SYLLABUS

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

DPRIT1: PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM IN INDIA

Objective:

This paper aims to provide students with an understanding of the evolution, structure, and constitutional framework of the Panchayati Raj System in India. It examines the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in democratic decentralization, rural development, and local self-governance. The course also focuses on the functions of Gram Sabha, the relationship between Panchayats and State Governments, and the challenges and future prospects of strengthening grassroots democracy in India.

Course Outcomes (COs):

On completion of this course, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the evolution and constitutional basis of Panchayati Raj in India.

CO2: Explain the structure and objectives of local self-governance.

CO3: Analyze the role of PRIs in rural development and governance.

CO4: Evaluate decentralization and challenges in Panchayati Raj system.

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.

Semester- I

DPRIT1	**Paper I – Panchayati Raj System in India** **Section A** 1. Evolution and history of Panchayati Raj System in India; objectives and significance of local self-governance 2. Structure of Panchayati Raj system – three-tier system 3. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act and its impact 4. Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in rural development **Section B** 5. Decentralization and democratic governance; functions and powers of PRIs 6. Relationship between Panchayats and State Government 7. Role of Gram Sabha in village governance 8. Challenges and future prospects of Panchayati Raj Institutions	M.M - 100 Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass - 40%

Suggested Readings

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