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A book for everybody in India and abroad who wants to know anything about the Constitution of India during its first fifty years. Meets the requirements of the various Universities of India for the LL.B., LL.M., B.A. and M.A. (Political Science) and Competitive examinations held by the Union and State Public Service Commissions. Also indispensable for politicians, journalists, statesmen and administrative authorities. Prescribed in several Universities even for under-graduate courses in Civics. Incorporates all amendments to the Constitution upto 83rd Constitutional Amendment Act 2000. Contains materials, figures and charts not included in any publication so far on the subject. Elaborate comments on separatism in Punjab, Assam & elsewhere.

Salient features:

- * While the Author's Commentary on the Constitution of India and the Shorter Constitution annotate the Constitution Article by Article, primarily from the legal standpoint, the present work offers systematic exposition of the constitutional document in the form of a narrative, properly arranged under logical chapters and topical headings.
- * It will supply the long felt need for an introductory study on the Constitution for the general readers, politicians as well as students and candidates for the Public Service Commission and other competitive examinations.
- * It traces the constitutional history of India since the Government of India Act, 1935; analyses the provisions of the present Constitution and explains the inter-relation between its diverse contents.
- * It gives an account of the working of each of the provisions of the Constitution during its first decade with reference to statutes and decisions wherever necessary, together with a critical estimate of its trends, in a concluding chapter.
- * The analytical Table of Contents, marginal notes, index and the graphic Tables at the end of the book will serve as admirable aids.
- * The three Legislative lists have been printed side by side for the convenience of reference.
- * The change made by the different Constitution Amendment Acts upto the 83rd Amendment and the reorganisation of the States made by various statutes may be seen at a glance.
- * Without going into excessive detail the footnotes and references have been printed at the end of each Chapter so that the advanced student and the researcher may profit by pursuing those references, after his study of the contents of each chapter.
- * The status of Jammu and Kashmir and the provisions of its State Constitution have been fully dealt with.

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Satyam Saxena says

It is a very apt guide to Indian Constitution with crisp interpretations. The author has even provided some raw texts from the original Constitution document to make things more clear and transparent in analysis.

Alice says

Given the details the book holds as compared to the other books available in the same subject I would consider it best. But if preparing for any exam try to avoid this book .It's more like a bare Constitution.

Abhimanyu says

A magisterial piece of work.

Himanshu Pandey says

This book by Acharya D D Basu is a masterpiece

Book starts with an overall introduction of the constitution and subsequently goes through all the parts of constitution. Each and every part of the constitution along with its amendments have been explained very beautifully with the help of its background and working with examples. **Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles** have been explained in much detail with the help of its history, amendments, working and several landmark judgement of Supreme Court.

I loved last chapter of this book **How Constitution has worked** most where author has put his view on many sensitive issues of the constitution such as on large number of amendments, Bangladeshi infiltrators, demands of minority groups and vision of the constitution.

Overall, it is a must read book for everyone who wants to know about the constitution of India, its working and most importantly about India.

Mohammad Tauhidul Islam says

Very good apps to read the books. Love it.

Banupriya says

Very interesting

Ajinkya Kelkar says

This book is the epitome of the sovereignty of India. It provides a glimpse of what a free man in free India can do and should do.

Pk says

must read for upsc examination contains the basic concepts of polity throughly

Palak Mathur says

Cross-posted from here

Introduction to the Constitution of India is a fantastic book on the subject of Indian Constitution and presents a wonderful commentary on the same. It deals with everything and nothing substantial is left out. The language is simply beautiful which is least expected from an Indian academic author at university level.

Indian constitution is the largest written constitution of the world and it is difficult to read and understand everything. However, D.D. Basu has written this masterpiece to make things easy for us. I am an engineer and to understand the legal terms is a tedious job, but this book with its set of examples makes it easier to understand the Constitution.

It presents the Indian Constitution in a pleasant way and defines its philosophy in such a manner that you feel proud of it being an Indian. However, at points where you feel Indian Constitution lacks something he is also critical of the same or explains why that is the case and you again start feeling that it is fine.

After so much of trouble that the country had been facing - Anna Hazare's fast unto death campaign, Black Money case, 2G Spectrum, CWG Scam case - which had lead me to feel devastated and having lost my faith in the system and the law of the land, this book comes as a refresher and bring back the hope that Indian Constitution will act as a check on the government and other persons and will make everything better by asserting itself.

It is necessary read for everyone. Whether you are a lawyer or not does not matter. It should be read by every citizen of the country to know the Constitution (which is the basis of the laws of the land).

