



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ  
RAJENDRANAGAR, HYDERABAD – 500 030

**Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development (DP-PRGRD)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Batch (2022), 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Course PRGRD–501: DEMOCRATIC DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL  
GOVERNANCE**

**ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS**

**Total Marks: 30**

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**Block–1: Democratic Decentralisation and Local Governance**

1. What is Gandhian Economic Swaraj and how to achieve it?
2. Discuss the importance of Directive Principles of State Policy and discuss how these are different from Fundamental Rights.
3. List out and explain different types of Democracy.
4. Provide in details the salient features of 73rd Amendment Act.

**Block–2: Powers And Functions of PRIs**

1. Discuss different functions of PRIs.
2. Explain types of Gram Panchayats meetings.
3. Describe the importance of Standing Committees of Gram Panchayats.
4. What are the duties and responsibilities of Panchayat secretary of a Gram Panchayat.
5. Discuss the structure and responsibilities of Ward Sabha.
6. What are the functions of standing committee on social audit.

**Block–3: Participatory Decision-Making**

1. Discuss various modes of participation.
2. Explain the problems and benefits of Participatory Decision Making.
3. What are the priority areas in preparing GPDP? How they affect the rural poor in the village?
4. Discuss the importance of Child-centric and Gender-just Gram Panchayat Development Plan.
5. Describe the powers and functions of District Planning Committee.

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**Course PRGRD–502: PANCHAYAT MANAGEMENT**

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**Block–1: Financial Management in Gram Panchayats**

1. Explain the salient features of 'Model Accounting System' for Panchayats
2. What are own source revenues of a Gram Panchayats (GP) and list out different type of Taxes and Non Taxes assigned to GPs for levy and collections
3. What internal controls the Panchayats need to exercise in regulating receipts and expenditure for effective financial management
4. Describe budget cycle and explain the step by step process of budget preparation in Gram Panchayat
5. Discuss the role of State Finance Commission in strengthening the finances of Local Bodies

**Block–2: Panchayat Administration**

1. What follow up action need to be taken by the Panchayats on receipt of Auditor report
2. Describe the process of file maintenance and records management in the context of Panchayati Raj Institutions
3. Describe the key concepts of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and what a Gram Panchayat can do to deliver on SDGs
4. Describe the importance of public service delivery and how "Citizen Charters" guide the Panchayats in improving the quality of public services
5. Describe briefly the functioning Gram Kachari (Village Court) in any one state in the country

### **Block 3–: Core Functions of Gram Panchayats**

1. What is the importance of Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) services in rural area. How 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission grant help in improving WASH services
2. Explain the role of gram Panchayat in implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)
3. What are the challenges in Health Care system in rural areas? What supervisory role a Panchayat can play to improve health indicators
4. Explain the process followed in formulation of “Gram Panchayat Development Plan” (GPDP)
5. Describe the main features of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU GKJ)

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**Course PRGRD–503: SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT**

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**Block – 1: Empowerment of Marginalized Sections**

1. “India is home to the largest number of child labourers.” What role can a panchayat play to tackle this problem?
2. Describe the agenda for the persons with disabilities under SDG 2030.
3. Explain the role of Gram Panchayats in helping the elderly in the village.
4. Define empowerment and describe the types and dimensions of empowerment.
5. Explain the role of Gram Panchayats and Baal Sabha in development of children
6. Describe the different schemes and programmes available for Persons with Disabilities and role of PRIs in the implementation of schemes.

**Block –2 : Inclusive Development in Panchayats**

1. What is social justice? Explain it in Indian context
2. Discuss Gender Responsive Governance and the role of women in Panchayat planning
3. Describe Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting?
4. Discuss the need for Gender Auditing in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
5. Describe in brief the constitutional provisions for empowerment of women in India.
6. Discuss the concepts and approaches to Gender and Development.

**Block –3 : Social Accountability**

1. Explain the role of Gram Panchayat in conducting social audit.

2. Describe the concept of social accountability and discuss the different strengths and challenges of Citizen Report Card.
3. List out the factors, problems and hurdles that lead to poor quality of delivery of public services at local level.
4. Discuss the case studies from Karnataka, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Punjab to showcase the effective service delivery in Gram Panchayats.
5. Describe the process of conducting social audit in MGNREGS and PMAY.
6. Give details of Citizen Report Card as one of the methods of social accountability.

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