

## **Approval: 4<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting**

<b>Course Name</b>	: The Indian Constitution
<b>Course No.</b>	: HS-261
<b>Credits</b>	: 3-0-0-3
<b>Prerequisites</b>	: None
<b>Offered to</b>	: B. Tech (Higher Semesters)
<b>New /Old Course</b>	: New Course

### **Course Description:**

This course introduces students to the Constitution of India. It begins by providing an overview of the history of the making of Indian Constitution. It then discusses the preamble and the basic structures of the Constitution. The fundamental rights, duties and the directive principles of state policy will be discussed thoroughly, followed by a discussion of the legislature, the executive and the judiciary. Some of the important sections of the Constitution that have influenced the history of India since independence will also be taken up for study. These include emergency powers and special provisions. There will also be a study of the important amendments to the Constitution like the 42nd and 44th amendments and other amendments like those related to the right to education, panchayati raj and so on.

### **Course Content:**

Module 1 – The History of the Making of Indian Constitution  
Module 2 – Preamble and the Basic Structures  
Module 3 – Fundamental Rights and Duties  
Module 4 – Directive Principles of State Policy  
Module 5 – Legislature, Executive and Judiciary  
Module 6– Emergency Powers  
Module 7 – Special Provisions for Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland and Other Regions  
Module 8 – Amendments

### **Prescribed Texts:**

D D Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, 20th Edn., Lexisnexis Butterworths, 2012.

### **Recommended Readings:**

1. Rajeev Bhargava (ed), Ethics and Politics of the Indian Constitution, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2008.
2. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1966.
3. Zoya Hassan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds), India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices, Controversies, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2002.
4. Subhash C. Kashyap, Our Constitution, National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2011.