

**BPP-501: Decentralised Governance, Institutions and Public Policy**

**Unit-1:** International : Role of International Agencies in Policy Making. UN and Specialised Agencies. IMF, The World Bank, The UNESCO. UNDP, The role of other Multinational and Transnational Agencies

**Unit-2:** National: Role of inter-governmental Relations in Policy Making, Role of Policy Commission ,Supreme Court ,Constraints in Public Policy Formulation, Role of peer groups

**Unit-3:** State: Centralised Policy Process: Friction between Central and State Government Relations, Role of Civil Society Organisations

**Unit-4:** Local: Democratic Decentralisation: Concept, Evolution, Significance ; Democratic decentralisation in India: Legislative Framework, Empowerment, Components of Decentralised Development , Partnership among different levels of Government, Impact of Decentralised Development

**References:**

1. M .Lakshmikan : Governance in India
2. Orient black swan: Decentralisation Governance and Development :An Indian Perspective

**BPP-502: Federalism In India**

**Unit - 1:** Background, evolution and Nature of Federalism since 1947; Developments in Indian Federalism since 1947

**Unit - 2 :** Centre-State Relations with reference to Emergency and Financial powers; Demand for State Autonomy; Sarkaria Commission Report, Finance Commission

**Unit - 3 :** Inter-State Councils; Regional Parties and their impact on the Federal process; Recent Trends and Prospects.

**Unit - 4 :** Issues of North Eastern States; North - East Council; Disturbances in states on International Boundaries: Diagnosis and suggestions

**References:**

1. B. Arora and D.V. Verney (eds.) Multiple Identities in a single state: Indian Federalism in Comparative perspective (New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research, Konark, 1995)

2. D.D. Basu An Introduction to the Constitution of India (New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 1994)
3. A. Chanda Federalism in India: A study of Union State Relations (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1965)

### **BPP-503: Gender Issues**

**Unit – 1:** Concept of Gender; Social structure and gender; Gender discrimination, Consequences of gender discrimination other than health area; Demographic profile and meaning for women

**Unit – 2:** Gender in the context of development; Economic empowerment of women in India and other developing countries; Gender and health; Women and child development

**Unit – 3:** Violence against women; Political empowerment of women; Leadership development of women in India – Past and present;

**Unit – 4:** Global issues related to gender; Legal aspects related to gender: MTP, Sex Determination, Prostitution, homosexuality; etc.

#### **References:**

1. Ram Ahuja: Gender Issues
2. Parul Sharma: Gender Issues and Human Rights
3. Bhagwati Das: Gender Issues in Development: concern for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **BPP-504: Issues of Contemporary Relevance**

**Unit – 1:** Social Issues- Reasons, Forms and Remedies, HDI

**Unit – 2:** Economic Issues- Inflation, Poor Education Standards and Poor Infrastructure, Balance of Payments Deterioration, High Private Debts, Large Budget Deficit and Rigid Labour Laws

**Unit – 3:** Environmental / Natural Resource Issues- Acidification, Biodiversity, Air Quality, Climate Change, Consumerism, Deforestation, Eco-Tourism, Euthrofication, Global Warming, Environmental Health and Environmental Impact Assessment

**Unit – 4:** Global Issues- Lack of Economic Opportunity and Employment, Food and Water Security, Lack of Political Freedom and Political Instability. Safety , security and well being, Religious Conflict , Large Scale Conflict and wars

#### **References:**

1. Vivek S. Raj : Contemporary Issues in India
2. Madhav Gadgil : Ecology and Equity

### **BPP-505: Ethics, Public Policy and Governance**

**Unit -1:** Ethical Foundation of Governance , Social Accounting, Interaction with society, Ethics, Professional ethics, Ethical theories

**Unit - 2:** A code of ethics for professionals, Citizen's Charter, Ethical decision-making

**Unit - 3:** Governance concepts, Major codes and guidance on corporate governance, Overview of corporate governance, Corporate social responsibility, Social audits and their relationship to CSR reporting

**Unit - 4:** International perspectives on corporate governance; Codes and guidance; Governance failures and improvements, Alternative perceptions about the responsibilities of organizations, Corporate governance mechanisms aimed at improving social and environmental performance

#### **References.**

1. G. Subbarao: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude
2. Patrick J. Sheeran : Ethics in Public Administration