

I/II SEMESTER ICP 1(2) CO1: INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND POLITICS: BASIC FEATURES AND GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES – (SYLLABUS- 2019 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Complementary Course – Model II

Semester 1- (ICP1 (2) CO1) Indian Constitution and Politics: Basic Features and Governmental Structures

At the end of the course, the students will be able to understand the process through which the constitution of India came into existence, its salient features, its philosophical base, fundamental rights, fundamental duties and directive principles of state policy. This course also help students to understand the structure and functions of different organs of governments in India; legislature, executive and judiciary

Module 1-

- a) Importance of Constitution
- b) Constitutional developments with special reference to Govt. of India Acts: 1909; 1919; 1935 and Indian Independence Act 1947

Module 11-

- a) Basic features of the constitution
- b) The Preamble – with special reference to 42nd amendment act
- c) Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties,
- d) Directive Principles of State Policies, Tussle between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Module 1II

- a. **Union Executive**- President and Vice President; Prime Minister; Council of Ministers – powers and functions
- b. **Bureaucracy** - Civil Services in India, UPSC
- c. **Union Legislature** – a) Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha – Composition, powers and functions; Role of the Speaker

Module 1V

- a. **State Executive** – Governor; Chief Minister; Council of Ministers – powers and functions
- b. **State Legislature** – Assembly and Council- Composition, powers and functions

Module V-

- a. Supreme Court and High Court- Composition, jurisdiction and functions
- b. Judicial review, Judicial Activism and Independence of Judiciary

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