

IDC Understanding Governance

Course Objectives:

- ◆ This paper deals with concepts and different dimensions of governance highlighting the major issues in contemporary times.
- ◆ It will facilitate understanding of the importance of the concept of and practice governance, which is essential for students across disciplines.
- ◆ It simultaneously focuses on environment, administration, development.

Learning Outcomes:

- ◆ Students will be acquainted with the changing nature of governance in the era of globalization.
- ◆ Students will acquire knowledge of some of the most contemporary motive forces of governance.
- ◆ The students become familiar with a rigorous introduction to the best practices in India on governance.

Module I

1. Governance: meaning, genesis, evolution and importance. 'Government' and "Governance".
2. Idea of 'Good Governance'. Relations with development and democracy.
3. Role of State, Market and Civil Society since 1990s (with some focus on India).

Module II

4. Major issues in Governance I: People's Participation. Public Service Delivery.
5. Major issues in Governance II: Citizens Charter; Right to Information.
3. E- Governance. Green Governance. [Major features, Case Studies and challenges]
[India will be the prime case of discussion in Module II]

Select Readings

- Shivani Singh ed.: Governance--- Issues and Challenges.
B. C. Smith: Good Governance and Development.
B. Chakrabarty and M. Bhattacharya (eds.): The Governance Discourse.
Surendra Munshi and Biju Paul Abraham (eds.): Good Governance, Democratic Societies and Globalisation.
Vasudha Chotray and Gery Stroker: Governance Theory: A Cross Disciplinary Approach.
C.S.R. Prabhu: E-Governance---Concepts and case Studies.
D. Bollier and B. H. Weston: Green Governance.