

**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN'S (AUTONOMOUS), VISAKHAPATNAM  
B.A. HONORS POLITICAL SCIENCE IV YEAR 2020-2021(Admitted batch)**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PAPER-II: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN INDIA**

**VII SEMESTER**

(W.e.f. 2020-21 Admitted Batch)20AH

**POL 7502(4)**

**Marks:60**

**Time: 3 hrs.**

**Objectives: The student will be able**

- To know the construct development related infrastructure
- To know the democratic and accountable government for local communities
- To understand social and economic development
- To promote safe and healthy environment.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Knows the structure and operation of state and local governmental institutions.
2. Familiarizes with various Committees on Local Governments
3. Understands the rural Governance in India
4. Generates knowledge on Urban Local Government.
5. Estimates the challenges faced by the Local Self Governments.

**Unit I: Introduction and Evolution**

1. Local Government: Concept, Meaning, Nature, Scope
2. Brief History of Local Government: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern.
3. Importance of Local Governments

**Unit II: Committees and recommendations on Local Self Governments Post**

**Independent:**

1. Balwant Roy Mehta
2. Ashok Mehta
3. G.V.K Rao
4. L.M. Sanghvi
5. P.K. Tungan

**Unit II: Rural Local Government Institutions**

1. Rural Local Government: Grama Panchayat Structure and Powers
2. Zilla Parishad: Powers & Functions
3. Concept of Smart Village - 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.

**Unit III: Urban Local Government Institutions**

1. Urban Local Governments: Nagar Panchayat
2. Municipal Corporation: Powers & Functions
3. Concept of Smart City - 74th Constitutional Amendment Act

**Unit IV: Developmental Programs**

1. Local Government and Development - Rural Development Programs - Rural Problems
2. Urban Development Programs and Urban Problems
3. Women Empowerment in Local Government

**Unit V: Challenges to Local Government Institutions**

1. Challenges to Indian Local Governments
2. Local Leadership –Party politics
3. Village/ Ward Secretariat: Structure and functions

**Recommended Books**

1. S.R. Maheswari, 'Local Government in India', Laxmi Narayan Agarwal, Meerut
2. Hoshyar Singh, 'Local Government; India, Britain France and America'; Kitab Mahal, Cuttack, Orissa
3. 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.
4. S.R. Maheswari, 'Rural Development in India, Second Edition', Sage Publications India

**References**

1. R. Mudgal, 'Local Self Government in India', Book Enclave Publishers, Jaipur
2. Pradeep Sachdeva, 'Local Government in India', Pearson Publishers, Delhi
3. A.P Government Gazette.

**Activities:** Assignments – Quiz – Group Discussion – Collection of News Paper Clippings – Classroom Debates – Identifying Rural Problems – Identifying Urban Problems - Visiting Ward/Village Secretariat – Power point Presentations – Field Visit to Government Establishments.