

Indian Constitution

Group 2 Mains · Paper I · Section B · 75 marks — the official syllabus, then our 6-Sthambham segregation into **25 chapters**.

How to read this

Paper → Section → Sthambham → Chapter → its sub-topics

స్తంభం a pillar that holds up a building — a friendly signpost; read the English name, skip the rest

sub-topic what sits inside a chapter — your actual study units

8c

just a label tying a chapter to the official syllabus line — ignore if new

Woven

AP

Woven = India+AP taught together; AP = Andhra-specific

✓ Every chapter here is placed by hand against the official syllabus — nothing auto-sorted, nothing dropped.

How to use this to study — the method

1. **Read the chapters in order** — Ch 1 onward is built to take a complete beginner from the ground up.
2. **Learn a chapter, then its sub-topics** — the chips are your checklist; cover every one.
3. **Write ONE answer cold** after each chapter — the only proof you've actually learnt it.
4. **Plan in days, write the date** — the **Days** column is a suggested pace (heavier chapters get more). Write the date you **Studied** a chapter, then revise it after **+7 days (R1)**, **+30 days (R2)** and in the **final run-up (R3)** — write the actual date in each box. Circle **Weak/OK/Strong** so revision hits the shaky chapters first.

The official syllabus — word for word

Paper I · Section B · Indian Constitution (75M) · reproduced exactly from APPSC Notification 11/2023.

6. **Nature of Indian Constitution** – Constitutional Development – Salient features – Preamble – Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and their relationship – Fundamental Duties – Amendment – Basic Structure.
7. **Structure and Functions of Indian Government** – Legislative, Executive and Judiciary – Unicameral/Bicameral – Parliamentary Executive – Judicial review – Judicial Activism.
8. **Distribution of Powers** between Union and States; Legislative, Administrative and Financial Relations – Constitutional Bodies – Human Rights Commission – RTI – Lokpal and Lok Ayukta.
9. **Centre-State Relations** – Need for Reforms – Rajmanner, Sarkaria, Punchhi – Unitary and Federal features – Political Parties – Party System – Recognition of Parties – Elections and Electoral Reforms – Anti-Defection Law.
10. **Centralization Vs Decentralization** – Community Development Programme – Balwant Rai Mehta, Ashok Mehta Committees – 73rd and 74th Amendment Acts and Implementation.

How we divide it

6 Sthambhams · 25 chapters

The Constitution is not a story — it is a **building**, so we learn it as **6 స్తంభాలు (Sthambhams)** — the six pillars that hold the building up. The official Units 8–10 each mix two unrelated topics together, so we re-group them: federalism (spread across 8–10) is brought into one pillar.

STHAMBHAM	ENGLISH	THREE-WORD TAG	OFFICIAL	CH
మూలస్తంభం	The Foundation	ప్రతిష్ఠా · హక్కు · కవచం	Unit 6	7
యంత్రస్తంభం	The Machinery	సభ · ఆజ్ఞ · తీర్పు	Unit 7	4
బంధస్తంభం	The Balance	జాబితా · ఘర్షణ · సంస్కరణ	Units 8·9·10	4
కాపలాస్తంభం	The Guardians	కన్ను · ప్రశ్న · వెలుగు	Unit 8 (8c-f)	4
రణస్తంభం	The Arena	చేయి · ఓటు · గద్దె	Unit 9 (9g-k)	3
గ్రామస్తంభం	The Grassroots	మట్టి · గొంతు · నిర్ణయం	Unit 10 (10b-g)	3

PYQ analysis — what the examiner actually asks

140 past Group 2 Mains MCQs (cycles 2016 & 2023) map to these chapters. ★ marks the high-yield chapters — study these first.

Hottest: Ch 9 The Legislature (★); Ch 4 Fundamental Rights (★); Ch 10 The Executive (★); Ch 2 Nature & Salient Features (★); Ch 11 The Judiciary (★).

Cold (0 PYQ, but still in syllabus — don't skip): Ch 8, Ch 17, Ch 22.

Counts are single-pass topic-tagging of the official question bank — directional (hot/cold), not exact. Only two cycles available.

