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## **Core Paper II(C-II)**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY IN INDIA**

**Introduction:** This course acquaints students with the Constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working over time. The Indian Constitution accommodates conflicting impulses (of liberty and justice, territorial decentralization and a strong union, for instance) within itself. The course traces the embodiment of some of these conflicts in constitutional provisions, and shows how these have played out in political practice. It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra-constitutional environment.

#### **UNIT-I: The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution**

- i) Formation and working of the Constituent Assembly
- ii) The Philosophy of the constitution: The Preamble and its Features.
- iii) Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties

#### **UNIT-II: Organs of Government**

- i) The Legislature and the Executive
- ii) The Judiciary: Supreme Court and High Courts

#### **UNIT-III: Federalism**

- i) Federalism: Centre-State relations
- ii) Recent trends in federalism

#### **UNIT-IV: Decentralization**

- i) Panchayati Raj Institutions: Composition, Powers and functions of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad.
- ii) Municipalities: Composition Powers and function of Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council and Notified Area Council

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## **Core Paper III (C - III)**

### **POLITICAL THEORY-CONCEPTS AND DEBATES**

**Introduction:** This course is divided into two sections. Section A helps the student familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. This exercise is designed to encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual tool kit. Section B introduces the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of Political debates.

#### **UNIT-I: Importance of Freedom**

- (i) Negative Freedom and Positive Freedom, Freedom of belief, expression and dissent
- (ii) Equality: Meaning and Types, Egalitarianism: Social Exclusion & Affirmative action

#### **UNIT-II: Indispensability of Justice**

- (i) Justice: Meaning and Types
- (ii) Procedural, Distributive and Global Justice.