

III SEMESTER ICP 4(3) CO3: INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND POLITICS: FEDERALISM, DECENTRALISATION AND POLITICAL DYNAMICS – (SYLLABUS- 2019 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Semester 11- (ICP4 (3) CO3) Indian Constitution and Politics: Federalism, Decentralization and Political Dynamics

This course would help students to critically evaluate the main features of Indian federal system, centre state relations and three tier system of decentralization. The process of constitutional amendments and major amendments is another important discussion in this paper. Students also develop fairly good idea about party system, regionalism, minority rights, etc., by the end of the course.

Module 1-

- a) Indian Federalism - Constitutional provisions
- b) Union- State Relations- Legislative, Administrative and Financial provisions
- c) Challenges to Indian federalism
- d) Finance Commission, Niti Ayog, GST Council, Inter State Council- Composition, Powers and Functions

Module 11-

- a) Panchayath Raj System in Kerala- 73RD and 74th Constitutional Amendments, People's Planning Programme
- b) Impact of reservation in Panchayath Raj system

Module 111-

- a) Procedure to amend the constitution
- b) Major constitutional amendments with special reference to 1, 42, 44, 52, 86, 101

Module 1V-

- a) Indian Party System- Major features and Emerging trends
- b) Major National and Regional political parties
- c) Regionalism – threat or strengthening of democracy?

Module V-

- a) Constitutional provisions to protect human rights – Civil and Political rights, Socio-Economic and Cultural rights
- b) Protection of minorities – religious, linguistic and sexual minorities, Right to Information

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