



RANI CHANNAMMA UNIVERSITY

BELAGAVI

**REVISED CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK FOR
UNDER GRADUATE COURSE**

STRUCTURE & SYLLABUS OF BACHELOR DEGREE

Introduction to Constitutional Values

1ST & 2ND Semesters

w.e.f.

Academic Year 2024-25 and Onwards

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Introduction to Constitutional Values

Constitutional Values (w.e.f.2024-25 and onwards)								
Sem.	Part	Paper	Title of Paper	Hours / Week	Marks			Subject Credits
					IA	Exam	Total	
I	Compulsory	Theory	Introduction to Constitutional Values - I	2	10	40	50	2
		Total : Hours / Credits		2			50	2
II	Compulsory	Theory	Introduction to Constitutional Values - II	2	10	40	50	2
		Total : Hours / Credits		2			50	2

Introduction to Constitutional Values

Paper –I : I Semester

50 Marks

02 hours per week

Course Rationale

This course explores the foundational values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. It covers the philosophical underpinnings, key principles, and their application in contemporary India. The course is designed for students to understand and appreciate the values that guide the Indian democratic and legal framework.

Course Objectives:

- To understand the core values embedded in the Indian Constitution.
- To analyse the significance of these values in the governance and legal system of India.
- To evaluate the application and challenges of constitutional values in contemporary India.
- To foster critical thinking and discussions around the relevance of constitutional values in modern society.

Course Structure:

The course is divided into five units, each focusing on different aspects of constitutional values. Each unit includes lectures, readings, discussions, and assessments.

1.1. Definition and Importance of Constitutional Values

Preamble of the Indian Constitution:

Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic

2.1. Justice, Liberty, and Equality

Concept of Justice: Social, Economic, and Political

Right to Liberty: Individual Freedoms and State Control

Equality: Legal Equality, Social Equality, and Affirmative Action

3.1 Secularism and Socialism

Understanding Secularism: Indian Perspective vs. Western Perspective

Secularism in Practice: Challenges and Successes

Socialism in the Indian Context: Economic Policies and Social Justice

Role of the State in Ensuring Socialism and Secularism

4.1 Democracy and Republic

Democratic Principles: Representation and Participation

Electoral Processes and Reforms

Role of the Republic: Head of State and Federal Structure

Citizen Participation and Civic Responsibility

5.1 Fraternity and National Integration

Concept of Fraternity: Promoting Unity and Integrity

Challenges to National Integration: Regionalism, Communalism, and Casteism

Measures to Promote Fraternity: Education, Legal Reforms, and Policies

Role of Civil Society and Media in Promoting Fraternity

Recommended Books

1. Granville Austin, "The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation"
2. Upendra Baxi, "The Indian Supreme Court and Politics"
3. Rajeev Bhargava, "Secularism and Its Critics"
4. D.D. Basu, "Introduction to the Constitution of India"
5. Ramachandra Guha, "India After Gandhi"
6. Rajni Kothari, "Politics in India"
7. B.R. Ambedkar's speeches in the Constituent Assembly

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Paper –II : II Semester

50 Marks 02 hours' per week

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Chapter-1 Indian Constitution in the making

- a) Meaning, scope and significance of the Indian Constitution
- b) Constituent Assembly
- c) Pre-eminent features of the Indian Constitution

Chapter-II Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

- a) Meaning, Nature and Scope of Fundamental Rights
- b) Directive Principles of state policy
- c) Fundamental Duties

Chapter-III Organs of the union Government

- a) Powers and Functions of the Legislative
- b) Powers and Functions of the Executive
- c) Powers and Functions of the Judiciary
- d) Judicial Review and Judicial Activism

Chapter IV Structure of a) Significance of the Legislative

- a) Significance of the Legislative.
- b) Significance of the Executive
- c) Significance of the Judiciary
- d) Role of opposition parties

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