

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

**FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- II**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>403E2B</b>	<b>Indian Constitutional Developments since 1947 C.E</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Core/Elective/Supportive/</b>	<b>Elective</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	The course is important to understand India's struggle for freedom		<b>Syllabus Version</b>		<b>2023–2024</b>	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>						
The main objectives of this course are: Students will learn the evolution of Indian constitution. It will provide an insight on how the transformation of constitution took place in the Independent India. To enable the students to become responsible citizens of India.						
<b>Expected Course Outcomes:</b>						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	To explain the historical background of Indian Constitution					K1
2	To identify the fundamental rights and duties					K2
3	To describe the process of constitutional drafting and amendment					K3
4	To discuss the power and functions of various constitutional agencies					K4
5	To explain the historical background of Indian Constitution					K5
<b>K1 - Remember; K2 – Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;</b>						
<b>Unit:1</b>	Historical background				<b>14 hours</b>	
Sources of the Indian Constitution – Constituent Assembly – Drafting committee – Preamble – Salient features of Indian Constitution – Citizenship – Fundamental Rights – Fundamental Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy.						
<b>Unit:2</b>	Union Executive				<b>14 hours</b>	
President – Election of the President – Powers and Functions – Vice –President-Union Cabinet – Prime Minister: Powers and Functions – Parliament: Composition, Powers and Functions of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha – Judiciary – Public Services – Emergency – Landmark Constitutional Amendments.						
<b>Unit:3</b>	State Executive				<b>14 hours</b>	
Governor – Constitutional Status, Powers and Functions – State Cabinet – Legislature: Composition and Functions - Chief Minister: Powers and Functions – High Courts.						
<b>Unit:4</b>	Indian Federalism				<b>14 hours</b>	
Central and State Relations- Legislative aspects – Union List, State List, Concurrent List – Administrative Aspects – Directions to the State Governments – Disputes, Inter-State Council – National Development Council – Finance Commission.						

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<b>Unit:5</b>	Local Governments in India	<b>14 hours</b>
Urban and Rural – Development of Local Bodies – Objectives of Panchayat Raj – Political Parties – Election Commission: Powers and Functions – Electronic Voting Machine		
	<b>Total Lecture hours</b>	<b>70 hours</b>
<b>Text Book(s)</b>		
1	Agarwal, R.C., Constitutional Development and National Movement of India (New Delhi, 2005).	
2	Pylee, M.V, Indian Constitutions, S. Chand & Company Ltd., New Delhi, 1997.	
3	Basu Durga Das, Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, 2004.	
4	Brij Kishore Sharma, Introduction to the Constitution of India, New Delhi, 2004.	
5	Chandra, A, Federalism in India : A Study of Union – State Relations, George Allen Unwin, London, 1965.	
6	Lakshmanan M, Indian Constitution: An Introduction (Tamil), Madras, 2002)	
7	Palekar, Dr., Indian Constitution, Government and Politics, ABD Publishers, Jaipur, 2003.	
<b>Reference Book(s)</b>		
1	Austin, G, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1966.	
2	Dhawan Rajeev, Law and Society in Modern India, OUP, New Delhi 1997.	
3	Munshi, K.M, The President Under the Indian Constitution, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, 1963.	

<b>Mapping with Programme Outcomes</b>										
<b>COs</b>	<b>PO1</b>	<b>PO2</b>	<b>PO3</b>	<b>PO4</b>	<b>PO5</b>	<b>PO6</b>	<b>PO7</b>	<b>PO8</b>	<b>PO9</b>	<b>PO10</b>
<b>CO1</b>	M	S	S	S	M	S	S	L	S	M
<b>CO2</b>	M	M	S	L	S	M	S	L	L	M
<b>CO3</b>	S	M	S	S	M	S	L	S	L	S
<b>CO4</b>	S	L	S	M	M	S	S	M	S	L
<b>CO5</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M

\*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low