

Political Concepts and Constitution of India (Foundation Course)

	Syllabus Theme - Topic		Session Objective	Methodology	Key Learning Points & Key Experiences
1	Political Concepts	1			
			<p>To understand:</p> <p>The meaning, scope and significance of power and implications of power.</p> <p>The meaning, features and theories of sovereignty.</p> <p>The meaning, scope and significance of the concepts of liberty, equality and justice and their implications</p>	Lecture / Discussion	The meaning, scope and significance of the concepts of power, liberty, equality, justice and sovereignty and their implications
2	Political Theories	2			
			<p>To understand:</p> <p>The various theories of State Activity</p> <p>The utilitarian philosophy</p> <p>The genesis of democracy by way of studying liberalism</p>	Lecture / Discussion	<p>The analysis of political philosophers in the sphere of State activity</p> <p>The nature and characteristics of various theories</p>
3	Indian political system	2			
			<p>To increase their knowledge about the functioning of parliamentary democracy in India</p> <p>To understand the impact of various developments on Parliamentary democracy and the issue of relevance of Parliamentary democracy in the light of changed political scenario</p>	Lecture/ Discussion	<p>Working of parliamentary democracy</p> <p>Impact of pressure groups</p> <p>Impact of rise of regional parties and emergence of coalition governments</p>

4	Organs of Government	1			
			<p>To understand:</p> <p>The theory of separation of powers</p> <p>The role of executive in modern State</p> <p>The functioning of judiciary and the objections raised against judicial activism</p>	Lecture / Discussion	<p>The functions and the role of each organ of government</p> <p>Why and how the executive enjoys the powers of legislation and adjudication</p> <p>Why it is criticized that judiciary is usurping the powers of executive and legislature</p>
5	Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles	2			
	<p>Different rights and their enforcement</p> <p>-Fundamental duties</p> <p>-Directive Principles</p> <p>-Comparison with fundamental rights</p>		<p>To understand:</p> <p>The various fundamental rights available to citizens and the restricts on the rights</p> <p>The remedies for the enforcement of the fundamental rights.</p> <p>The positive obligations imposed on the States and to what extent the directive principles are implemented by the State</p>	Lecture, Case study	Importance of Fundamental Rights and the restrictions placed and how directive principles have been enforced through the window of fundamental rights.
6	Nature of Indian Federation	2			
			<p>To increase their knowledge about the constitutional provisions dealing with centre-state relations</p> <p>To understand the emerging issues giving rise to conflict between the centre and the states and between the states</p> <p>To appreciate the differing development patterns of various states and its impact on Centre-State relations.</p>	Lecture, Discussion	<p>Constitutional provisions for centre-state relations</p> <p>Emerging areas of conflict and cooperation</p> <p>Impact of different development patterns on Centre-State relations</p>

7	Civil Services under the Constitution	2			
			<p>To understand:</p> <p>The legal position of a Govt. servant and his conditions of service</p> <p>The safeguards available to civil servants against dismissal, removal and reduction in rank.</p>	Lecture / Case Study	<p>Constitutional provisions pertaining to Civil Servants</p> <p>Safeguards available to the Civil Servants.</p> <p>Status of a probationer</p>
8	Human Rights	2			
			To sensitize the trainees about the concepts and importance of human rights	Lecture / Case Study	<p>International covenants and National acts</p> <p>Concept of human rights</p> <p>Different forms of violation and reasons thereof</p> <p>Prevention of violation of human rights</p>
9	India's Foreign Policy	2			
			<p>To understand the basic philosophy behind India's Foreign Policy</p> <p>To increase knowledge about the changing international scenario and its impact on India's Foreign policy</p>	Lecture	<p>Aspects of India's Foreign Policy</p> <p>Changing International Trends</p> <p>India's strategic role</p> <p>Impact of internal development on India's Foreign Policy</p>
10	National Integration and Communal Harmony	2			
			<p>To sensitize the trainees to the concept of secularism</p> <p>To analyse the reasons and causes behind sectarian/communal violence in the country</p> <p>To outline a strategy for national integration and nation building</p>	Panel discussion	<p>Concept of secularism</p> <p>Causes of communal violence</p> <p>Role of different agencies and institutions in ensuring national integration</p> <p>India's Pluralistic Identity</p>
11	Basic structure of the Constitution	1			
			<p>To understand:</p> <p>The essential features of the constitution and the limitations placed on Parliament by basic</p>	Lecture / Discussion	<p>The basic features of the Constitution</p> <p>The limitation of Parliament with respect to Fundamental Rights and the role of Supreme Court in protecting Fundamental Rights and the Constitution</p>

			structure doctrine The role of Supreme Court as protector of Fundamental Rights and guardian of the Constitution		
12	Constitutional Remedies	1			
			To understand: Judicial approach in providing relief to the aggrieved The meaning, scope and significance of public interest litigation The various remedies and the latest techniques adopted by Supreme Court for providing effective relief	Lecture / Discussion	The scope and significance of public interest litigation The various remedies available and the significance of the power of judicial review
	Total	20			

