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Course Structure and Syllabus of CBCS (Open Elective) Course

Level: Post Graduate

Course Structure

Course Code	Course Name	L-T-P	CH	Credit	Remark
AC 401	B.R. Ambedkar and Constitution of India	3-0-0	3	3	CBCS (Open Elective)

AC 401 B.R. Ambedkar and Constitution of India

Course Objective

This course aims to familiarize the students with the philosophy, sources and the historical development of the Indian Constitution. Further, it intends to deliberate information about the role of B. R. Ambedkar towards final draft of the Constitution in terms of his reflections on the key concepts such as Justice, Federal Structure, and Secularism. The course will also generate a dynamic discussion on the nature and representation in Indian Constitution.

DETAILED SYLLABI

Unit 1: Constitution of India

Philosophy and Sources of Indian Constitution
Historical Development

Unit 2: Role and Contribution of B.R. Ambedkar towards Constitution of India

Drafting Committee
Ambedkar's Thoughts on Constitution and Constitutionalism - Issues on Justice, Federal Structure and Secularism

Unit 3: Nature of Indian Constitution

Concepts of Democracy, Socialism, Capitalism and Republic
Inter-linkages of Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

Unit 4 : Representation in Indian Constitution

Ambedkar's idea of Social Justice (Caste, Gender, Tribe, and Minorities)
Political Representation and Social Reforms

Textbook(s)

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