SYLLABUS

(DFICT3) PAPER–III: INDIAN POLITY AND GOVERNANCE –I

The objective of this paper is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the constitutional institutions and mechanisms that govern India's parliamentary democracy. It focuses on the structure, powers, and functions of key organs of government, including the President, Parliament, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, and the Supreme Court, while examining their roles in maintaining constitutional governance. The paper also aims to develop an understanding of judicial review, judicial activism, constitutional amendment procedures, emergency provisions, and the functioning of the Election Commission of India. Through the study of these institutions and processes, students gain insight into the working, evolution, and protection of the Indian constitutional system.

Course Outcomes (COs):

On completion of this course, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the structure, powers, and functions of key constitutional authorities such as the President, Parliament, Prime Minister, and Council of Ministers.

CO2: Explain the composition, jurisdiction, and role of the Supreme Court as the guardian of the Constitution.

CO3: Analyze important constitutional mechanisms such as judicial review, judicial activism, and the amendment procedure under Article 368.

CO4: Evaluate the significance of emergency provisions and the role of the Election Commission in maintaining democratic governance in India.

DFICT3	**Paper–III: Indian Polity and Governance –I** **Section A** 1. President: Election, powers, position and changing role. 2. Parliament: Composition, powers and legislative role. 3. Prime Minister and Council of Ministers: Appointment, powers and position in parliamentary system.	M.M - 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -

	4. Supreme Court: Composition, jurisdiction and role as guardian of Constitution. **Section B** 5. Judicial Review and Judicial Activism: Scope and development through landmark judgments. 6. Amendment Procedure: Article 368 and types of amendments. 7. Emergency Provisions – Meaning, types of emergencies (National, State and Financial), and historical analysis. 8. Election Commission of India: Structure, Powers and functions.	40%

Suggested Readings

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Semester II

DFICT4	**Paper–I: Indian Polity and Governance – II**	M.M – 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -40%

Course Outcomes (COs):

On completion of this course, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the structure, powers, and functions of State-level institutions such as the Governor, Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, and State Legislature.

CO2: Explain the organisation, jurisdiction, and role of the High Court in the state judicial system.

CO3: Describe the structure, powers, and importance of local self-government institutions, including Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies.

CO4: Analyze Centre-State relations and evaluate the significance of major constitutional amendments (42nd and 44th) in maintaining the federal balance in India.

Section A

1. Governor: Appointment, Powers and Constitutional Role
2. Chief Minister and Council of Ministers: Appointment, Powers and Functions
3. State Legislature: Composition, Powers and Functions
4. High Court: Organisation, Composition and Jurisdiction

Section B

5. Panchayati Raj System: Structure, Powers and Functions
6. Urban Local Government: Municipal Institutions and Their Functions
7. Major Constitutional Amendments: 42nd and 44th Amendments
8. Centre–State Relations: Legislative, Administrative and Financial Dimensions

DFICT5	**Paper–II: Democracy in India** **Course Outcomes (COs):** On completion of this course, learners will be able to: CO1: Understand the historical development and traditions of democracy in India, from ancient institutions to modern constitutional democracy. CO2: Explain the nature and structure of Indian democracy, including its constitutional framework, institutions, and federal features. CO3: Analyze the functioning of democratic processes such as the party system, coalition politics, and the role of social movements and interest groups. CO4: Evaluate the impact of socio-economic factors, grassroots governance, and women's participation, and compare parliamentary and presidential systems in the Indian context. **Section A** 1. Democratic Traditions and Evolution of Democracy in India 2. Nature and Features of Indian Democracy 3. Constitutional Structure of Indian Democracy 4. Political Process in Indian Democracy: Parties, Coalitions and Social Movements **Section B** 5. Socio-Economic Determinants of Indian Democracy 6. Democracy at the Grassroots: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Governance 7. Role of Women in the Political Process 8. Parliamentary and Presidential Systems: Comparison and Relevance to India	M.M – 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -40%

DFICT6	**Paper–III: Constitutional and Non- Constitutional Bodies** **Course Outcomes (COs):** On completion of this course, learners will be able to: CO1: Understand the composition, powers, and functions of key constitutional bodies such as UPSC, CAG, Finance Commission, and Attorney General of India. CO2: Explain the role of these institutions in maintaining transparency, accountability, and efficient governance in India. CO3: Describe the structure and functions of important non-constitutional bodies like NITI Aayog, NHRC, CVC, and CBI. CO4: Analyze the role of these bodies in policy-making, protection of rights, and prevention of corruption in the Indian administrative system. **Section A** 1. Union Public Service Commission (UPSC): Composition, Functions and Role 2. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG): Appointment, Powers and Functions 3. Finance Commission in India 4. Attorney General of India: Powers, Functions and Constitutional Role **Section B** 5. NITI Aayog: Structure, Functions and Role in Cooperative Federalism 6. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC): Composition, Powers and Functions 7. Central Vigilance Commission (CVC): Vigilance Administration and Anti-Corruption Mechanism 8. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI): Organization, Functions and Jurisdiction.	M.M – 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -40%

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