

# **Course: Constitutional Studies**

**Course Code:** noc20-lw03

**Session:** 2019-20

**Duration:** 12 Week

**Assessment procedures:** Weekly Assignment (25%) + proctored certification Exam (75%)

## **Curriculum of the Course:**

Week 1:

- Constitutions and Democracy Do democratic societies need a constitution?
- How is a constitution different from ordinary law?
- Is a constitution a political or a legal instrument?
- Does the Constitution

Week 2:

- Making a Constitution Democratic How should a society make a constitution?
- How did India make its 1950 Constitution?
- Can Parliament amend the constitution?
- Can the Parliament replace the constitution?

Week 3 :

- Preamble to the Constitution Does a Preamble have legal effect or is it symbolic?
- How was India's Preamble drafted?
- Does the Preamble help us interpret the constitution?

Week 4 :

- Citizens Who is an Indian Citizen?
- Can Parliament decide Indian Citizenship without the Constitution?
- Are all constitutional protections confined to Indian Citizens?

Week 5 :

- Fundamental Rights What Fundamental Rights do we have and are they absolute? Who can we exercise these FRs against?
- Who will protect these rights when they are violated?

Week 6 :

- Case Study -1: Equality and Domination
- Case Study-2: Affirmative Action

Week 7 :

- Case Study-3: Life
- Case Study-4: Liberty including free speech

Week 8 :

- Case Study-5: Freedom to do business
- Case Study-6: Religious Freedom

Week 9 :

- Directive Principles Are DPs enforceable?
- If yes, against whom? Case Study-1: Anti-Hierarchy
- Case Study-2: Cow Protection

Week 10:

- Structure of the State Why is the state power distributed between various entities?  
How is the state power distributed?

Week 11:

- Separation of Powers Is the horizontal distribution of power between the legislature  
executive and judiciary based on the expertise of each branch?
- Are the legislative,  
executive and judicial co-equally branched?

Week 12 :

- Role of Judiciary in maintaining the sanctity of the Constitution of India &  
Constitutional Interpretation Is the vertical division of power designed to improve  
efficiency or to prevent the concentration of power?
- Can the Union override the State and the Local Governments?
- How should the Constitution be interpreted and who can interpret it?
- Does judicial interpretation of constitution override all others?
- Is constitutional review democratic?

#### **List of students enrolled**

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