



ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Value Add-on Course on

Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India

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Syllabus of Ad-on Course

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Course Title: Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India

Course Outcome: This course provides a comprehensive overview of the Panchayati Raj System in India, focusing on theoretical concepts, practical implementation, challenges, and opportunities.

Course Duration: 30 hours

Course Syllabus:

- **Introduction to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (3 hours)**

- A. Overview of local governance in India
- B. Historical evolution of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)
- C. Constitutional provisions related to Panchayati Raj
- D. Importance and significance of decentralisation

Resource Persons: Amit Kumar Bandhu (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

- **Structure of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (6 hours)**

- A. Three-tier structure: Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, and Zila Parishad
- B. Composition and functions of each tier
- C. Role of elected representatives and reservation policies
- D. Relationship between PRIs and other levels of government

Resource Persons: Soumen Bhattacharya & Sipan Khan (External)

- **Functions and Powers of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (6 hours)**

- A. Administrative, financial, and legislative powers of PRI

- B. Decentralized planning and development schemes
- C. Role in rural development, infrastructure, and social welfare programs
- D. Mechanisms for resource mobilization and fiscal decentralization

Resource Persons: Dr. Subrata Nandi & Radharanjan Saha (Internal)

- **Grassroots Democracy and Participation (5 hours)**

- A. Importance of grassroots democracy in India
- B. Participation of marginalized groups and women in PRIs
- C. Role of Gram Sabhas in decision-making and accountability
- D. Challenges and opportunities for enhancing participation

Resource Persons: Sri Abhishek Mitra & Hoimi Mukherjee (External)

- **Issues and Challenges (5 hours)**

- A. Capacity building and training of PRI functionaries
- B. Corruption, nepotism, and power dynamics at the local level
- C. Interference from higher levels of government
- D. Ensuring inclusivity and social justice in PRI functioning

Resource Persons: Gurudas Mondal & Buddhadeb Kambhakar (External)

- **Practices and Case Studies of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (5 hours)**

- A. Successful examples of Panchayati Raj implementation
- B. Innovations in participatory governance and service delivery
- C. Comparative analysis with international models of local governance
- D. Lessons learned and potential for replication.

Resource Persons: Tapasi Dey & Saiful Ansari (External)

Suggested readings:

Maheswari, S.R. (2018), *Local Government in India*.

Sikligar, P.C. (2020), *Panchayati Raj & Rural Development: Policy, Practice & Implication*.

Pillai. K.R., Kumar, R.K.S., Nair, P.S. (2016), *Panchayati Raj Experience in India*.

Reddy, P. N. (2018), *Panchayati Raj Institutions: An Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes*.