

SAINT CLARET COLLEGE, ZIRO
B. A. (MASS COMMUNICATION)
SYLLABUS AS PER RGU SEMESTRAL SCHEME
(Subjected to syllabus enrichment by SCCZ for Claretines)

Semester II
BMC-204: Introductions to Indian Constitution

Total Marks: 100 (80- End Semester and 20- Sessional)

Objectives Having studied this paper, a student will be able to:

- a. It will provide understanding of knowledge of the Indian constitution.*
- b. To familiarize students with the fundamental rights and duties.*
- c. Students will understand the need and importance of various laws in India.*
- d. Utilize knowledge gained in coverage of judicial proceedings, parliament and state legislature*
- e. Understand and explain freedom of press as per article 19(1) of the Indian constitution and reasonable restrictions in freedom of press.*

UNIT- 1: INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Meaning of a Constitution, The Constituent Assembly and the Framing of the Indian constitution, The Preamble, Salient Features of the Indian Constitution, Concept of Fundamental Rights, Types of Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Rights under the Constitution of India, Inferred rights, Concept of Freedom of Speech and Expression, Constitutional Guarantees and Limitations, Fundamental duties

UNIT – 2 : DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY

Concept of Directive Principles of State Policy, Relationship between Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights, Differences between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy

Unit - 3 : INDIAN JUDICIARY

Salient features of Indian Judicial System, The Supreme Court of India- organization, jurisdiction and position, High Court in India-organization, jurisdiction and position, Power of the judiciary to issue writs, subordinate courts, fast track courts

Unit -4 : THE UNION EXECUTIVE: THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA & THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE UNION COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Principles governing the method of election of the President, Stages in Presidential Election, Powers of the President- Executive, legislative, financial , judicial and emergency powers, Position and role of the President, Election of the Vice-President, Qualifications for the office of the Vice-President, Term of Office, Powers and functions of the Vice-President Organization of the Union Council of Ministers, basic features of the working of the Union Council of Ministers, functions of the Council of Ministers- executive, legislative, financial, position of the council of ministers, relation between the Council of

Ministers and the President, Appointment of the Prime Minister, Powers and functions of the Prime Minister, Position of the Prime Minister, Relation of the Prime Minister with the President

Recommended Readings:

- Peu Ghosh, (2019). *Indian Government and Politics*, Haryana: Asoke K. Gosh.
- Durga Das Basu, (2008). *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, West Midlands: William Bibbons.
- M Laxmikanth (2004). *Indian Polity*, Chennai: McGraw Hill Education
- Durgadas Basu, (1980). *Law of the Press in India*, Prentice Hall, London, .
- B. S. Nayar, (2004). *Law of Contempt of Court in India*, Atlantic New Delhi,