

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-3): Constitutional Morality

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
Constitutional Morality GE 3	4	3	1	0	Passed XII class	Nil	Philosophy

Learning Objectives

- This course is about the underlying ethics and political philosophy of Indian constitution. The aim of the course is to introduce the key themes of constitution in terms of morality.
- Further this course explores the importance of democracy and its functioning by representing the aspirations of its people.

Learning Outcomes

- The student will come to know about the constitutional morality and its implications in everyday social and political life.
- The student will be aware of representation of people, rights of citizens and that leads to develop the democratic political culture for strengthening the nation state.

Unit I Constitutionalism and Democracy

16 Hours

John Elester, Introduction, John ElesterRune Stagstand, GudmundHernes(Eds), *Constitutionalism and Democracy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,1988, pp.1-17
Preamble of Indian Constitution

Unit II Constitutional Morality

16 Hours

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, motion to introduce the Draft Constitution, Constituent Assembly Debates vol 7 (4 November 1948)

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, speech on third reading of the Draft Constitution, Constituent Assembly Debates vol 11 (25 November 1949)

Vallabhai Patel, Appendix. Constituent Assembly of India Debates Proceedings), Vol.3, Tuesday, the 29th April, 1947

Annexure-Justifiable Fundamental Rights, Constituent Assembly of India Debates Proceedings), Vol.3Tuesday, the 29th April, 1947

Unit III Citizenship and Rights

16 Hours

Upendra Baxi (2010), 'The Justice of Human Rights in Indian Constitutionalism', in Akash Singh and Silika Mohapatra (eds.), *Indian Political Thought: A Reader*. Routledge, London & New York, Chapter 17.

Shefali Jha, 'Rights versus Representation', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 38, Issue No. 16, 19 Apr, 2003

Unit IV Secularism and Social Justice

12 Hours

Rajeev Bhargava, 'India's Secular Constitution', Zoya Hasan, E. Sreedharan and R. Sudarshan (Eds.), *India's Living Constitution-Ideas, Practices and Controversies*, Delhi: Permanent Black, 2002 Pp. 105-133

Gopal Guru, 'Reclaiming Social Justice' Rajeev Bhargava (ed.) *Ethics and Politics of the Indian Constitution*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 92

Essential/Recommended Readings

Jawaharlal Nehru, "Speech on the Aims and Objects of the Constituent Assembly," Constituent Assembly Debates (13 December 1946)

Sujit Choudhary, Madhav Kosla and Pratap Bhanu Mehta . ' Locating Indian Constitutionalism,' *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: OUP, 2016

Uday S Mehta, "Indian Constitutionalism: Crisis, Unity, and History," *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: OUP, 2016

Granville Austin (1999), *Working a Democratic Constitution*. Oxford University Press, Delhi.

Ujjwal Kumar Singh and Anupama Rao, "B. R. Ambedkar and the Ideas of Constitutionalism and Constitutional Democracy," Summerhill, IAS Review, XXIII:2 (Winter 2017)

Rajeev Bhargava, *Ethics and Politics of the Indian Constitution*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008

Pratap Bhanu Mehta, 'What is constitutional morality?'

https://www.india-seminar.com/2010/615/615_pratap_bhanu_mehta.htm

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.