

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY :: TIRUPATI

PROGRAMME B.A
HONOURS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE,
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Vth Semester Syllabus

Semester	Paper	Hours	Credits
Vth	12 -E-Governance	4	4
Vth	13. Local Administration	4	4
Vth	14 A. Political Reporting Or 14 B. Legal literacy – Rights Awareness	4	4
Vth	15A. Electoral Politics & Voting Behaviour (Or) 15 B. Legislative Procedures and Practices	4	4

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Paper: 12 E GOVERNANCE

Unit: 1

Brief Introduction to Governance-E-Governance –Meaning, Definition Nature, Scope, Objectives and Significance-Domains of E-Governance- E Governance and Good Governance-Global trends in the growth of E-Governance.

Unit: 2

E-Governance in India-National E-Governance Plan (NeGP)-National Informatics Centre-Strategies for E-Governance-E-Governance Implementations: Required infrastructure of Network, Computing, Cloud Governance, Data system, Human resources, Legal and Technological infrastructure- Major E-Governance Projects and Initiatives: Gyandoot, Echoupal, E-Bhoomi, E-Seva, CARD, E-Panchayat, Real Time Governance (RTG) etc.

Unit: 3

Role of Information and Communication Technology in Administration, Effective delivery of services for public utilities through E-Governance-Online filing of complaints, application registration, issuance of certificates, issuance of land records, online payments of fees, dues etc, tendering, easy access to information and E-Governance in Social security and welfare schemes: Direct transfer of benefits, Biometric authentication through Aadhar, etc.

Unit: 4

E-Governance under Information Technology Act-Legal status for digital transactions-Public Private Partnership and expansion of E-Governance.

Unit: 5

E-Governance-Transparency and Accountability at gross root level-Issues and Challenges: Digital Divide, Capacity Building, Cyber Security in Cyber Crimes, Socio-political implications, Issues of integration, Networking with NGOs.

Paper: 13 Local Administration

Unit: 1

Local Government: Meaning, Nature and Importance, Thoughts on Local Governments by M.K.Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, Important Committees: Balwant Rai Mehta (1957), Ashok Mehta (1978), L.M.Singhvi(1986).

Unit: 2

Decentralization of powers (Political, Administrative and Economic) from the States to Local

Institutions- 73rd and 74thConstitutional Amendment Acts-Empowering Local Governments Decision making powers during crisis and disasters-Relationship between local government authorities and Central and State Government service providers-Role of District Collector in strengthening LGIs.

Unit: 3

Revenue raising avenues for Local Governments-Grants, Aid and support from Centre and State Governments-Public Private Partnerships-Concept of Local Development-Village as a unit, SWOC analysis of a village, existing conditions, expected developmental opportunities, the gap, natural, government and private resources, year-wise planning, finances required Role of Local Governments in implementation of welfare and developmental programmes i.e., (MGNREGS), (SGSY), (IAY) and (PURA).

Unit: 4

Challenges for Local Administration, Financial, administrative and Political Constraints Public relations in Local Administration-Need for training for elected representatives and other stakeholders-Audit training and Participatory training.

Unit: 5

Preparation of Reports-Minutes and Documentation-Types of Reports, Content of Minutes Methods of Documentation-Best practices of Reporting on functioning of Local Administration Use of ICT in documentation.

Paper :14 A: Political Reporting

Unit: 1

Introduction to Political Reporting-Nature-The role of Mass Media in Political Reporting Press, Radio and Television-State Meaning, Nature and role in Developments Political Issues and Dynamics.

Unit: 2

Organs of the Government-Union, State and Local Governments and Judiciary-Reporting on their working and assessment- Ethics for political reporter-Role and responsibilities of Press Freedom of press and its limitations.

Unit: 3

Political News-Meaning, Nature and Forms of Political News-Sources of Political News and its Limitations-Working of Lobbies and Pressure Groups in Political Reporting.

