MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work (MSW)

SWS 556: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION & LOCAL SELF GOVERNANCE

Objectives:

- Recognize the key concept of citizenship, participation and government institutions.
- Develop critical understanding of the functioning of local government institutions.
- Acquire understanding of the role of social work in promoting citizen participation in governance and effective functioning of local self government institutions.

Course Content:

UNIT - I

Concept of citizenship, rights and duties of citizens and citizen leadership, Concept of people participation; principles and significance of people's participation, Definition of the term governance and local self governance.

UNIT - II

Local self Government institutions: Concept and History, 73rd and 74th constitutional amendment bill. Rural local self governments : Concept, Structure, and Function. Urban Local Self Government : Concept, Structure, and Function.

UNIT – III

Panchayat Raj Institutions in Karnataka(1993) and 2015 Amendment –Structure, functions and finances. Participation of women, S.C.s, S.T.s, O.B.C.s, in Panchayat Raj Institutions. Significance of Grama Sabha. Critique of Panchayat Raj system.

UNIT – IV

Role of civic society organizations, N.G.O's, media, people based community organizations in good governance. Factors promoting and hindering civil society participation in governance. Importance of training for PRIs, Case study of ANSSIRD Mysore.

UNIT – V

Role of Social workers in promoting participatory good governance: Direct intervention- In Rural and Urban Local self Government. Mobilization and organization- roles in relation to ward committees, Grama Sabha, Children Grama Sabha, Women Grama Sabha. Use of RTI Act (2005) and Consumer forum as a tool for empowerment.

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