

Course Code	Course Title	L	T	P	C
BAHUM101	India Studies	1	0	0	1
Pre-requisite	Nil	Syllabus version			
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Course Objectives					
1. To introduce students to the foundations of India’s traditional knowledge systems, cultural heritage, and civilizational values.					
2. To develop an understanding of India’s scientific, technological, and philosophical traditions, and their relevance to contemporary policy frameworks like NEP 2020.					
3. To provide a conceptual and structural understanding of the Indian Constitution, its principles, governance mechanisms, and contemporary significance.					
Course Outcome					
On completion of this course the students will be able to:					
1. Explain the core concepts of India’s traditional knowledge systems, culture, civilization, and their historical significance.					
2. Analyse India’s scientific, technological, and philosophical traditions and their influence on the development of the Indian Constitution and governance structures.					
3. Evaluate the contemporary relevance of Indian knowledge systems and constitutional provisions in addressing modern societal challenges.					
Module:1	Traditional Knowledge, Culture & Civilization	3 hours			
Traditional Knowledge: definition, nature, characteristics, scope and importance - Kinds of traditional knowledge: Vedas, Upanishads, Śāstras - Traditional knowledge vs. Indigenous knowledge vs. Western knowledge - Introduction to culture and civilization -Features of Indian culture.					
Module:2	Science, Technology & Knowledge Traditions in India	3 hours			
Scientific and technological developments in Ancient, Medieval, and Modern India - Importance of biodiversity in India - <i>Arthashastra</i> , <i>Sukraniti</i> , <i>Kamandaka Niti</i> - Contemporary need for incorporating Indian knowledge systems (IKS) - Indian Knowledge System in NEP 2020.					
Module:3	Introduction to the Indian Constitution	3 hours			
Meaning, nature, and significance of the Constitution - Historical background: Colonial period, freedom struggle & Constituent Assembly - Salient features of the Indian Constitution - Preamble: Philosophy, ideals, and values - Sources of the Indian Constitution.					
Module:4	Rights, Duties & Governance Structure	3 hours			
Fundamental Rights - Directive Principles of State Policy - Fundamental Duties - Union Government: President, Prime Minister, Parliament - State Government: Governor, Chief Minister, State Legislature - Federalism.					
Module:5	Constitutional Processes	2 hours			
Amendments to the Constitution - Judicial System - Constitutional bodies - Social justice provisions: Reservations, welfare policies.					
Module:6	Contemporary relevance	1 hours			
Total Lecture Hours		15 hours			
Text Book(s)					

1.	Shikha Jain, Parul G. Manjul & Somya Joshi (2020). <i>Traditional Knowledge Systems and Cultural Heritage</i> . Aryan Books International.		
2.	Durga Das Basu (2018). <i>Introduction to the Constitution of India</i> (23rd ed.). LexisNexis.		
Reference Books			
1.	Bidyut Chakraborty & Rajendra Kumar Pandey (2008). <i>Indian Government and Politics</i> . SAGE Publications.		
2.	Amit Jha (2024). <i>Traditional Knowledge System in India</i> . Atlantic Publishers & Distributors.		
3.	Granville Austin (1966). <i>The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation</i> . Oxford University Press.		
Mode of Evaluation: Quiz and FAT.			
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