

**VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (AUTONOMOUS), HYDERABAD  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**COURSE NAME-CONSTITUTION OF INDIA – BASIC FEATURES & FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

**(Common to all branches) SYLLABUS FOR B.E. 2/4- 3<sup>rd</sup> semester**

**W.E.F-2024-2025**

<b>Instruction: 2 per week</b>	<b>SEE:60</b>	<b>Course code: U23HS360EH</b>
<b>Credits:2</b>	<b>CIE:40</b>	<b>Duration of SEE:3 hours</b>
<b>COURSE OBJECTIVES</b> <b>The course will enable the learners to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To acquaint the students with legacies of constitutional development in India and help them to understand the most diversified legal document of India and philosophy behind it.</li><li>2. To make students aware of the theoretical and functional aspects of the Indian Parliamentary System.</li><li>3. To channelize students' thinking towards basic understanding of the constitutional principles and statutory institutions.</li></ol>		<b>COURSE OUTCOMES</b> <b>At the end of the course the learners will be able to: -</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Identify and explore the basic features and modalities about Indian constitution.</li><li>2. Understand the administrative structure of various branches of government.</li><li>3. Differentiate and relate the functioning of Indian parliamentary system at the center and state level.</li><li>4. Examine different aspects of Indian Legal System and its related bodies.</li></ol>

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**Unit –I:**Constitution: Meaning & Constitutionalism, Historical perspective: 1909 Act, 1919 Act & 1935 Act, Salient features & nature of the Constitution,

**Unit –II:** Fundamental Rights: Introduction & its scheme, Right to Equality (Art.14), Right to Fundamental Freedoms (Art. 19), Right to Life (Art. 21), Directive Principles of State Policy: importance and implementation, Fundamental Duties and its legal status.

**Unit –III:** Government: Union & State – Executive & Legislature, composition, powers and functions, Local Self Governments – Panchayat Raj Institutions & Urban Local Bodies (Municipalities). Statutory Institutions: Elections-Election Commission of India, National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women.

**Unit –IV :** Federal structure & distribution of legislative and financial powers between the Union and the States.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Lexis Nexis, New Delhi.
2. Indian Constitution by Subhash C. Kashyap, National Book Trust, New Delhi.
3. Constitution of India and Professional Ethics, Dr. G. B. Reddy & Mohd. Suhaib, Dreamtech Press.
4. B.Z. Fadia & Kuldeep Fadia, Indian Government & Politics, Lexis Nexis, New Delhi.
5. Indian Polity by Laxmikanth 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, McGraw Hill.

The break-up of CIE: Internal Tests + Assignments + Quizzes

1	No. of Internal tests	:	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Max.Marks	:	<input type="text" value="40"/>
2	No. of assignments	:	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Max. Marks	:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
3	No. of Quizzes	:	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Max. Marks	:	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Duration of Internal Tests		:	:90 Minutes			

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