

**SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY:TIRUPATI**

**PROGRAM: POLITICAL SCIENCE (Minor)**

**(w. e. f. Academic Year 2024–25)**

**Semester – III**

**2. INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

**Learning Objectives:** The student will understand the intricacies of the Constitution, its evolution, development and insights of features of the Indian Constitution with due stress on fundamental rights, duties, and directive principles of state policy.

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

Know the origin and evolution of the Constitution.

Understanding of Constitutional Development of India. Comprehend the features of the Indian Constitution.

Identify the rights and duties.

Understanding the notion of theory of basic structure.

**Unit-1: Constitution:**

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

**Unit - II: Ideological Base of the Indian Constitution:**

1. Constitutional Development in India during the 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. Sources of Indian Constitution
3. Indian Constitution: Preamble
4. Indian Constitution: Salient Features

#### **Unit-IV: Rights & Duties:**

1. Fundamental Rights and limitations on it
2. Directive Principles of State Policy and its implementation
3. Fundamental Duties

#### **Unit-V: Theory of Basic Structure:**

1. Judicial Interpretations: Golaknath Case, 1967
2. Doctrine of Basic Structure of the Constitution: Origin & Growth
3. Judicial Interpretations: Kesavananda Bharati 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. Pylee
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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