

# VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, BELAGAVI

## Constitution of India, Professional Ethics and Human Rights (CPH)

(Common to all branches)

[As per Outcome Based Education(OBE) and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) scheme]  
(Effective from the academic year 2018-19)

Course Code	: 17CPH39/49	SEE Marks: 30
Contact Hours/Week	: 01 hr Theory /week	CIE Marks: 20
Total Hours	15	Exam: 02 hr
Semester	: III / IV	Credit: 1

**Course Learning Objectives:** This course (17CPH39/49) will enable the students

- To assimilate and get familiarized with basic information about Indian constitution and provide overall legal literacy to the young technocrats to manage complex societal issues in the present scenario.
- To identify their individual roles and ethical responsibilities towards society.
- To understand engineering ethics & responsibilities, through the learning of these topics students will be able to understand human rights/ values and its implications in their life.

### MODULE- I

#### Introduction and Basic Information about Indian Constitution

- The Necessity of the Constitution, The Societies before and after the Constitution adoption.
- Introduction to the Indian constitution, The making of the Constitution, The Role of the Constituent Assembly - Preamble and Salient features of the Constitution of India.
- Fundamental Rights and its Restriction and limitations in different Complex Situations.
- Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) & its present relevance in our society with examples. Fundamental Duties and its Scope and significance in Nation building.

(Duration: 03 Hours & RBT Levels: L1, L2 & L3)

### MODULE- II

#### Union Executive and State Executive

- Parliamentary System, Federal System, Centre-State Relations.
- Union Executive – President, Prime Minister, Union Cabinet, Parliament - LS and RS, Parliamentary Committees, Important Parliamentary Terminologies. Supreme Court of India, Judicial Reviews and Judicial Activism.
- State Executives – Governor , Chief Minister, State Cabinet, State Legislature, High Court and Subordinate Courts, Special Provisions (Article 370,371,371J) for some States.

(Duration: 03 Hours & RBT Levels: L1, L2 & L3)

## MODULE-III

### Elections, Amendments and Emergency Provisions

- Elections, Electoral Process, and Election Commission of India, Election Laws.
- Amendments - Methods in Constitutional Amendments (How and Why) and Important Constitutional Amendments. Amendments – 7,9,10,12,42,44, 61, 73,74, ,75, 86, and 91,94,95,100,101,118 and some important Case Studies. Recent Amendments with explanation. Important Judgements with Explanation and its impact on society (from the list of Supreme Court Judgements).
- Emergency Provisions, types of Emergencies and it's consequences.

(Duration: 03 Hours & RBT Levels: L1, L2 & L3)

## Module- IV

### Constitutional Provisions/ Local Administration/ Human Rights

- Special Constitutional Provisions for SC & ST, OBC, Special Provision for Women, Children & Backward Classes.
- Local Administration : Powers and functions of Municipalities and Panchyats System. Co – Operative Societies and Constitutional and Non-constitutional Bodies.
- Human Rights/values – Meaning and Definitions, Legislative Specific Themes in Human Rights and Functions/ Roles of National Human Rights Commission of India. Human Rights (Amendment Act)2006.

(Duration: 03 Hours & RBT Levels: L1, L2 & L3)

## MODULE- V

### Professional / Engineering Ethics

- Scope & Aims of Engineering & Professional Ethics - Business Ethics, Corporate Ethics, Personal Ethics. Engineering and Professionalism, Positive and Negative Faces of Engineering Ethics, Code of Ethics as defined in the website of Institution of Engineers (India) : Profession, Professionalism, Professional Responsibility. Clash of Ethics, Conflicts of Interest.

### Responsibilities in Engineering

- Responsibilities in Engineering and Engineering Standards, the impediments to Responsibility.Trust and Reliability in Engineering, IPRs (Intellectual Property Rights),
- Risks, Safety and liability in Engineering.

(Duration: 03 Hours & RBT Levels: L1, L2 & L3)

**Course Outcomes: On completion of this course, students will be able to,**

- CO1: Have general knowledge and legal literacy about Indian Constitution and there by it helps to take up competitive examinations & to manage/face complex societal issues in society.
- CO2: Understand state and central policies( Union and State Executive), fundamental Rights & their duties.
- CO3: Understand Electoral Process, Amendments and special provisions in Constitution.
- CO4: Understand powers and functions of Municipalities, Panchayats and Co-operative Societies, with Human Rights and NHRC.
- CO5: Understand Engineering & Professional ethics and responsibilities of Engineers.

**Question paper pattern for SEE and CIE.**

- The SEE question paper will be set for 30 marks and the pattern of the question paper will be objective type (MCQ).
- For the award of 20 CIE marks, refer the University Scheme and Syllabus book.

**Text Books**

- 1) **Durga Das Basu (DD Basu):** "Introduction to the Constitution on India", (Students Edition.) Prentice –Hall EEE, 19th / 20th Edn., (Latest Edition) or 2008.
- 2) **Shubham Singles, Charles E. Haries, and Et al :** "Constitution of India and Professional Ethics" by Cengage Learning India Private Limited, Latest Edition – 2018.


**Reference Books**

1. **M.Govindarajan, S.Natarajan, V.S.Senthilkumar,** "Engineering Ethics", Prentice –Hall of India Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 2004
2. **M.V.Pylee,** "An Introduction to Constitution of India", Vikas Publishing, 2002.
3. Latest Publications of NHRC - **Indian Institute of Human Rights,** New Delhi.

**Web Links and Video Lectures**

[www.unacademy.com/lesson/future-perfect-tense/YQ9NSNQZ](http://www.unacademy.com/lesson/future-perfect-tense/YQ9NSNQZ)

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