ma2-3501(4) **INDIAN CONSTITUTION**  MARKS:60

w.e.f 2023-2024 (24AL Batch) **SYLLABUS**

**Course Objectives:** The student will

1. Understand the foundational principles, purposes, and the historical context of the Indian Constitution.
2. Analyze the ideological foundations and philosophical principles that underpin the Indian Constitution.
3. Compare and contrast the key features of the Indian Constitution with those of other constitutions around the world.
4. Evaluate the significance and impact of Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution on citizens and governance.
5. Analyze the Theory of Basic Structure and its implications for constitutional amendments and judicial review.

**Course Outcomes:** On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

CO-1: Describe the essential elements and historical context of the Indian Constitution.

CO-2: Analyze and assess how the foundational ideologies shaped the provisions of the

Constitution.

CO-3: Recall and describe the unique features of the Indian Constitution

CO-4: Evaluate how Fundamental Rights and Duties affect individual rights and state

responsibilities.

CO-5: Analyze the Theory of Basic Structure and its impact on the stability and amendment of the Constitution.

# UNIT – I: CONSTITUTION:

1. Constitution: Meaning, Definition, & Origin
2. Evolution of Constitution
3. Classification of the Constitutions: Written and Unwritten
4. Classification of the Constitutions: Rigid and Flexible

# UNIT – II: IDEOLOGICAL BASE OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION:

1. Constitutional Development in India during British Rule
2. Minto-Morley Reforms, 1909
3. Montague-Chelmsford Reforms,1919
4. Government of India Act,1935

# UNIT – III: FEATURES OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION:

1. Constituent Assembly: Nature, Composition,
2. Constituent Assembly: Socio-Economic, Philosophical Dimensions
3. Indian Constitution: Preamble
4. Indian Constitution: Salient Features

# UNIT – IV: RIGHTS & DUTIES:

1. Fundamental Rights
2. Directive Principles of State Policy
3. Differences between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy
4. Fundamental Duties

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# UNIT – V: THEORY OF BASIC STRUCTURE:

1. Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Constitution: Origin & Growth
2. Judicial Interpretations: Golaknath Case, 1967
3. Judicial Interpretations: Kesavananda Bharathi Case, 1973
4. Judicial Interpretations: Minerva Mills Case, 1980

**UNIT-WISE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & EVALUATION:**

**Celebrations** on Indian Constitutional Day.

1. **Assignment**: Marks obtained.
2. **Discussion**: Faculty evaluation.
3. **Essay writing**: Based on understanding and scores.
4. **Classroom Seminar**: Peer evaluation.
5. **Debate:** Evaluation by faculty.

# References:

1. An Introduction to the Constitution of India: D. D. Basu
2. Constitutional Government in India: M. V. Pyle
3. Politics in India: Rajani Kothari
4. Indian Government and Politics: B.L. Fadia
5. Concise Encyclopedia of Indian Constitution: Subhash Kashyap

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