

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE
for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS
SYLLABUS

Semester: 3 Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1341** Course Name: **INDIAN CONSTITUTION**
Instruction Hours/Week: **5** Number of credits: **4**

Aim of the Course

To impart knowledge about the legal and ideological framework of the Indian Constitution.

Objectives of the course

1. To create awareness about the political processes and the actual functioning of the political system.
2. To study in detail the political structure – both constitutional and administrative.
3. To study in detail the rights and privileges granted by the constitution.

MODULE I - The Making of the Constitution: Constituent Assembly; Ideological Base; Basic Features of the Constitution; the Preamble.

MODULE II - Fundamental Rights; Directive Principles of State Policy; Fundamental Duties

MODULE III - Union Government:

- A. Executive: The President, Vice-President; Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers
- B. Parliament: Composition and functions of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Speaker, Committee System, Law Making Procedure, Procedure of Amendment.
- C. Judiciary: Supreme Court: Composition and Powers; Judicial Review, Judicial Activism

MODULE IV - State Government:

- A. Role of the Governor
- B. High Court and the Subordinate Courts
- C. Local Self-Government

BOOKS

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5. Fadia B I, Indian Government and Politics Sahitya Bhawan Publications 2008
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8. Gupta D C, Indian Government and Politics, Vikas, Delhi, 1996
9. Pylee M V, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Asia Publishing House, Bombay
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