



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA

Semester: IX

B.A./B.B.A. LL.B.(Hons.)

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Local Self-Government Including Panchayat Self-Administration

Credit - 04

Introduction:

Local Self-Government is the study of Panchayati Raj system. The main aim of this paper is to make the students understand the system of local self-government in India, the development of local self-government institutions in India before and after the independence, changing pattern and Constitutional status to panchayat raj and local self-government and its functioning in the state of Himachal Pradesh. India is a democratic country and we are having three levels of governance at National, State, and grassroots level. Grassroots levels are governed by Panchayati Raj and Municipal Institutions that together are referred to as the Local Self-Government. There is a need for appraising the students about the functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions in general and in the State of Himachal Pradesh particularly.

Course Objectives:

1. To make the students understand about the views of our national leader and social reformers.
2. To familiarize the students with the various Committees of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in our country.
3. To make the students understand the Constitutional provisions relating to local self-government.
4. To introduce the students with the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and apprise them with Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Societies Act, 1968.

Learning Outcomes:

On the successful completion of course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the significance of local self-government as self-governing institutions in democratic set up.
2. Describe the changing pattern of Panchayati Raj.
3. Explain the Constitutional provision about local self-governments.
4. Understand how the Panchayati Raj system is working in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Module - I
Local Self-Government

- 1.1. Concept of Local Self-Government;
- 1.2. Historical Background of Local Self-Government;
- 1.3. Theories of Decentralized Local Self-Government;
- 1.4. Challenges Before Local Self-Government;
- 1.5. Local Self-Government as an Alternative to Government System.

Module - II
Changing Pattern and Constitutional Status to Panchayat Raj

- 2.1. Changing Pattern of Panchayat Raj;
- 2.2. Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994;
- 2.3. Concept of Gram Nyayalaya/ Election for Local Self-Government and Election Offence;
- 2.4. 73rd Amendment and Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution;
- 2.5. 74th Amendment and Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution.

Module - III
Institutions of Local Self-Government

- 3.1. Historical Background of Village Administration in India;
- 3.2. Functions and Role of Local Self-Governments in India;
- 3.3. Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat – Composition Powers and Functions in Himachal Pradesh;
- 3.4. Panchayat Samiti - Composition Powers and Functions Himachal Pradesh;
- 3.5. Zilla Parishad - Composition Powers and Functions Himachal Pradesh.

Module - IV
Committees and Reports on Panchayat Raj / Local Self-Government

- 4.1. Recommendations of Ashok Mehta Committee;
- 4.2. The Vasantryao Naik Committee Report;
- 4.3. Recommendations of GVK Rao Committee;
- 4.4. Prem Khandu Thungan Committee Report;
- 4.5. Bhuria Committee Report for Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Area Act, 1986 (PESA).

Prescribed Books:

1. Amit Prakash Jayal, Niraja Gopal, Pradeep Sharma, LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN INDIA: DECENTRALIZATION AND BEYOND, (2007).
2. Dr S. R. Myneni, LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT, (2016).
3. Ram Narayan Prasad, URBAN LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT IN INDIA, (2006)
4. Paridhi Sharma, Harsha Bhalse LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT INCLUDING PANCHAYAT ADMINISTRATION, (Amar Law Publication).

Prescribed Readings:

1. Kuldeep Mathur, PANCHAYATI RAJ: OXFORD INDIA SHORT INTRODUCTIONS, (Oxford India Short Introductions Series 2013).
2. Pradeep Sachdeva, LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN INDIA, (2011).
3. Government of India, REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS, (1978).

Case Laws:

1. *Harnek Singh v. Charanjit Singh* (2005) 8 SCC 383.
2. *S. T. Muthusami v. K. Natarajan* (1988) 1 SCC 572.
3. *Malam Singh v. The Collector, Sehore*, AIR 1971 MP 195.
4. *N. P. Punnuswami v. The Returning Officer*, AIR 1952 SC 64.
5. *Gokul Chandanmal Sangvi v. State of Maharashtra*, 2018 (4) Mh LJ 911.
6. *Ravi Yashwant Bhoir v. District Collector, Raigad*, (2012) 4 SCC 407.
7. *Tarlochan Dev Sharma v. State of Punjab*, (2001) 6 SCC 260.
8. *State of Punjab v. Baldev Singh*, (1999) 6 SCC 172.

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