

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE
for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS
SYLLABUS

Semester: 6 Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1643** Course Name: **Decentralisation and Participatory Democracy**
Instruction Hours/Week: **5** Number of credits: **4**

Aim of the Course

The course intends to provide a detailed understanding about democratic decentralization, participatory governance with emphasis on India and Kerala

Objectives of the course

1. To impart knowledge about tools of participatory democracy
2. To inculcate skills for capacity building activities in local self governing institutions.

MODULE I - Decentralisation: meaning and importance, Dimensions of Decentralisation- Functional, Financial, administrative and Political. Various perspectives of Decentralisation – Liberal, Socialist, Gandhian.

MODULE II - Participatory Democracy- meaning and importance – participatory Planning – the experience of Peoples Planning in Kerala.

MODULE III - Decentralised administration in India –Local Self governing Institutions in India evolution and growth – the new Panchayatiraj and Nagarpalika system –73rd and 74th Amendment of the constitution – Features – Structure and functions. PRI's and Nagarpalika at work – Organisation – Structure and Functions

MODULE IV - Grassroots democratic institutions – Grama Sabha – Social Audit-Self Help Groups – Kudumbasree–their role in rural empowerment

BOOKS

1. Anthony L Hall Social Policy for Development, Sage, New Delhi,2004
2. Baviskar B S, Inclusion and Exclusion in Local Governance,Sage, New Delhi, 2009
3. Jah S N S, Decentralisation and Local Politics,Sage, New Delhi,19991
4. Joseph T M , Local Governanance in India, Concept, 2007
5. Girish Kumar, Local Democracy in India,Sage,New Delhi,2006
6. Gupta D N, Decentralisation,Need for Reforms,Concept,2004
7. Hoshiar singh, Local Governance concepts and Networks,RBSA Publishers,Jaipur,2000
8. Issac Thomas T M and Richard Franke, Local Democracy and Development, Leftword, New Delhi,2000

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