

Introduction to Indian Constitution

as per NEP-2020

Syllabus

(w.e.f. 2024-25)



SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

**Under Graduate
Value Education Course (VEC)
Course Title: Introduction to Indian Constitution
Course Credit: 02
Duration: 30 hours
Marks: 50
Mode: Offline / Online**

Course Title	Introduction to Indian Constitution
Course Credits	2
Course Outcomes	After going through the course, learners will be able to
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get an in-depth understanding of the constitution and the institutional structures as provided in the Constitution of India
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore institutional forms and practices on the basis of their historical underpinnings. • Evaluate the institutions and actors in the context of social and political processes.

Module 1 (Credit 1): Constitution & Constitutionalism	
Learning outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the necessity of a constitution in providing a framework for governance, protecting individual rights, and maintaining social order. • Grasp the concept of constitutional morality and its role in guiding individuals, institutions, and government towards upholding constitutional principles. • Gain insights into the historical context that influenced the framing of the Indian constitution, including colonial rule, nationalist movements, and post-independence challenges.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the significance of the Preamble as the introductory statement of the constitution, outlining its objectives, values, and aspirations. Analyze the role of the constitution as a source of public policy, an instrument of governance, and a tool for societal transformation, including its adaptability to changing needs and challenges.
Content Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do we need a constitution? Constitutional Morality : Meaning and Relevance Historical background to framing of Indian constitution Philosophy of the Constitution: the Preamble Constitution as a source of Public Policy, as an instrument of governance and transformation
Module 2 (Credit 1): Main Features of Indian Constitution	
Learning outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the relationship between individual rights, civic duties, and the role of welfare state as enshrined in Directive Principles. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the structure and functioning of parliamentary democracy. Explore the importance of an independent judiciary in upholding the rule of law and protecting individual rights. Understand the principles and dynamics of federalism in the distribution of powers between central and regional government Analyse the meaning and importance of secularism
Content Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights, Duties and Idea of Welfare State Parliamentary Democracy Independent Judiciary Federalism Secularism

Assignments/Activities towards Comprehensive Continuous Evaluation (CCE)

- Unit Tests
- Constitutional Case Studies on Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles
- Quiz on History of Constitution Making

4. Presentations on Parliament, Executive, Supreme Court
5. Infographs on Constitution principles and State policies