# St. Mira's College for girls, Pune Subject- POLITICS- G1

# Title: CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN INDIA

Semester I FY BA/ BCOM

Subject Code- AC11502

Lectures- 60

# Objectives:

- To help students to understand the nature of Indian democracy and the working of the Constitution.
- To encourage students to develop analytical skills to examine the constitutional and democratic process.
- To acquaint students with the nature of the federal system and decentralisation of political power at the grass root levels.
- To facilitate students to appreciate India's polity, administration and its welfare orientations.
- To prepare students for a career in civil services.

UNIT 1- CONSTITUTION OF INDIA	12 lectures
<ul> <li>Ideological basis of the Constitution of India</li> <li>Constitutional amendments</li> <li>Constitution as an instrument of socio-economic change, Review of the working of the constitution</li> </ul>	

UNIT 2- FEDERAL SYSTEM and DECENTRALISATION	12 lectures
<ul> <li>Indian Federal system- Center- state relations, Emergence of cooperative federalism</li> <li>Local Governments in India: Urban and Rural- their organisation and functions</li> <li>Panchayati Raj Institutions- 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution of India</li> </ul>	

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# UNIT 3- LEGISLATURE AND EXECUTIVE Union Legislature: Organisation and Role Union Executive: Organisation and Role Parliamentary Control over Executive UNIT 4- JUDICIARY 12 lectures Nature of Indian Judicial System Supreme Court: Jurisdiction and Role Judicial Activism Judiciary and Indian Democracy Study Related Activities: Guest Lectures, Class Presentations, Field Visit, Assignments, Library and Class tests etc.

# Pre-reading material:

1. History and Making of the Constitution.

## References:

## English:

- Basu D.D,; An Introduction to the Constitution of India- latest edition
- G. Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a nation; Oxford; Oxford University Press; 1966
- G. Austin; Working of a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience.
- Kashyap Subhash; Our Constitution; New Delhi; National Book Trust
- Kashyap Subhash; Our Parliament; New Delhi; National Book Trust
- Avasthi A. P; Indian Government and Politics; Lakshmi Narain Agarwal Publications;
- Chakrabarty B and Pandey R. K.; Indian Government and Politics; Sage Publications;
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# Marathi:

- Jadhav Tukaram and Shikrapurkar Mahesh; Bharatiya Rajyaghatana va Ghatnatmak Prakriya; The Unique Academy; 2011
- Bhole B; Bharatiya Ganrajyache Shasan ani Rajkaran; Pimplapure and Company Publishers; Nagpur; 2003
- Bachal V and Golvalkar S; Bharatiya Ganrajya (Shasan ani Rajkaran); Suvichar Prakashan Mandal; Pune
- Dr. Bokil and Dr. Apte; Bharatiya Shashan ani Rajkaran; International Book House Pvt Ltd; 2014

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# St. Mira's College for girls, Pune Subject- POLITICS- G1

# Title: CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN INDIA

Semester II Subject Code- AC21502 Lectures- 60
FY BA/ BCOM

# Objectives:

- To help students to understand the nature of political processes which have shaped India in the post- independence period
- To facilitate an appreciative understanding of electoral politics and political participation.
- To encourage students to analyse politics of identity and develop among them a rationalistic approach to comprehend them.
- To familiarize students with the role of civil society and enabling them to be better citizens by introducing them to movements, voluntary actions and role of NGOs.
- To encourage students to form their political opinions by enhancing their general awareness of Indian politics and encourage them to participate in the political processes.

UNIT 1- PARTY SYSTEM IN INDIA	12 lectures
<ul> <li>Changing Nature of Party System in India</li> <li>Rise of Regional parties in India</li> <li>Elections- Election Commission, Electoral reforms</li> </ul>	

UNIT 2- IDENTITY POLITICS	IN INDIA	12 lectures
Religion		
<ul><li>Religion</li><li>Caste</li></ul>		
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# UNIT 3- CIVIL SOCIETY AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION • What is Civil Society? • Its importance in a democracy • Nature of Civil Society Participation in India UNIT 4- DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT 12 lectures • Nature of Indian Democracy • Challenges to Democracy • Challenges to Democracy • Democracy and Development Study Related Activities: Guest Lectures, Class Presentations, Field Visit, Assignments, Library and Class tests etc.

# Readings:

# **English References:**

- Kohli A (ed); The Success of India's Democracy; Cambridge; Cambridge University Press; 2001
- Brass Paul; The Politics of India since Independence; Cambridge; Cambridge University Press
- Vora Rajendra and Palshikar Suhas; Indian Democracy: Meaning and Practice; Sage Publications; New Delhi; 2004
- Alam Javeed; Who wants democracy?; Orient Blackswan; 2004
- Avasthi A. P; Indian Government and Politics; Lakshmi Narain Agarwal Publications;
   2011
- Chakrabarty B and Pandey R. K.; Indian Government and Politics; Sage Publications; 2008

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 Vora Rajendra and Palshikar Suhas; Bharatiya Lokshahi: Artha ani Vyavhar; Diamond Publication; 2010

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