

UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, ALUVA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
Discipline: Political Science

Short Term Certificate Course
Indian Constitution & Citizen's Rights

I. Introduction

The Constitution of India is a historical document that comprehensively outlines the framework upon which the Indian democracy is structured. This short term certificate course is intended to briefly familiarise the students with citizen's rights by understanding the Indian Constitution and its relevance through a discussion of the history and its most significant features.

II. Objectives

1. To understand the historical context of the origin of the Constitution
2. To become familiar with the text of the Constitution
3. To explore the relevance of the Constitution in safeguarding the rights of the Indian Citizens
4. To help students prepare for competitive examinations

III. Content

The course is designed in two modules.

Module 1: Salient features of Indian Constitution

Role of the Constituent Assembly. Pillars of the Indian Constitution & the Indian Citizen- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy. Constitution, Citizens' rights and the future of Indian democracy

Module 2: Indian Polity

Indian federalism. Democratic Decentralisation in India- Panchayati Raj Institutions. Indian Polity- Parliament, Cabinet government, Independent and integrated Judiciary. Contemporary Concerns of Indian Polity- centre-state issues, minority rights, individual liberty, freedom of thought and expression.

IV. Course Details

Eligibility: The course is open to all Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of the College

Duration: Three Weeks

Method of Instruction & Assessment: Enrolled students can access the video lectures in the course page on MOODLE LMS Platform. Interactive sessions will be arranged via online or offline mode as per convenience. Students are expected to participate in the discussion forum and submit simple assignments/quizzes every week to complete the course. Students will be eligible to receive the course certificate upon successfully clearing the final examination.

V. Certification

The College will provide the 'Course Completion Certificate' to students who successfully complete the course. A fee of Rs.100 will be collected towards issuing the certificate.

COURSE PLAN

Department	ECONOMICS
Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE
Name of Faculty	Dr. G. GEETHIKA
Name of Certificate Course	INDIAN CONSTITUTION & CITIZEN'S RIGHTS
Level of Study	UG & PG
Semester	ALL
Total Hours	30
Maximum Intake	250

COURSE OUTCOMES

CO Number	Description	CO Evaluation Methods
CO 1	Acquaint students with the genesis of the Constitution of India, role of the Constituent Assembly, salient features of the state structures and institutions	Group Discussion, Assignment, Test
CO 2	Detailed understanding of pillars of Indian Constitution- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy	Group Discussion, Assignment, Test
CO 3	Familiarise the learners with the actual working of the federal structure & Local Self Government in the Indian polity	Group Discussion, Assignment, Test
CO 4	Understand the powers and functions of the organs of the government- Indian Parliament, the President, Prime Minister and the Indian Judiciary	Group Discussion, Assignment, Test
CO 5	Discuss the contemporary concerns of Indian democracy- Minority rights, Individual liberty, Freedom of thought and expression, Centre-State issues etc.	Group Discussion, Assignment

LESSON PLAN

MODULE 1		Hours: 15 Hours		
Syllabus: Salient features of Indian Constitution Role of the Constituent Assembly. Salient features of the Indian Constitution- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy. Constitution, citizen's rights and the future of Indian democracy.				
Sl.No.	CO number	Topic/Activity	No. of hours	Instructional methods to be used
1	CO 1	Role of the Constituent Assembly	3	Lecture, documentaries
2	CO 2	Pillars of the Constitution- Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy. Constitution, citizen's rights and the future of Indian democracy.	12	Lecture, Discussion, Quiz, instructional videos and additional materials on online platform, Class test
MODULE 2		Hours: 15 Hours		
Syllabus: Indian Polity Indian federalism. Democratic Decentralisation in India- Panchayati Raj Institutions. Indian Polity- Parliament, Cabinet government, Independent and integrated Judiciary. Contemporary Concerns of Indian Polity- centre-state issues, minority rights, individual liberty, freedom of thought and expression.				

Sl.No.	CO Number	Topic/Activity	No of hours	Instructional methods to be used
1	CO 3	Indian federalism- unitary and federal features	2	Lecture
2	CO 3	Democratic Decentralisation in India, Panchayati Raj Institutions	3	Lecture, Discussion, additional reading materials online, assignment
3	CO 4	Indian Polity-Parliament, Cabinet government, Independent Judiciary, judicial review	5	Lecture, Discussion, instructional videos online
4	CO 5	Contemporary Concerns of Indian Polity- centre-state issues, minority rights, individual liberty, freedom of thought and expression.	5	Lecture, Discussion, additional materials online, assignment

VI. Faculty-in-charge:

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