Study & spaced-revision tracker — all 25 chapters

Every chapter, in order. Qs = times asked (2016+2023); ★ = high-yield. Days is a suggested pace. Write the date you study a chapter and each revision date; circle W/O/S for confidence.

CHAPTER	QS	DAYS	STUDIED DATE	WROTE DATE	R1 +7 DAYS	R2 +30 DAYS	R3 FINAL	CONFIDENCE
మూలస్థంభం · The Foundation								
Ch 1 — Constitutional Development	3	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 2 — Nature & Salient Features	13	3						W · 0 · S
Ch 3 — The Preamble	3	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 4 — Fundamental Rights	16	3						W · 0 · S
Ch 5 — Directive Principles (DPSP)	3	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 6 — FR-DPSP Relationship & Duties	1	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 7 — Amendment & Basic Structure	4	2						W · 0 · S
యంత్రస్థంభం · The Machinery								
Ch 8 — Architecture of Government	.	2						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 9 — The Legislature	23	3						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 10 — The Executive	15	3						W · 0 · S
★ Ch 11 — The Judiciary	10	3						W · 0 · S
బంధస్థంభం · The Balance								
Ch 12 — The Federal Design	2	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 13 — Distribution of Powers	5	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 14 — Union-State Relations	7	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 15 — Reform Commissions	4	2						W · 0 · S
కాపలాస్థంభం · The Guardians								
Ch 16 — Constitutional Bodies	9	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 17 — Human Rights Commission	.	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 18 — Right to Information	1	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 19 — Lokpal & Lok Ayukta	2	2						W · 0 · S
రణస్థంభం · The Arena								
Ch 20 — Parties & Party System	2	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 21 — Elections & Electoral Reforms	5	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 22 — Anti-Defection Law	.	2						W · 0 · S
గ్రామస్థంభం · The Grassroots								
Ch 23 — Evolution of Local Governance	3	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 24 — Panchayati Raj — 73rd Amendment	7	2						W · 0 · S
Ch 25 — Municipalities — 74th Amendment	2	2						W · 0 · S
TOTAL — all 25 chapters		55	suggested study days — add a final revision run-up. Fill your own dates above.					

Every chapter, opened into its sub-topics

మూలస్థంభం · The Foundation ప్రతిష్ఠా · హక్కు · కవచం

What the Constitution IS · Unit 6

Ch 1 Constitutional Development 6b 3 Qs

- Regulating Act 1773 · Pitt's Act 1784
- Charter Acts 1813–1853
- Gol Act 1858
- Morley–Minto 1909
- Montagu–Chelmsford 1919
- Gol Act 1935
- Independence Act 1947
- Constituent Assembly

Ch 2 ★ Nature & Salient Features 6a·6c 13 Qs

- Written & lengthiest
- Sources & borrowed features
- Rigid + flexible
- Federal with unitary bias
- Parliamentary form
- Single citizenship
- Secular state

Ch 3 The Preamble 6d 3 Qs

- "We the People"
- Sovereign·Socialist·Secular·Democratic·Republic
- Justice·Liberty·Equality·Fraternity
- 42nd Amendment additions
- Berubari · Kesavananda

Ch 4 ★ Fundamental Rights 6e 16 Qs

Art 12–35 · “State”

Equality (14–18)

Freedom (19–22)

Against Exploitation (23–24)

Religion (25–28)

Cultural & Educational (29–30)

Writs (32)

Maneka · Privacy

Ch 5 Directive Principles (DPSP) 6f 3 Qs

Part IV (36–51) · non-justiciable

Socialist principles

Gandhian principles

Liberal-intellectual

Directives outside Part IV

Ch 6 FR-DPSP Relationship & Duties 6g·6h 1 Qs

FR vs DPSP justiciability

Champakam → Golaknath → Kesavananda → Minerva Mills

42nd & 44th Amendments

Fundamental Duties (Art 51A)

