

## **SEMESTER-II**

Course Title (Value Added Course): BASICS OF INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Course Code: A/C/S/206/VAC-2

(Common for All Department Students)

Credit: 04 Contact Hours/week: 04

Maximum Marks: 50 (ESE-40; IA-10) Examination Duration: 2 Hours

**Learning Objective:** It is the demand of all time that we must comprehend values enshrined in Indian culture as well as in the Indian Constitution. This course contains plenty of topics on this. A balance has also been maintained while choosing topics by selecting themes which comprised ideals depicted in our Constitution and its practical application which are obviously found in grassroots level administration.

**Learning Outcome:** After completion of this course students will learn about the great values enshrined in our Constitution, like, secularism. Along with Fundamental Rights what were the necessity to incorporate few rights in the Directive Principles of State Policy, students will know this. Again, it will be very touchy for our students while studying topics taken from their very own area like, composition, powers and functions of local self-government at Bankura district level.

- 1. Preamble: Significance and Philosophy of the Constitution as reflected in the Preamble
- 2. Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy, Fundamental Duties.
- 3. Basic characteristics of Indian federalism
- 4. Union Legislature: Composition and Functions
- 5. Union Executive: President and Prime Minister --- Power and Functions
- 6. Local Self-Government in West Bengal: Rural and Urban with special reference to 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act --- Organizational set-up of Bankura Zilla Parishad; Bankura , Bishnupur and Sonamukhi Municipality.



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