WORKING WITH PANCHAYATS
40 Days Online Course
Commences on 18th December 2019

Objectives

- Understanding the constitutional framework, structure, functions and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in India
- Developing knowledge and skills for effective planning, implementation and monitoring of local level development plans
- Comprehending the role of Panchayats towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Rationale

Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) at the villages, blocks and districts are the foundation of local self-governance in India. The Constitution of India envisages PRIs responsible for preparing local “plans for economic development and social justice”. The role of Panchayats as a governance institution has grown manifold. They have established themselves as the embodiment of representative as well as participatory democracy and consensus decision-making through Gram Sabhas.

Given the centrality of Panchayats in defining the processes that characterise nation’s development, it is pertinent to have a comprehensive understanding of the structure and functions of local governance institutions at village, block, and district levels as well as their relationships with the state and central governments. This knowledge is essential to develop a comprehensive strategy to synergise interventions with local governance institutions for leveraging resources and building capacities within these institutions for greater impact and long term positive changes in favour of the most marginalised. This knowledge would set a foundation to develop competency for facilitating participatory local development planning in partnership with local governance institutions, local community based organisations (CBOs) and other stakeholders.

The role of Panchayats in local development was further bolstered with the adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. The Panchayats are being visualised as instrumental to achieving these goals by localising the SDGs and disaggregation of national targets into village-level planning, implementation and monitoring.

The course on ‘Working with Panchayats’ aims at developing relevant knowledge and skills on the functioning of local governance institutions, ways to enable effective local governance and bring a clear perspective on the role of Panchayats in socio-economic development.

Course Structure

- **Module 1**
  - Introduction to Decentralization & Local Governance Institutions in India
    - Local governance in India: Concepts, Evolution & Models
    - Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) & their Constitutional Framework
    - Local governance in select areas: Schedule Vth & Vth areas

- **Module 2**
  - Constitutional bodies & Committees
    - State Election Commission
    - Central Finance Commission & State Finance Commission
    - District Planning Committee
    - Standing Committees at Panchayat level

- **Module 3**
  - Understanding Decentralized Participatory Planning & Citizen Participation
    - Models of Participatory Planning, Citizen Engagement & Social Audit
    - Contemporary Framework: Gram Panchayat Development Plan

- **Module 4**
  - Panchayati Raj Institutions & Socio-economic development
    - Localising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
    - E-enablement of Panchayats
    - Strategies to work with Panchayats
Course Details - At A Glance

Course code: OC-E-105
Type: Online Course
Language: English
Duration: 40 Days
Launch Date: 18 December 2019
Participants: CSO, CSR, University Student (Post Graduate & Ph.D. Research Scholar), Think Tank, Foundation, Government, and Business Corporation

Fees Details

Fees: INR 8,000 / US$ 113 (Inclusive of 18% Goods & Service Tax and working lunches on workshop days)

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