

MJC 2: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India (Theory: 6 credits)		
Unit	Topics to be Covered	No. of Lectures
1	The Constituent Assembly and the Making of the Constitution a) Making of the Constitution, Debates in the Constituent Assembly b) Philosophy and Preamble of the Constitution c) Salient features of the Constitution d) Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles	20
2	Organs of the Government a) Legislature : Parliament b) Executive : President and Prime Minister c) The Judiciary: Appointment of Judges in High Courts and the Supreme Court, Power and Functions of High Courts and the Supreme Court.	20
3	Dynamics of the Constitution-1 a) Amendment Procedure, Major Constitutional Amendments b) Unitary and Federal Features of the Indian Constitution c) Centre-State Relations d) Election Commission and Electoral Reforms e) Emergency provisions in the Constitution	12
4	Dynamics of the Constitution-2 a. Political Parties; National and Regional Parties b. Governor and Chief Minister c. Changing Role of the Governor d. Local-Self Government	08
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Suggested Readings :

1. D. D. Basu. (2012) Introduction to the Constitution of India.
2. S. Chaube. (2009) The Making and the Working of the Indian Constitution.
3. Brij Kishore Sharma (2015) Introduction to the Constitution of India.
4. G. Austin, (2010) 'The Constituent Assembly: Microcosm in Action', in The Indian
5. Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
6. R. Bhargava, (2008) 'Introduction: Outline of a Political Theory of the Indian Constitution.
7. R. Bhargava (ed.) Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Additional Readings:

1. Subhash Kashyap (2004) Constitutional reforms, problems, prospects and perspectives.
2. R. Bhargava (2008) Introduction Outline of a political theory of the Indian Constitution.
3. The Constitution of India, Bare Act (2011) with short notes
4. U. Baxi (2010) The Judiciary as a resource of Indian Democracy
5. Bhartiya Samvidhan, S.C. Singhal, Laxmi Narain Agrawal, Agra

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