Chanakya National Law University, Patna

Course Title: Local Governance	Course Credit: 1

Objectives

Strengthening local governments is one of the most important governance challenges in today`s India. While high growth -rates have dramatically increased the wealth of some Indians, the vast majority still have little or no access to education, health services, potable water, nutrition and electricity.

A strong and empowered level of Local Governments comprising of Panchyati Raj and Municipalities could stitch accelerated and inclusive growth together with inclusive governance. In democracy strong and vibrant local govt. ensures both active participation and purposeful accountability through local people. It is at this level of local govt. that common citizens can be involved in decision making concerning their lives, their needs and above all their developments.

With this objective in mind students should know what initiatives have been taken by Govt.of india in this regard and what more is required to be done in this field so that majority of people can be brought in the mainstream of development.

Topics to be covered;

1. Historical Background of Local Govt. in India.
2. The panchayati Raj Institutions in the post 73rd Constitutional Amendment Era.
3. The Urban Local Self Govt. in the post 74th Constitutional Amendment Era.
4. Women empowerment through Local Govt.
5. Reservations and Local Govt.
6. Powers and functions of Gram Katchcharis in Bihar
7. Financial Issues of Local Govt.

Suggested Readings-

1.IGNOU Course Materials. on Local Governance

2.NCERT Chapters on Local Governance.

3.2nd Administrative Reforms Commission Report, 2005

4.Chandrashekhar,Lalita.2011 ' Undermining Local Democracy'.London:Routledge

Method of Evaluation:

300 words write-up followed by oral presentation by students

Instructor Details

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