DPRIT6: PAPER VI: DIGITAL GOVERNANCE AND E-PANCHAYAT INITIATIVES

Objective:

This paper aims to provide students with an understanding of the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Panchayati Raj Institutions and rural governance. It focuses on e-governance initiatives, digital service delivery, online grievance redressal, mobile governance, and the use of GIS in local planning. The course also highlights digital literacy, cybersecurity, data protection, and the emerging role of Artificial Intelligence in strengthening transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric governance.

Course Outcomes (COs):

CO1: Understand the role of ICT in Panchayati governance.

CO2: Explain e-governance initiatives in PRIs.

CO3: Analyze digital tools for transparency and service delivery.

CO4: Evaluate future prospects of digital governance.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.
2. The question paper will consist of three sections: A, B, and C. Sections A and B will have four questions each from the respective sections of the syllabus and will carry 10 marks each. The candidates will attempt two questions from each section.
3. Section C will have fifteen short answer questions covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 3 marks. Candidates will attempt any 10 questions from this section.
4. The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.
5. The duration of each paper will be three hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:

Candidates are required to attempt any two questions each from the sections A, and B of the question paper, and any ten short answer questions from Section C. They have to attempt questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.

DRPIT6	**Paper VI: Digital Governance and E-Panchayat Initiatives** **Section A** 1. Role of ICT in Panchayats 2. E-governance initiatives 3. Online grievance redressal and digital training 4. Mobile governance in rural service delivery **Section B** 5. GIS in Panchayat planning 6.Dgital literacy in rural areas 7.Cyber security and data protection 8. Role of AI and future prospects of digital governance	M.M – 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -40%

Suggested Readings

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