



ADD-ON COURSE
OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
BIJNI COLLEGE::BIJNI

Course Title	: Know Your Constitution
Course Code	: ADNCPSC-101
Course Duration	: 30 Hours
Credit	: 2 (1 Credit = 15 Hrs.)
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Course Description:

The "**Know Your Constitution**" course provides a foundational understanding of the Indian Constitution, its historical evolution, key features, and fundamental principles. This course aims to equip students with comprehensive knowledge of constitutional provisions, enhancing their civic awareness and preparing them for various competitive examinations. The curriculum covers the historical background, significant features, the basic structure, and fundamental rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Course Objectives:

- To provide an understanding of the historical evolution of the Indian Constitution.
- Learn about the salient features and principles guiding the Indian political system.
- Comprehend the concept of the basic structure and the significance of fundamental rights.
- Enhance their knowledge for competitive exams and further studies in political science and law.

Course Outcomes:

- Understand and explain the historical background and the process of drafting the Indian Constitution.
- Identify and describe the fundamental features and principles of the Indian Constitution.
- Analyse the concept of the Basic Structure Doctrine and its significance in safeguarding Indian democracy.
- Apply constitutional knowledge effectively in real-life scenarios and competitive examinations.

Course Structure:

Unit 1: Brief Historical Background (10 Hours)

- Evolution of the Indian Constitution
- Influence of previous acts (Regulating Act, Government of India Acts, etc.)
- Role of the Constituent Assembly
- Objectives Resolution and Preamble

Unit 2: Features of Indian Constitution (10 Hours)

- Salient Features of the Constitution
- Parliamentary system and federalism
- Constitutional Amendments and their significance

Unit 3: Basic Structure of Indian Constitution & Fundamental Rights (10 Hours)

- Doctrine of Basic Structure and Landmark Judgments
- Fundamental Rights: Meaning, Scope, and Importance
- Judicial Interpretations of Fundamental Rights
- Role of Judiciary in protecting constitutional rights

Suggested Readings:

- Basu, Durga Das (1984). *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (10th ed.). South Asia Books. ISBN 0-8364-1097-1.
- Ghosh, Pratap Kumar (1966). *The Constitution of India: How it Has Been Framed*. World Press.
- <https://legislative.gov.in/constitution-of-india/>

Evaluation Process

1. A minimum of 75% class attendance is mandatory for course completion. 5 marks will be assigned for attendance. 1 mark for 75%-80% attendance, 2 marks for 81%-85% attendance, 3 marks for 86%-90% attendance, 4 marks for 91%-95% attendance and 5 marks for 96%-100% attendance.
2. Evaluation will be based on- attendance, class tests/assignments, and practical.
3. Students must attend all the above-listed evaluation components.
4. To receive the course completion certificate, students must secure a minimum of 40% aggregate marks.
5. The percentage of Marks secured by students will be converted into a Grade as follows-
40%-50%: Grade A
30%-40%: Grade B
20%-30%: Grade C