Swaran Singh · 86th Amdt

Ch 7 Amendment & Basic Structure 6i·6j 4 Qs

Article 368 procedure

Three modes of amendment

1st · 42nd · 44th Amendments

Kesavananda → Minerva Mills

Elements of Basic Structure

యంత్రస్థంభం · The Machinery సభ · ఆజ్ఞ · తీర్పు

How power is ORGANIZED · Unit 7

Ch 8 Architecture of Government 7a

Separation of powers

Checks & balances

Parliamentary vs Presidential

Westminster vs Washington

Ch 9 ★ The Legislature 7b·7c 23 Qs

Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha

Unicameral vs Bicameral

State legislatures

Law-making · bills

Money bills

Privileges

Committees · devices

Ch 10 ★ The Executive 7d 15 Qs

President

Vice-President

PM & Council of Ministers

Governor · CM

Collective responsibility

Attorney General

Ch 11 ★ The Judiciary 7e·7f·7g 10 Qs

SC · HC · subordinate courts

SC jurisdiction

Judicial review

Judicial activism & PIL

Independence · collegium

Overreach debate

బంధస్థంభం · The Balance జాబితా · ఘర్షణ · సంస్కరణ

How power is DISTRIBUTED vertically · Units 8·9·10

Ch 12 The Federal Design 9f·10a 2 Qs

Federalism — meaning & features

Federal features

Unitary features · quasi-federal

Centralization vs decentralization

Cooperative & competitive federalism

Ch 13 Distribution of Powers 8a 5 Qs

Union · State · Concurrent Lists

Article 246

Residuary powers

Pith & substance · repugnancy

Ch 14 Union–State Relations 8b·9a·9b 7 Qs

Legislative (245–255)

Administrative (256–263)

Financial (268–293)

Art 356 · Governor · fiscal imbalance

Need for reforms

Ch 15 Reform Commissions 9c·9d·9e 4 Qs

Rajmanner (1969)

Sarkaria (1983)

Punchhi (2007)

Recommendations & implementation

కాపలాస్థంభం · The Guardians కన్ను · ప్రశ్న · వెలుగు

How power is CHECKED · Unit 8 (8c–f)

Ch 16 Constitutional Bodies 8c 9 Qs

Election Commission

UPSC & State PSCs

Finance Commission

CAG

Attorney/Advocate General

SC/ST/BC & minority commissions

Ch 17 Human Rights Commission 8d

NHRC — composition & powers

State HRCs

Protection of Human Rights Act 1993

Limitations

Ch 18 Right to Information 8e 1 Qs

RTI Act 2005

Public authorities

Central & State Info Commissions

Exemptions (Sec 8)

2019 amendment

Ch 19 Lokpal & Lok Ayukta 8f 2 Qs

Ombudsman concept · ARC

2011 movement

Lokpal & Lokayuktas Act 2013

Jurisdiction & powers

Limitations

రణస్థంభం · The Arena వేయి · ఓటు · గడ్డె

How power is CONTESTED · Unit 9 (9g–k)

Ch 20 Parties & Party System 9g·9h·9i 2 Qs

Role of parties

One-party dominance → coalition era

National vs State parties

ECI recognition · symbols

Party funding

Ch 21 Elections & Electoral Reforms 9j 5 Qs

First-Past-The-Post

Model Code of Conduct

EVM · VVPAT · NOTA

Electoral bonds

One nation one election

Ch 22 **Anti-Defection Law** 9k

10th Schedule (52nd Amdt 1985)

Grounds for disqualification

Merger exception · 91st Amdt

Speaker's role

Kihoto Hollohan

గ్రామస్థంభం · **The Grassroots** మట్టి · గొంతు · నిర్ణయం

How power reaches PEOPLE · Unit 10 (10b–g)

Ch 23 **Evolution of Local Governance** 10b·10c·10d 3 Qs

Community Development Programme 1952

Balwant Rai Mehta 1957 (3-tier)

Ashok Mehta 1977 (2-tier)

GVK Rao · L.M. Singhvi

Road to constitutionalization

Ch 24 **Panchayati Raj — 73rd Amendment** 10e·10g 7 Qs

Part IX · three-tier

Gram Sabha

Reservations (SC/ST/women)

State Election & Finance Commissions

11th Schedule (29 subjects)

The 3 Fs

Ch 25 **Municipalities — 74th Amendment** 10f·10g 2 Qs

Part IXA · 3 types of ULBs

Ward committees

12th Schedule (18 subjects)

District & Metropolitan Planning Committees

Urban challenges

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The whole official syllabus, segregated by hand — you study it, you write it, you track it.

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