

I SEMESTER
BASCIF 131: CONSTITUTION OF INDIA
(Elective Foundation Course)

Credit: 1
Marks: 50

Hours of instruction/week: 2
Total hours of instruction: 28

Unit 1: Constitution – Structure and Principles 3 hours

- 1.1: Meaning and importance of Constitution
- 1.2: Making of Indian Constitution – Sources
- 1.3: Salient features of Indian Constitution

Unit 2: Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles 5 hours

- 2.1: Fundamental Rights
- 2.2: Fundamental Duties
- 2.3: Directive Principles

Unit 3: Government of the Union 5 hours

- 3.1: President of India – Election and Powers
- 3.2: Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
- 3.3: Lok Sabha – Composition and Powers
- 3.4: Rajya Sabha – Composition and Powers

Unit 4: Government of the States 5 hours

- 4.1: Governor – Powers
- 4.2: Chief Minister and Council of Ministers
- 4.3: Legislative Assembly – Composition and powers
- 4.4: Legislative Council – Composition and powers

Unit 5: The Judiciary 4 hours

- 5.1: Features of judicial system in India
- 5.2: Supreme Court – Structure and jurisdiction
- 5.3: High Court – Structure and jurisdiction

Unit 6: Administrative organisation and constitution 6 hours

- 6.1: Federalism in India – Features
- 6.2: Local Government -Panchayats –Powers and functions; 73rd and 74th amendments
- 6.3: Election Commission – Organisation and functions
- 6.4: Citizen oriented measures – RTI and PIL – Provisions and significance

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II SEMESTER
BASHRF 181: HUMAN RIGHTS
(Elective Foundation Course)

Credit: 1
Marks: 50

Hours of instruction/week: 2
Total hours of instruction: 28

Unit 1: An Introduction to Human Rights 4 hours

- 1.1: Values – Dignity, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Unity in Diversity
- 1.2: Human Rights – Meaning and features; Significance of the study
- 1.3: Classification of Human Rights
- 1.4: Rights and Duties – Correlation

Unit 2: International Protection and promotion of Human Rights 7 hours

- 2.1: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- 2.2: International Covenants –ICCPR and ICESCR
- 2.3: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979 and
Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989

Unit 3: Human Rights in India 6 hours

- 3.1: Human Rights and Fundamental Rights
- 3.2: Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties
- 3.3: Directive Principles
- 3.4: Role of Judiciary in the protection of Human Rights

Unit 4: Protection and promotion of Human Rights in India 5 hours

- 4.1: National Human Rights Commission – Composition and functions
- 4.2: Karnataka State Human Rights Commission – Composition and functions
- 4.3: Human Rights and NGOs
- 4.4: Human Rights and Media

Unit 5: Issues and concerns in Human Rights 6 hours

- 5.1: Changing dimensions of Human Rights
- 5.2: Challenges to Human Rights promotion in India – Poverty, Illiteracy, Communal and caste conflicts,
patriarchal values, lack of inclusive development
- 5.3: Human Rights and Terrorism
- 5.4: Human Rights and problems of health and environment

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2. Aftab Alam, ed., *Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges*, Delhi; Raj Publications., 2012
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9. Manisha Priyam, Krishna Menon and Madhulikea Banerjee, *Human Rights, Gender and the Environment*, Chennai; Pearson Education, 2009
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III SEMESTER
BASGEF 231: GENDER EQUITY
(Elective Foundation Course)

Credit: 1
Marks: 50

Hours of instruction/week: 2
Total hours of instruction: 28

Unit 1: Understanding Gender Equity

7 hours

- 1.1: Basic concepts - Sex, Gender, Sexuality, Patriarchy, Gender Stereotypes, Gender Division of Labour, Gender Bias.
- 1.2: Socialisation, Internalisation of Gender values, Devaluation and Marginalisation
- 1.3: Gender Equity –Meaning and Definition; Gender Equality –Meaning and Definition; Gender Equity and Gender Equality - Relationship; The importance of Gender Equity and Gender Equality in society.

Unit 2: Discrimination and Violence

9 hours

- 2.1: Indicators of inequality - Sex Ratio, Education, Health and nutrition, Work participation.
- 2.2: Institutions of Gender Inequality- Family, Economy, Religion, Education and Political institutions.
- 2.3: Discrimination and Violence - Female Foeticide, Infanticide, Child Marriage, Domestic Violence, Unequal access to property, Unequal access to political participation.
- 2.4 Trafficking and commodification of Women's body, Representation of women in Media.

Unit 3: Gender Equity and Legal provisions

9 hours

- 3.1: International Conventions - CEDAW, Millennium Development Goals (MDG's), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)
- 3.2: Constitutional Rights of Women in India (Relevant articles of Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles)
- 3.3: Protective Legislation for Women in India – The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013; Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Prevention Act, 2005
- 3.4: National Commission for Women - – Composition, powers and functions; Karnataka State Commission for Women – Composition, powers and functions

Unit 4: Towards Measuring Gender Equity and Equality

3 hours

- 4.1: Gender Empowerment measure (GEM) – Meaning and Indicators
- 4.2: Global Gender Gap Index – Meaning and indicators
- 4.3: Gender Disaggregated Data - Meaning and importance
- 4.4: Gender Audit -Meaning and importance

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IV SEMESTER
BASESF 281: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
(Elective Foundation Course)

Credit: 1
Marks: 50

Hours of instruction/week: 2
Total hours of instruction: 28

Unit1: Introduction

6 hours

- 1.1: Environmental Studies – Importance and scope
- 1.2: Ecosystems – Concept, structure and function; Pond ecosystem
- 1.3: Bio-geographical classification of India.
- 1.4: Biodiversity – Meaning; Hotspots of biodiversity in India; Threats to biodiversity; Endangered and endemic species - Meaning.

Unit 2: Environmental pollution and its management

8 hours

- 2.1: Air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, - Cause, effect and control measures.
- 2.2: Global Warming – Meaning, causes and effects
- 2.3: Solid waste management - biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste
- 2.4: Segregation of domestic waste at source; Impact of plastic on human and animal health

Unit 3: Natural resources and management

8 hours

- 3.1: Types of natural resources and energy resources.
- 3.2: Water conservation - rain water harvesting; water shed management – Meaning and importance
- 3.3: Wasteland reclamation, soil conservation, afforestation – Meaning and importance
- 3.4: Disaster – Definition and types (Natural and Man-made); Self-protection during disasters (Fire, Floods, Earth quakes)

Unit 4: Environmental awareness and Legislations

6 hours

- 4.1: Environment movements – Chipko, Appiko, Narmada Bachao Andolan
- 4.2: Individual and community initiatives – *Salu Marada Thimmakka*; Concept of Sacred Groves (*Devarakadu*)
- 4.3: National Environmental Policy, 2006 – Provisions and importance; *Swachh Bharat Mission* – Objectives
- 4.4: Environmental ethics - Issues & possible solutions.

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