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## Compulsory Paper Semester- I M.A. Part-I (Political Science)

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### PO-C3 : Political Institutions in India

**Objectives:** The course introduces the student to the leading institutions of the Indian political system and to the changing nature of these institutions. Apart from explaining the structure and functions of the main institutions the course will try to acquaint students with the idea of institutional balance of power as discussed in the Indian constitution and as developed during the functioning of Indian democracy over the past six decades.

#### 1. Nationalist legacies

- a. Unity and Integrity
- b. Democracy
- c. Active state

#### 2. Federal institutions

- a. 'Strong centre' framework
- b. Autonomy and devolution
- c. Multilevel federalism

#### 3. Executive

- a. President and prime minister
- b. Principle of collective responsibility and accountability to the legislature
- c. Role of governor

#### 4. Legislature

- a. Composition and powers
- b. Norms of representation
- c. Legislative supremacy

#### 5. Judiciary

- a. Judicial review
- b. Judicial interpretations of FRs and DPSPs and basic structure doctrine
- c. Judicial activism

#### 6. New institutional mechanisms of governance

- a. Central Information Commission
- b. Central Vigilance Commission
- c. The National Human Rights Commission

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