PAPER II

CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND POLICY RESPONSES

MAX MARKS: 100

EXTERNAL: 70

INTERNAL: 30

PASS: 40%

CREDITS: 6

Objectives: To provide knowledge of constitutional provisions, legal frameworks and policy responses aimed at addressing social exclusion and promoting inclusive governance.

Course Outcomes:

- Understand constitutional principles of equality, non-discrimination and affirmative action.
- Analyze the role of Directive Principles and welfare state in promoting social justice.
- Evaluate the role of judiciary and institutional mechanisms in addressing exclusion.
- Assess major social welfare, education, health and governance policies for inclusion

Section A

Unit 1: Equality and Non-Discrimination: Fundamental Rights; Affirmative Action

Unit 2: Directive Principles and Welfare State; Protective Discrimination

Unit 3: Role of Judiciary and Commissions: Judicial Interventions

Unit 4: National and State Commissions

Section B

Unit 5: Social Welfare Policies: Poverty Alleviation and Social Security

Unit 6: Inclusive Education and Health Policies: Access and Equity

Unit 7: Inclusive Governance and Participation

Unit 8: Decentralization; Community Participation

Suggested Readings:

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5. Nahar, E. (2016). *Social exclusion and discrimination with weaker sections of society: An inclusive policy*. Kalpaz Publications.
6. Tilak, J. B. G. (2018). Education and development in India: Critical issues in public policy and development. Palgrave Macmillan.