



SDGS College :: HINDUPUR
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

SECOND YEAR; SEMESTER – III
PAPER – III (CORE): INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Unit-1: The Making of the Constitution

The ideological legacy of the Indian National Movement on the Constituent Assembly. The Nature and Composition of the Constituent Assembly

Unit-2: Philosophical Premises of the Indian Constitution

Preamble: The underlying values of the Indian Constitution. Salient features of the Constitution of India

Unit-3: Fundamental rights and Directive principles of State Policy

Individual and Collective Rights: Limitations on the fundamental Rights. Judicial Interpretation of Fundamental Rights. The doctrine of 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution: Kesavananda Bharathi Case

Unit-4: Indian Federalism

Unitary and Federal features in the Indian Constitution. Tension Areas between the Union and State Governments. Legislative, Administrative and Financial Spheres

Unit-5: Working of the Indian Constitution

The Values of the Indian Constitution and Ushering of Social Revolution in India. The causes for the Ascendency of the Executive over legislature and Judiciary; Major Controversies regarding the Amendments to the Constitution.

Nature and Role of Higher Judiciary in India; Recent Debates on the mode of appointment of Judges

Reference books:

1. Granville Austin (1972) the Indian Constitution, Cornerstone of a Nation Oxford university Press, New Delhi.
2. Madhavkhosla (2012) the Indian Constitution, oxford university press, New Delhi
3. Granville Austin (1999) Working a Democratic Constitution; A History of the Indian Experience, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
4. Zoya Hasan, Sridharan E and Sudharshan R (Eds) 2002 India's living Constitution, Permanent black, New Delhi
5. BaxiUpendra (1980) the Indian Supreme Court and Politics Eastern book co, Lucknow

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