

Indian Polity: Detailed Syllabus (Test-wise)

Test	Date	Day	Topic	Detailed Syllabus (What to cover)
1	08 Jan 2026	Thu	Introduction to the Constitution	Meaning of Constitution; purpose & functions; constitutionalism; types of constitutions (written/unwritten, rigid/flexible); features of Indian Constitution; sources of Indian Constitution; why India adopted a written Constitution; salient features & “unique” features (length, blend of rigidity/flexibility, parliamentary system, federal with unitary tilt, judicial review, etc.); basic constitutional terms (rule of law, sovereignty, republic, democracy, welfare state).
2	10 Jan 2026	Sat	Foundations of the Constitution	Historical background: Company rule → Crown rule; major constitutional developments (Acts/charters as background); Constituent Assembly—composition, elections, role, key committees; making of the Constitution; Preamble (components, key terms, interpretation); Union & its Territory basics (idea of India); Citizenship basics (constitutional provisions); Fundamental Rights (types, articles overview, limitations, reasonable restrictions); DPSP (nature, classification idea, conflict with FR); Fundamental Duties ; Basic Structure doctrine (idea + why it matters).
3	12 Jan 2026	Mon	System of Government	Parliamentary vs Presidential (comparison); features of parliamentary government in India; collective responsibility; role of PM & Council of Ministers; Cabinet system; bicameralism and its rationale; federalism—features, unitary bias, cooperative/competitive federalism; separation of powers (India’s model); checks and balances; emergency provisions overview (national/state/financial—broad framework); amendment procedure (Article 368—types of amendments); party system, anti-defection law (concept + purpose).
4	14 Jan 2026	Wed	Judiciary: Supreme Court – High Courts – Lower Courts	Integrated judiciary concept; Supreme Court : composition, appointment, tenure, jurisdiction (original, appellate, advisory), writs, judicial review, curative/ review ideas, PIL, special leave petition (concept), contempt; High Courts : jurisdiction, writ powers, superintendence; Subordinate judiciary : district courts, judicial officers; judicial independence—features; tribunals (basic idea + issues); judicial accountability: impeachment process (concept), debates on reforms (NJAC idea as concept, collegium as concept), judicial activism vs restraint.
5	16 Jan 2026	Fri	Centre and State Executives	President : election, powers (executive, legislative, judicial, emergency), pardoning power, discretionary powers, veto; Vice-President ; Prime Minister : appointment, powers, role; Council of Ministers : categories, collective responsibility; Governor : appointment, powers, discretionary powers, role in state politics; Chief Minister & State Council ; Advocate General; Attorney General; relationship between nominal & real executive; ordinance-making powers (President/Governor); civil services’ relationship with executive (basic).
6	19 Jan 2026	Mon	Parliament and State Legislatures	Composition of Parliament; Rajya Sabha vs Lok Sabha (powers & roles); Speaker/Deputy Speaker; Chairman/Deputy Chairman; sessions, quorum, voting; legislative procedure (ordinary bills); money bill vs financial bill (core differences); budget process; parliamentary privileges; devices of parliamentary control (questions, motions, zero hour, committees); legislative committees

				(PAC, Estimates, etc. concept); anti-defection in legislatures; state legislature structure—unicameral/bicameral; powers of state legislatures; legislative procedures at state level.
7	21 Jan 2026	Wed	Local Government – UTs – Special Status Areas	Panchayati Raj: 73rd Amendment, three-tier system, Gram Sabha, reservations, State Finance Commission, State Election Commission, 11th Schedule; Urban local bodies: 74th Amendment, municipal structure, 12th Schedule; devolution issues; finances of local bodies; Union Territories: administration, UT with legislature vs without, role of LG/Administrator; Special Status / Special provisions: Fifth & Sixth Schedules (tribal areas), autonomous councils; special provisions for certain states (concept of Article 371 series); border/tribal governance issues; local governance reforms and challenges (capacity, funding, accountability).
8	23 Jan 2026	Fri	Constitutional & Non-Constitutional Bodies	Constitutional bodies: Election Commission, UPSC, CAG, Finance Commission, GST Council, Attorney General (as constitutional office), Advocate General (state), Inter-State Council (conceptual placement), etc.; functions, powers, independence safeguards; Non-constitutional bodies: NITI Aayog, CBI (conceptual), NHRC (statutory), CVC (statutory), Lokpal/Lokayukta (statutory), CIC/ICs (statutory), NCW/NCM/NCSC/NCST (mix—what they are + nature); difference: constitutional vs statutory vs executive bodies; autonomy vs control; issues & reforms.
9	26 Jan 2026	Mon	Other Constitutional Dimensions	Centre–State relations: legislative, administrative, financial; inter-state relations; dispute resolution mechanisms; emergency provisions (detailed lens: types, effects, safeguards, misuse debates); constitutional amendments & landmark interpretations (conceptual); official language provisions; special provisions for SC/ST, minorities; constitutional safeguards for backward sections; constitutional morality & governance; election reforms (concept); RTI & transparency ecosystem linkage; role of civil services in constitutional governance; contemporary constitutional debates (federalism, rights vs security, privacy, etc. as themes).