

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

End Term Examination - Nov - 2023

Semester: UG VII Semester

Subject: Local Self Governance (Optional)

Time: Three Hours

Marks: 100

*Instructions:*

1. All questions carry equal marks.
2. Kindly answer any five out of six questions.

Q 1) Briefly explain the role of the Vikas Adhikari under the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 with the help of relevant provisions.

(Marks 20)

Q 2) "While it is widely acknowledged that the amendments to the Constitution to set up the institutions of local self - governance have been near revolutionary. There are several challenges in making them fulfill their promise." Discuss with the help of relevant examples.

(Marks 20)

Q 3) Write short notes on the following –

- a. The role of the Gram Sabha.
- b. District Planning Committee.

(Marks 10x2 = 20)

Q 4) "Despite reservation participation of Women in PRI's is still a struggle. Legislative Acts have given them new avenues of empowerment, but social constraints appear as serious obstacles." Do you agree with the aforementioned statement? Kindly submit your opinion with the help of relevant examples.

(Marks 20)

Q 5) Discuss and explain the key recommendations of the Ashok Mehta Committee for local self-governance.

(Marks 20)

Q 6) "India has a three tier structure of governance, that is National, State and Local. However, a fourth tier has emerged in the form of Parastatals. The Parastatals have their own capital and decision making powers, and none of the members are elected representatives of the people. These are involved in city planning and development works, including land acquisition. They are multiple in number which varies from state to state, and have defined functions either backed by an Act or a notification by the State Government. The development of city includes not just development of physical infrastructure but deals with several other functional areas, which include town planning, land use, construction of buildings, economic and social development, roads,



highways, bridges, water supply, sanitation, public health, solid waste management (SWM), etc. As mentioned above, apart from three-tier structure defined in Constitution of India, the existence of fourth level of multiple parastatals complicates the governance structure of the city. The functions of ULB in the city often overlaps with functions of these parastatals resulting in challenges related to powers, authority and coordination between multiple agencies."

Comment with the help of relevant examples.

(Marks 20)