

Indian Polity Syllabus

Preamble

- Features of preamble
- 42nd Amendment
- Swaran Singh committee

Schedules

- Basic idea about 12 schedules

Constitution of India

- Basic idea about All articles
- Historical Background
- Drafting committee and making of the Constitution
- Influence of other constitutions
- Its salient features
- Union and its Territory
 - Basic idea about Article 1-4
 - State reorganization and different Commissions
 - Federal nature
 - Recent issues

Citizenship

- Basic idea about Article 5-11
- PIO, NRI, OCI and Pravasi Bharathiya Divas
- Privileges available for Indian citizens and foreigners
- Citizenship Amendment Act 2016
- New policies, schemes and recent changes in voting.

Fundamental Rights (FR)

- Basic idea about Article 12-35
- A thorough understanding about Articles 14- 30 and Art. 32
- Rights and privileges available to citizens of India only and both to citizens and foreigners
- 44th amendment act
- Different types of Writs
- Enforcement and Exceptional cases with regard to FR's
- RTE and recent issues related to FR

Fundamental Duties (FD)

- Article 51A
- Difference between FR and FD
- Significance and Criticism

- Enforcement of FD's
- Recent issues about FD

Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)

- Basic idea about Article and Article 36-51 and Article 368
- Sources and key features of DPSP
- Classification of DPSP
- Comparison/ conflicts between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
- Keshavananda Bharathi, Minerva Mills, Golaknath Case, Maneka Gandhi case.
- Important Amendments- 42nd Amendment, 44th Amendment, and 97th amendment

Union

- Basic idea about Article 52-73
- Qualification and Election
- Function and Powers- (Executive, Legislative, Financial, Judicial, Diplomatic, Military and Emergency Powers)
- Resignation and impeachment
- Role and responsibilities and relationship with Prime minister, Council of Minister, Cabinet ministers.
- Prime minister and council of minister- Basic idea about Article 74-75
- Powers and Functions
- Council of ministers
- Resignation and Removal
- Attorney general

Parliament

- Basic idea about Article related
- Role and functions of the Parliament
- Sessions, Motions, Parliamentary procedure – Summoning, Prorogation, Joint sitting
- Parliamentary proceedings like Question Hour, Zero Hour, and Adjournment Motion etc.
- Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha,
- Special powers of Rajya Sabha
- Anti-defection law and 10th schedule
- Parliamentary Privileges
- Bill and law making procedure
- Budget, funds and its summary
- Parliamentary Committees

Judiciary

- Basic idea about Article related to the judiciary.
- Powers of Supreme court and high court
- Qualification and appointment
- Removal procedure

- Recent controversy, verdicts, and constitutional provisions.

State Government- State Executive

- Governor- appointment, removal and special powers.
- Executive, Legislative, Financial, Judicial powers and discretionary of governor
- 7th constitutional amendment
- Chief minister and council of ministers
- Power of chief minister

State Legislature

- State legislature compared to the Parliament with regard to composition, powers, and functions.
- Bicameral legislatures
- Creation and abolition of the Legislative councils

Administration of Union Territories (UT)

- Special provision for Delhi
- Administration and jurisdiction in UT's

Administration of Special Areas

- Basic idea about 5th Schedule 6th Schedule
- Recent issues related to Administration of Special Areas
- Special provision for Jammu and Kashmir-Article 370
- Difference between constitutional provisions related to Jammu and Kashmir

Emergency Provisions

- National emergency- Article 352
- President's rule or State emergency- Article 356
- Financial emergency- Article 360
- 44th amendment act
- Effects and implications of emergency
- Role of President in emergency time
- The State of FR, Lok sabha, and Rajya sabha
- Revoking emergency

State- centre and interstate relations

- Basic idea about Articles 262 and 263
- Composition and functions of Interstate council and Zonal council
- Inter-State trade and Commerce
- Recent disputes between states, controversies etc
- New policies or schemes which impact interstate relations

Panchayati raj and municipalities

- Elections, auditing, powers and authority of panchayats
- 3 tier structure
- 73rd Amendment Act and 74th Amendment Act
- Relation with FR and DPSP
- Schemes introduced
- Metropolitan planning committee and urban development
- Reservation

Constitution Bodies

- Election Commission
- UPSC
- SPSC
- JPSC
- Finance Commission
- National Commission for SCs and ST's,
- Composition, Powers and functions, Removal of the Constitutional bodies

Non-Constitutional Bodies

Basic idea about Composition, Functions, Working of the Non-Constitutional bodies such as National Human Rights Commission, Central Information Commission, Central Vigilance Commission, Central Bureau of Investigation, State Human Rights Commission, State Information Commission etc

Tribunals

- Basic idea about Article 323A and tribunals under Article 323B
- Recent controversial issues related to tribunals
- Different tribunals and importance

Special Provisions for SC's, ST's, Backward Classes, Minorities and Anglo-Indians

- Privileges and right issued to SC's, ST's, Backward Classes, Minorities and Anglo-Indians
- Issues related to vulnerable sections like women, child, SC's, ST's, Backward Classes, Minorities and Anglo-Indians

Current affairs

- Recent issues related to above-mentioned categories
- Important schemes, programs, missions, laws, and policies launched by the government.
- Recent Government Bills and Governance- actions