

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

THIRD YEAR – SEMESTER- VI

CORE-XIV: INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
306C6B	INDIAN CONSTITUTION	Core					4	6	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	To provide an historical background to Indian constitution										
C2	To provide an historical background to Indian constitution										
C3	To know about Indian citizen's Rights and Duties.										
C4	To know about the working of the Indian Constitution										
C5	To know about the powers of the centre- state relations										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	The Historical Background and the Making of the Constitution – Preamble – Main Features of the Indian Constitution – Fundamental Rights – Fundamental Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy.										15
II	The Union Executive: President – Election of the President – Powers and Functions – Vice-President – Union Cabinet: Prime Minister – Powers and Functions.										15
III	The Union Parliament: Composition, Powers and Functions of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha – Judiciary – Public Services – Emergency – Amendments.										15
IV	State Executive: Governor – Constitutional Status, Powers and Functions – State Cabinet – Legislature: Composition and Functions – Chief Minister: Powers and Functions – High Court										15
V	Indian Federalism: Centre and State Relations – Legislative Aspects – Union List, State List, and Concurrent List - Political Parties – Election Commission: Powers and Functions.										15
	Total										75
Course Outcomes										Programme Outcomes	
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	Understand the basics of the organs of the government										PO1,PO2, PO5
2	Know the rights and duties of the citizen										PO2, PO3
3	Analyze the various emergency provisions of the Constitutions										PO1, PO2
4	Understand the powers of the states as specified in the three										PO1, PO2
5	Understand the role of the political parties										PO1,PO2,P03

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Text Book	
1	Anand.V.K., India since Independence: Making Sense of Indian Politics, Pearson Longman, Delhi, 2009.
2	Basu, D.D., An Introduction to Indian Constitution, Lexis Nexis, Butterworths Wadhwa Nagpur, 2008.
3	Bhargava, Rajeev, Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution. New Delhi: Oxford
4	Kuldip Nayar, India After Nehru, New Delhi, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 2000.
5	Venkatesan, G., History of Contemporary India 1947-2007, V.C. Publication, Sivakasi, 2010
6	R Guha, India after Gandhi, Delhi, 2007

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1