

SYLLABUS UNDER NEP 2020
VALUE ADDED COURSE
2nd Semester
CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES
Nature of Course: VAC II
CREDIT 2
TOTAL MARKS (25+25)=50

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- **Enrich students with knowledge and relevance of the Constitution.**
- **Develop awareness about Duties and Values.**
- **Inculcate a sense of Constitutionalism in thought and action.**

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- **Understand the Constitution and its relevance**
- **Appreciate the values and goals embedded in the Constitution.**
- **Recognise the importance of Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution.**
- **Apply the spirit of fundamental values and duties in everyday national life.**

Unit I:

The Constitution of India – an Introduction **5 lectures**

- **Federal Republic, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers**
- **Sovereignty, Socialism, Democracy**
- **Secularism and Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava**

Unit II:

Constitutional Values **5 lectures**

- **Justice: Social, Political, Economic**

- **Liberty: Thought, Expression, Belief, Faith, Worship**
- **Equality : Equality before law & equal application of laws**
- **Fraternity: Dignity, Unity and Integrity**

Unit III:

Fundamental Duties

5 lectures

- **Reflecting on the ancient Indian notions of righteousness and duty consciousness**
- **Fundamental Duties- Article 51A [(a) – (k)]**
- **Legal status of Fundamental Duties - Judicial approach**

Practical/ Practice Component (15 sessions of 2 hours each= 30 hours)

- **Reflections on some of the constitutional values/ fundamental duties and its contemporary relevance in day-to-day national life through group discussions and projects.**
- **Conduct workshops to spread awareness on the Fundamental Duties and Values.**
- **Students are required to conduct a survey (minimum 25 respondents) on assessing the awareness of the constitutional duties amongst the citizens.**
- **Students may share their experiences on Fundamental Duties and Values in the form of a Project Report.**
- **Any other Practical/Practice as decided from time to time**

ESSENTIAL READINGS

- **Preamble to the Constitution of India, 1950.**
- **The Constitution of India, Articles - 14, 19, 21.**
- **The Constitution of India, Fundamental Duties [Ar. 51 A (a) – (k)].**

SUGGESTED READINGS

- **Durga Das Basu, et al., Introduction to the Constitution of India (LexisNexis, 26th edn, 2022).**
- **Leila Seth, We, the Children of India: The Preamble to Our Constitution (New Delhi, Puffin Books, Penguin Books India, 2010).**
- **Mahendra Pal Singh, V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India, (Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, 13th revised edn. 2017)**
- **B.R. Ambedkar Selected Speeches, (Prasar Bharati, New Delhi, 2019) available at: https://prasarbharati.gov.in/whatsnew/whatsnew_653363.pdf.**

Assessment Methods*

Internal Assessment: 25%

End Semester Theory Exam: 25%

Practical: 50%

***Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time**