DPRIT5: PAPER II: LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Objective:

This paper aims to familiarize students with the legal and administrative framework governing Panchayati Raj Institutions. It focuses on the Panchayati Raj Act, transparency and accountability mechanisms such as RTI, social audit, Lokpal, and Lokayukta, as well as grievance redressal systems and conflict resolution at the local level. The course also promotes an understanding of ethical governance, judicial oversight, and the rule of law in strengthening democratic and effective local self-government.

Course Outcomes (COs):

CO1: Understand legal provisions governing Panchayati Raj.

CO2: Explain transparency and accountability mechanisms.

CO3: Analyze grievance redressal and conflict resolution systems.

CO4: Evaluate ethical governance and judicial role.

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.

	Paper II: Legal Framework and Administrative Regulations	M.M – 100

DRPIT5	**Section A** 1. Panchayati Raj Act; rights and responsibilities 2. Role of Lokpal and Lokayukta 3. Right to Information (RTI) 4. Social audit **Section B** 5. Grievance redressal mechanisms; Nyaya Panchayats 6. Conflict resolution at local level 7. Ethical governance and code of conduct 8. Role of judiciary in strengthening PRIs	Ext. - 70 Int. - 30 Pass -40%

Suggested Readings

- S. N. Mishra (1997). Panchayati Raj in India. New Delhi: Mittal Publications.
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- S. R. Maheshwari (2008). Local Government in India. New Delhi: Lakshmi Narain Agarwal.
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- B. S. Baviskar& George Mathew (eds.) (2009). Inclusion and Exclusion in Local Governance: Field Studies from Rural India. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
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- UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). Reports on Decentralization and Local Governance in India.