

Political Science: Generic Elective

Semester	Three
Paper Number	HPSGE3031T
Paper Title	Indian Constitution and Government
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th:5+1 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper aims at familiarizing the students with the constitutional framework with reference to the organs of government, major political institutions and offices. It introduces the students to the key issues in the Indian political system.
Syllabus	<p>Module I: (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Preamble to the Constitution. 2. Fundamental Rights and Duties; Directive Principles of State Policy. 3. Nature of Indian federalism. 4. Election Commission---composition and functions. 5. Amendment procedure of the Constitution. <p>Module II: (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Union Executive---President; Vice-President; The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers-Powers and position. 7. Union Legislature---Composition and functions, Relation between the two Houses; Speaker, Privileges and Committee system. 8. Judiciary: composition and functions of the Supreme Court and the High Courts; judicial activism in India.
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Abbas, H., Kumar, R. & Alam, M. A. (2011) <i>Indian Government and Politics</i>. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011.</p> <p>Chandhoke, N. & Priyadarshi, P. (eds.) (2009) <i>Contemporary India: Economy, Society, Politics</i>. New Delhi: Pearson.</p> <p>Chakravarty, B. & Pandey, K. P. (2006) <i>Indian Government and Politics</i>. New Delhi: Sage.</p> <p>Chandra, B., Mukherjee, A. & Mukherjee, M. (2010) <i>India After Independence</i>. New Delhi: Penguin.</p> <p>Singh, M.P. & Saxena, R. (2008) <i>Indian Politics: Contemporary</i></p>

	<p><i>Issues and Concerns</i>. New Delhi: PHI Learning.</p> <p>Austin, G. (1999) <i>Indian Constitution: Corner Stone of a Nation</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Austin, G. (2004) <i>Working of a Democratic Constitution of India</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Jayal, N. G. & Mehta, P. B. (eds.) (2010) <i>Oxford Companion to Indian Politics</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>10 objective type questions to be answered out of 13 of 2 marks each (10x2=20)</p> <p>2 essay type questions to be answered out of 3 of 10 marks each (2x10=20)</p> <p>(Total= 40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40(Module I + Module II=80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>