

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**  
**GENERIC ELECTIVE**  
**PS520G: POLITICAL SCIENCE: INDIAN CONSTITUTION**

**THEORY (4 CREDITS: 60 MARKS)**  
**MINIMUM MARKS: 24**

*Objectives: This course focuses on the making of Indian Constitution, its working, basic features and the emerging trends in Indian politics.*

**Unit: I (Introduction)**

- 1.1. The Government of India Act, 1935
- 1.2. Working of the Constituent Assembly
- 1.3. Passing of the Constitution
- 1.4. Procedure for Amendment

**Unit: II (Philosophy of the Constitution)**

- 2.1. The Preamble
- 2.2. Secular state
- 2.3. Democracy
- 2.4. 42<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, 1976.

**Unit: III (Basic Features of Indian Constitution)**

- 3.1. Fundamental Rights & Fundamental Duties
- 3.2. Directive Principles of State Policy
- 3.3. 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments
- 3.4. Judicial Review

**UNIT: IV (Nature of the Federal System)**

- 4.1. India, a Union of States
- 4.2. Asymmetrical Federalism: The Case of Jammu & Kashmir and North-East
- 4.3. The Working of Federalism in India
- 4.4. Basic Structure Doctrine

**Tutorials (2-Credits: 30 Hrs.)**  
[Assignments, Presentations, Viva-voce]  
**Maximum Marks: 30**

**Unit: I (Debates-I)**

- 1.1 .Constituent Assembly Debates on:
  - a) Federalism (Article 356)
  - b) Minority Rights

**Unit: II (Debates-II)**

- 2.1. Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019
- 2.3. Liberal Democracy & the Right to Dissent

## **Suggested Readings:-**

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