Unit: 4

Writing Reports-Background Information-Framing and crafting Political Stories-Watchdog of enforcement of States' Laws, Rules and Regulations-Political Reporting in deadline situations, Reporting on Political Campaigns.

Unit: 5

Political Reporting Skills-Interviewing-Types and Forms of Interviewing and Techniques Questionnaire – Opinion Polls-Writing Blogs-Role in citizen's civic engagement, political communication, and political participation-Analysing politician's media strategy.

Paper 14.B LEGAL LITERACY- RIGHTS AWARENESS

Unit: 1

Brief understanding of Legal Literacy-Rights and Duties of citizens-Indian Constitution Fundamental Rights and other constitutional rights and enforcement of certain rights under Article 21 with emphasis on Public Interest Litigation.

Unit: 2

Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction-Provisions relates to FIR, Arrest, Bail, Search and Seizure Important offences under Indian Penal Code-Offences against Women-Dowry, Sexual harassment and violence, Juvenile justice.

Unit: 3

Anti-terrorist laws-Implication of security and protection of Human Rights-Laws relating to Consumer rights and Cybercrimes.

Unit: 4

System of Courts and Tribunals and their jurisdiction in India-Civil and Criminal courts, Writ jurisdiction, specialized courts such as Juvenile courts, Mahila courts etc.

Unit: 5

Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 and Right to Free Legal Aid-Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR), Lok Adalats and Conduct of Legal Literacy camps-Role of NGOs in promoting legal awareness.

15. (A) ELECTORAL POLITICS AND VOTING BEHAVIOUR

Unit: 1

Electoral Democracy - Electoral Politics in India- Pre and Post-Independence, Nature, Characteristics -Electoral Process: Nature and Significance.

Unit: 2

Election Commission of India: Composition, Powers and Functions-Merits and Demerits of Electoral system in India-Political Participation-General Elections in India since 1952Elections to Local Bodies-State Election Commission.

Unit: 3

Issues in Electoral Politics: Corruption, Money power, rigging, booth capturing, undemocratic party system, politics of Political Defections and Reservations-Need of Reforms in present Electoral System-Reports of Tarkunde, Goswamy, Indrajeet Gupta Committees.

Unit: 4

Public Opinion: Meaning and its role in Democratic Politics-Voting Behaviour: Meaning, Nature and determinants of voting behaviour: Caste, Religion, Language, Region etc.

Unit: 5

Management of Elections: Moral Code of Conduct, Filing Election Nominations and Affidavits Use of new techniques and methods in election campaigns: Membership drive, Responsibility Management, Booth Management, New ways of generating funds, Polling research, Opinion Polls, Predictions, Techniques of interpreting collected election data, use of print, electronic and social media in elections.

15. (B) Legislative Procedures and Practices

Unit: 1

Brief Introduction on Legislative bodies, roles and responsibilities-Constitutional Provisions of Legislative Procedures: Articles 107-122, Kinds of Bills: Ordinary Bills, Money Bills, Finance Bills, Constitution Amendment Bills and Private Member Bills.

Unit: 2

Powers and Functions of People's Representatives in Legislative Process: Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislatures, Political Heads of Rural and Urban Local Governments.

Unit: 3

Drafting of the Bill-First Reading and Departmental Standing Committee-Second and Third Reading-Framing rules and regulations, Passage of the Bill, Consent by the President of India and Gazette Notifications.

Unit: 4

Legislative Committees in India: Role in reviewing government policies, finances, programmes and legislation, Types of Committees: Department Standing Committees, Select Committees, Joint Parliamentary Committees, Public Accounts Committee, Estimates Committee, Business Advisory Committee, Ethics Committee etc.

Unit: 5

Budget process: Reviewing the Union Budget, Examination of Demands for Grants of Ministries, Working of Ministries-Motions and Hours in the House: Question Hour: Rules of putting questions, Types of Questions-Rules relating to Calling Attention Motion, Adjournment Motion, Privilege Motion, Censure Motion, No-Confidence Motion, Cut Motion including Resolutions, Discussion and Short Discussion.