



# **ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA**

## **Value Add-on Course on Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India**

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**Offered by  
Department of Political Science  
10/09/2024-20/12/2024**

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## Syllabus of Ad-on Course

Conducted by -Department of Political Science

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**Course Title:** Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) in India

**Course Outcome:** This course provides a comprehensive overview of the Panchayati Raj System in India. focusing on theoretical concepts. practical implementation. challenges and opportunities.

**Course Duration:** 30 hours

### Course Syllabus:

- **Introduction to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (3 hours)**

- A. Overview of local governance in India
- B. Historical evolution of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)
- C. Constitutional provisions related to Panchayati Raj
- D. Importance and significance of decentralisation

**Resource Persons:** Amit Kumar Bandhu (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

- **Structure of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIS) (6 hours)**

- A. Three-tier structure: Gram Panchayat. Panchayat Samiti, and Zila Parishad
- B. Composition and functions of each tier
- C. Role of elected representatives and reservation policies
- D. Relationship between PRIs and other levels of government

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Rahul Kabiraj (Internal)

- **Functions and Powers of Panchavati Raj Institutions (PRIS) (6hours)**

- A. Administrative, financial, and legislative powers of PRI

- B. Decentralized planning and development schemes
- C. Role in rural development, infrastructure, and social welfare programs
- D. Mechanisms for resource mobilization and fiscal decentralization

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Subrata Nandi (Internal)

- **Grassroots Democracy and Participation (5 hours)**

- A. Importance of grassroots democracy in India
- B. Participation of marginalized groups and women in PRIs
- C. Role of Gram Sabhas in decision-making and accountability
- D. Challenges and opportunities for enhancing participation

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Abhishek Mitra (External)

- **Issues and Challenges (5 hours)**

- A. Capacity building and training of PRI functionaries
- B. Corruption, nepotism, and power dynamics at the local level
- C. Interference from higher levels of government
- D. Ensuring inclusivity and social justice in PRI functioning

**Resource Persons:** Arunava Banerjee (External)

**Practices and Case Studies of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) (5 hours)**

- A. Successful examples of Panchayati Raj implementation
- B. Innovations in participatory governance and service delivery
- C. Comparative analysis with international models of local governance
- D. Lessons learned and potential for replication

**Resource Persons:** Tapasi Dey (External)

### **Suggested readings:**

Maheswari, S.R. (2018), Local Government in India.

Sikligar, P.C. (2020), Panchayati Raj & Rural Development: Policy, Practice & Implication

Pillai. K.R., Kumar, R.K.S., Nair, P.S. (2016), Panchayati Raj Experience in India.

Reddy, P. N. (2018), Panchayati Raj Institutions: An Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes.