



Venutai Chavan College Karad

Department of Political Science

Panchayat Raj

About:

A Panchayat Raj course is an academic program that focuses on the study of Panchayat Raj institutions, which are a system of local self-government in India. The course typically covers:

1. Introduction to Panchayat Raj: History, evolution, and significance
2. Constitutional framework: 73rd Amendment and relevant laws
3. Structure and function: Gram Panchayat, Block Panchayat, and District Panchayat
4. Powers and responsibilities: Devolution of powers, funds, and functions
5. Rural development: Schemes, programs, and initiatives
6. Decentralization and democracy: Participation, transparency, and accountability
7. Financial management: Budgeting, accounting, and auditing
8. Rural governance: Challenges, issues, and best practices
9. Case studies: Success stories and lessons learned

Course objectives:

1. Understand the concept and significance of Panchayat Raj
2. Analyse the constitutional and legal framework
3. Explain the structure, function, and powers of Panchayat Raj institutions
4. Discuss rural development schemes and programs
5. Apply principles of decentralization and democracy
6. Develop skills in financial management and rural governance

Mission:

1. Students of political science, public administration, and rural development
2. Government officials and employees
3. Panchayat members and leaders
4. NGOs and civil society organizations working in rural areas
5. Anyone interested in local self-government and rural development

Course duration:

1. Certificate course: 6 Months