

NIRMA UNIVERSITY

Institute:	Institute of Law
Name of Programme:	B.A., LL.B (Hons.), B.Com.LL.B(Hons.)
Course Code:	2COL844
Course Title:	Local Self Government including Panchayat Administration
Course Type:	Department Elective
Year of Introduction	2021-2022

Credit Scheme

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

After the completion of the course the students will be able:

1. Analyse the Concept of Local Self Government and Decentralisation.
2. Understand the evolution of Local Self Government bodies.
3. Appraise the Gandhi's vision on Panchayat Raj.
4. Assess the significance of 73rd and 74th Amendment Act, 1992.
5. Examine the role of local bodies in Scheduled Area.
6. Design the meetings of local bodies.
7. Evaluate the financial power of local self-government bodies.
8. Evaluate the process and reforms in the election of local bodies.
9. Explain the rule making and judicial power of local bodies.
10. Elaborate the role of local self-government in various development plans

Syllabus:

Unit	Syllabus	Total teaching hour: 60 Teaching hours
Unit-I	Concept of Local Self Government	04 Hours
	1.1 Democratic Decentralization and Local Self Government	
	1.2 Panchyati Raj as a Development Institution	
	1.3 Principles of Local Governance	
	1.4 European Charter on Local Self Government	
Unit-II	Panchayati Raj Institutions- A Retrospective	8 Hours
	2.1 Pre-Independence	
	2.2 Post-Independence period	
	2.3 Gandhi's vision on Panchyati Raj	
	2.4 Article 40: Organisation of Village Panchayat and Constituent Assembly Debate	
	2.5 Committees on Panchayat Raj- Balvant Ray Mehta Committee, Ashok Mehta, L.M. Singhvi.	



Unit-III	Constitutional Scheme	10 Hours
	3.1 73 rd Amendment Act, 1992 3.2 74 th Amendment Act, 1992 3.4 Fifth Schedule of the Constitution 3.4 Sixth Schedule of the Constitution	
Unit-IV	Role of Panchayat under Other Laws	04 Hours
	4.1 Panchayats (Extensions to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1992 4.2 The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	
Unit- V	Conduct of Meetings: Municipal Council, Panchayat Committee and Gram Sabha	04 Hours
	5.1 Powers and functions of the local bodies 5.2 The powers of the Gram Sabha 5.3 Meetings of local bodies	
Unit-VI	Financial Power to Panchayat	06 Hours
	6.1 Second Administrative Reform Commission Report 6.2 State Finance Commission 6.3 Levying Taxes 6.4 Licensing Power 6.5 Local Resources for Financial Empowerment 6.6 Centrally Sponsored Scheme	
Unit-VII	Election to Local Bodies	08 Hours
	7.1 Disqualifications 7.2 Regularity of Elections 7.3 Reservation of Posts and Seats 7.4 Removal of Elected Persons 7.5 Post Election Cases 7.6 State Election Commission	
Unit-VIII	Quasi Legislative Power	02 Hours
	8.1 Rule Making power 8.2 Regulations and By Laws	

Unit-IX Judicial and Quasi Judicial Power of Local Bodies 02 Hours

- 9.1 Power to resolve dispute
- 9.2 Nyay Panchayat

Unit-X Issues of Local Self Government as Development 12 Hours
Institution

- 10.1 Poverty Alleviation Schemes
- 10.2 Health and Education
- 10.3 Women's Leadership
- 10.4 Natural Resources Governance and
Community Property
- 10.5 Social Audit
- 10.6 Water Supply and Rural Sanitation
- 10.7 Solid and Liquid Waste Management
- 10.8 E-Governance

**Suggested Reading
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