Manas Gupta says

You have to read the Constitution in order to understand its importance and significance for the nation and its people. The underlying foundation of democracy in India, the Constitution should be the most revered document for all of the people of the nation.

This book By Dr Basu introduces the constitution and its strengths and vulnerabilities. It tells you about the differences and the similarities that the Indian Constitution shares with that of the American, British, Australian, Canadian, Turkish and Irish Constitutions. It also introduces you to the basic structure of parliamentary democracy, federalism, judicial system, union and state legislatures and public service commissions.

The book clearly states the vulnerability that the Indian Constitution faces. The numerous amendments carried out easily by each successive government after 1950 validates his concern. The importance of the constitution is also implied by the numerous interpretations and the referrals to it by the Judiciary from time to time.

The book is good for understanding the power the constitution wields over the nation and its people, but what dissatisfied me a little was just the perfunctory references provided while explaining the content. It would have been more prudent to include a brief description of all the cases in an appended case-story section.

This is a good text to understand the most important document but it would be better if could specify a few things more and could elaborate on the parts that need a little more explanation. For Example: elaboration on why the Assembly chose the parliamentary form of government and not the presidential system of government or on fundamental rights etcetera.

Notwithstanding these issues (which I feel should be addressed), it is still a great text to understand the foundation of Indian Polity.

Gaurav says

Basu comes across as a **passionate** writer. While most other writers of consequence on Indian constitution are dull and drab, the inherent strength of this book is the energy that the author has put in to defend the cherished ideals of the constitution.

While the language is a **bit legalese** (hence complex), the end product is well worth the trouble. Rather than merely encapsulate the summary of the constitution, Basu has infused his book with his own opinions.

While the criticisms of the constitution are well addressed, it seems like a **nationalist perspective** and we hardly come across a critique that has not been debunked. Also the parallel evolution of judicial interpretation could have been a little more substantial. I find that certain landmark cases have recurring mentions while some are totally erased.

Also when the judiciary and executive have been on a collision course again (like on NJAC), the book is **not updated regularly** and will lose its esteemed place unless some scholar updates it. The onus for the same falls squarely on LexisNexis.

Somya Dixit says

One of the most simple and fast way to understand the fundamentals of the Indian Constitution, specially for the new-learners. It is the best source to understand exactly what the framers of the country wanted India to look like.

Abby Varghese says

Review originally posted in Abby's Shelves

Introduction to the Constitution of India is probably the most authoritative text one could come across on this subject. The Indian Constitution is the largest written constitution in the world which is also very complex with so many dimensions. It is in such a scenario where a book like this one plays a crucial role in translating these complex subjects presented in the constitution to a medium that could enable even a layman to understand and study these complex concepts. Dr. Basu does a brilliant job in explaining the dreams and aspirations of the founding fathers, various discussions that lead to the core values, how other constitution inspired us and how it was adapted to match with our social, political and economic scenarios. He also provides us insight into how the Constitution has evolved over time through various amendments introduced by the ruling governments. After a detailed study of various provisions, judicial case studies that defined several of these provisions, the author evaluates its performance to identify certain vulnerabilities that have limited even the checks and balances system of the constitution. Covering such vast field of the study Dr. Basu put forward some suggestions for improvement over the present structure. All these factors together make this book an indispensable text for any political science student or for those who are attempting competitive examinations like UPSC, SSC etc.

Even though this book may seem dry and tiring to most, I myself paused reading this one several times and thus took almost a year to complete; but this is most authoritative text I have come across on this subject. I feel the author has covered (almost) everything one needs to know from an examination point of view. Overall, this text is a capsule of everything one will ever need to know about the Constitution of India for any competitive exams.

Do give a thumbs up if you enjoyed reading this review or comment below if you would love to share your opinion.

Looking forward to hearing from you guys.

Praneeth Uddagiri says

I bought the book considering that it will just revisit all the articles, schedules and provisions contained in the Indian constitution. But what the book got has really impressed. It has very good interpretation of the constitution by Scholarly and impartial academician. Though it is an Herculean task to interpret each and every article and provisions of the constitution the book does it in a neat and concise manner. What's more astonishing about the book is that unlike many other academic books which just get the things done through mere facts this book has done a fair job in interpreting various judgements and correlating them to the aforementioned provisions in the book. Finally as they say if you are preparing for Civils or if want to get a bit of gist of the legislative proceedings happening every day in India it is a must book to read.

Archies says

tough book to understand. dont start reading with this. helpful for students of public administration.
