

UPSC IAS Polity Syllabus 2025

The UPSC Prelims Polity syllabus expects a candidate to know basics about the Indian constitution, including its origin, features and many more. Candidates must also study governing institutions and the evolution of laws in the country.

The complete detail of UPSC prelims polity syllabus is as follows:

Historical Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Company Rule.● Crown Rule.● Regulating Act 1773.● Charter Act 1833.● Government Of India Act 1858● Indian Council Act 1861● Indian Council Act 1909● GoI Act 1935● GoI Act 1947.● Transition Of Power To India● First Cabinet Of Free India
Preamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Objective And Nature Of Preamble● Features● Judicial Cases● Amendability Of Preamble.● Important Facts About The Preamble

Schedules of Indian constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Original Schedules Of Indian Constitution● 9th Schedule.● All 12 Schedules.
Background of Indian Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Demand For Constitution Assembly● Composition Of Constitution Assembly● Committees Involved In Making Of The Constitution● Inspiration For Indian Constitution● Salient Features.● Enactment And Enforcement Of Constitution
Union and Territories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● State Reorganization And Different Commissions● Formation Of States And Ut's● Powers Of Parliament.
Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● PIO, NRI, OCI And Pravasi Bharatiya Divas● Privileges For Indian Citizens And Foreigners● Criteria For Citizenship, Acquisition And Loss Of Citizenship● Recent Rights Related To Overseas Voting.● CAA And NRC.

<p>Fundamental Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nature And Their Significance. ● FR's Provided In The Constitution. ● Judicial Review And Protection Of FR's By Supreme Court ● Writs And Their Significance. ● Six Fundamental Rights And Articles. ● Famous Cases Related To Fr.
<p>Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classification Of DPSP ● Significance Of DPSP ● Conflict Between Fundamental Rights And Dpsp ● Keshavananda Bharathi, Minerva Mills, Golaknath Case, Maneka Gandhi Case Etc. ● Amendment To DPSPs.
<p>Fundamental Duties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swaran Singh Committee And Verma Committee. ● Idea About Fundamental Duties ● Enforcement Of Fundamental Duties ● Amendment To FD.
<p>The Union</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Council Of Ministers, Attorney General. ● Powers And Functions Of Union ● Appointment And Removal ● Powers Vis-À-Vis States

<p>Indian Parliament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Role And Functions Of The Parliament ● Parliamentary Instruments ● Parliamentary Proceedings ● Parliamentary Privileges ● Parliamentary Committees ● Comparison Between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, ● Special Powers Of Rajya Sabha ● Anti-Defection Law And 10th schedule ● Bill And Law -Making Procedure ● Budget, Funds And Its Summary
<p>Judiciary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Powers Of Supreme Court And High Court ● Qualification And Appointment ● Removal Procedure ● Evolution Of Collegium ● District Courts ● Alternative Dispute Resolution. ● PIL And Judicial Activism
<p>State Executive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governor- Qualification, Appointment, Removal. ● Powers Of A Governor ● Chief Minister And Council Of Ministers ● Powers And Functions Of Chief Minister. ● Relation Between Governor And Council Of Ministers, Bommai Case.

<p>State Legislature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Power And Functions. ● Composition ● Bicameral Legislatures ● Creation And Abolition Of The Legislative Councils ● Comparison Between Rajya Sabha And Legislative Councils.
<p>Administration of Union Territories (UT)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Provision For Ut Of Delhi ● Administration and Jurisdiction In UT's ● Legislative And Executive Powers Of UT's
<p>Administration of Special Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th Schedule Areas ● Power and Functions of Tribal Advisory Council ● 6th Schedule Areas ● Autonomous Districts and Autonomous Councils ● PESA ● Special Status For Jammu And Kashmir ● Special Status For Other States
<p>Centre State Relations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Composition And Functions Of Interstate Council And Zonal Council ● Disputes Between States, Controversies, Etc. ● Administrative, Legislative, And Financial Relationships.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Various Committees and Commission.
Emergency Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Emergency- Article 352 ● State Emergency- Article 356 ● Financial Emergency- Article 360 ● Approval, Continuation, And Revocation Of Emergency. ● Effects Of Emergency ● Changes In Federal Structure During Emergency ● Role Of Parliament, President, And Governor During Emergency.
Panchayati Raj and Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Background Of Local Governance ● Evolution Of Panchayati Raj System ● Major Committees. ● 73rd Amendment Act And 74th Amendment Act ● Types Of Urban Government. ● Features Of Panchayati Raj ● Role, Power And Function. ● Decentralization And Local Governance
Constitutional Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Election Commission ● CAG ● UPSC, JPSC, And SPSC ● Finance Commission ● National Commission For SCs, ST's, OBC's.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appointment And Removal Of These Bodies. ● Powers And Functions Of These Bodies.
Non-constitutional Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Human Rights Commission ● Central Information Commission ● Central Bureau Of Investigation ● Central Vigilance Commission ● State Human Rights Commission ● State Information Commission ● Recent Challenges To All These Bodies.
Tribunals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CAT And SAT ● Different Types Of Tribunals, Hierarchy Of Tribunals. ● Purpose And Functions
Special Provisions for Vulnerable Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issues Concerning Sc's, St's, Backward Classes, Minorities And Anglo-Indians.
Current Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recent Political and Governance Issues, Such as ED, Police, Elections, Appointments, Etc. ● Recent Challenges and Issues On Distribution Of Powers, Taxation And Grants, Administrative Reforms, Coalition Politics And Centre-State Relations, Corruption, Bureaucratic Red Tape, And

	Service Delivery, Parliament-State Assembly Interaction, Judicial Oversight-Supreme Court And High Court Interventions
Constitutional Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Important Constitutional Amendments Such As 1, 7 , 24, 38, 42, 44, 69, 86, Etc. And Recent Amendments To The Constitution
Important Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 1 To 50 Articles, Important Articles Of Parliament, State Legislature, Panchayat, Emergency Provisions, Center State Relations.● Articles On President And Governor.● Articles On Constitutional Bodies and Offices Such As SC, HC, EC, CAG, UPSC, etc,