

# ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Value Add-on Course on

# Indian Constitution and Constitutional Procedures

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# **Syllabus of Ad-on Course**

### **Conducted by - Department of Political Science**

#### **Session 2022-23**

**Course Title:** Indian Constitution and Constitutional Procedures

**Course Duration:** 30 hours

Course Outcome: The course entitled Indian Constitution and Constitutional Procedures aim to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the constitutional framework of India. Through this course the students will be able to understand some important matters of Indian Constitution such as understanding the Preamble, the Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy, Centre-State Relations, Judicial Reviews etc.

# **Course Syllabus:**

# 1. Introduction to the Indian Constitution

- A. Overview of the Indian Constitution: Origins, adoption, and significance.
- B. Framing of the Constitution: Constituent Assembly debates and key contributors.
- C. Preamble of the Constitution: Meaning and significance.

**Resource Persons:** Amit Kumar Bandhu (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

# 2. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy

- A. Fundamental Rights: Nature, classification, and enforcement mechanisms.
- B. Directive Principles of State Policy: Objectives and interplay with Fundamental Rights.
- C. Judicial review and Fundamental Rights: Landmark cases and interpretations.

**Resource Persons:** Sri Somnath Kar & Dripti Mandal (Internal)

### 3. Structure of Government

A. Union Government: President, Prime Minister, Council of Ministers, and Parliament.

B. State Government: Governor, Chief Minister, State Legislature, and State Council of

Ministers.

C. Local Government: Panchayats and Municipalities.

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Sourav Kumar Nag & Biswendu mondal (Internal)

4. Separation of Powers and Constitutional Amendments

A. Doctrine of Separation of Powers: Executive, Legislature, and Judiciary.

B. Constitutional Amendments: Procedure, significance of key amendments, and debates.

C. Basic Structure Doctrine: Evolution and implications.

**Resource Persons:** Ddananjoy Murmu & Ms. Sahin Sultana (External)

5. Judicial System and Constitutional Remedies

A. Structure of the Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Courts, and Subordinate Courts.

B. Independence of the Judiciary: Importance and challenges.

C. Writ Jurisdiction: Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Prohibition, Certiorari, and Quo

Warranto.

**Resource Persons:** Saiful Ansari (External)

6. Federalism and Centre-State Relations

A. Nature of Indian Federalism: Distribution of powers between the Union and States.

B. Center-State Relations: Legislative, administrative, and financial.

Interstate Relations: Disputes, agreements, and federal cooperation.

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Sachchidananda Roy (External)

7. Emergency Provisions

A. National Emergency, State Emergency, and Financial Emergency: Provisions and

implications

B. Effects of Emergency: Suspension of Fundamental Rights and constitutional

safeguards.

C. President's Rule: Conditions, procedures, and controversies.

**Resource Persons:** Buddhadeb Karmakar (External)

#### 8. Constitutional Bodies and Commissions

- A. Election Commission of India: Role, powers, and significance.
- B. Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG): Functions and responsibilities.
- C. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC): Composition and functions.

**Resource Persons:** Sk Abdul Halim (External)

# 9. Constitutional Amendments and Recent Developments

- A. Recent Amendments to the Constitution: Analysis and controversies.
- B. Important Constitutional Debates: Citizenship, secularism, and federalism.
- C. Recent Judicial Pronouncements: Landmark cases and their implications.

**Resource Persons:** Amit Pal (External)

# 10. Contemporary Challenges

- A. Challenges to Constitutional Governance: Corruption, judicial backlog, and electoral reforms.
- B. Constitutional Ethics and Good Governance.

**Resource Persons:** Soumen Bhattacharya (External)

# **Suggested Readings:**

Basu, D.D. (2022) Introduction to the Constitution of India.

Agarwal, P.K. (2017) Constitution of India.

Jain, M.P. (2018) Indian Constitutional Law.

Kashyam S.C. (2021) Our Constitution An Introduction to India's Constitution and Constitutional Law.