Syllabus

Module: 1 Constitutions and Democracy (5hrs)

Meaning and importance of the Constitution, salient features of Indian Constitution. Preamble of the Constitution, Definition of constitution, Salient features of Indian constitution, Historical Background of Indian Constitution, Do democratic societies need constitution? How is a Constitution different from ordinary law?

Module :2 Preamble to the constitution (5hrs)

How was preamble drafted? Text of the Preamble, Key words in the Preamble. Does the preamble help us interpret the constitution?

Module:3 Constitutional frame work (5hrs)

Fundamental rights Fundamental Rights: Introduction & its scheme, Right to Equality (Art.14), Right to Fundamental Freedoms (Art. 19), Right to Life (Art. 21), Fundamental duties directive principles of state policy

Module:4 Emergency Provisions (5hrs)

Do constitutional democracies need an emergency power? What are the constraints on the exercise of emergency power? How can a constitutional regime recover from the proclamation of an emergency? Criticism of the Emergency provisions.

Module:5 Judiciary (5hrs)

Supreme court and High court, Role of judiciary in maintaining the sanctity of the constitution of India, Can the Union override the state and the local Self government? Does judicial interpretation of constitution override all others? Is constitutional review democratic?

