

## **CERTIFICATE COURSE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

### **FOR UG/PG STUDENTS IN VIMALA COLLEGE, THRISSUR.**

Nature of the Programme: Certificate Course in Local Governance

Implementing Institution : Vimala College, Thrissur

Collaborating Institution: Kerala Institute of Local Administration

Objective of the Programme: To equip young women in Vimala College on Local Governance

Duration 30 Hrs (5 Saturdays of 6 hrs duration)

Participants 60 selected women in Vimala College who attend UG/PG Courses

#### **Rationale of the Course:**

Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur is a first grade women's College, established in 1967. The College offers 16 Undergraduate and 13 Postgraduate programmes, and three research centres. This multi-faculty Institution has an enrolment of around 2500 students, 120 faculty members and 36 non teaching staff. The three NAAC Accreditations bestowed on the Institution Five Star Status (2001) and A Grade (2008 and 2014). The Institution was accorded autonomy in 2015 and conferred the status of College with Potential for Excellence in 2016.

Apart from regular programmes approved by the University of Calicut, the College conducts add-on courses designed by various departments of the college. A few such courses are supported by UGC, but majority of the courses are self-funded with nominal fee. The sessions of the courses are taken by college faculty and a team of external resource persons. These courses are beneficial for the students as they add value for their degree. Along with discipline specific courses and other add-on programmes, we would like to initiate a Certificate Course on Local Governance.

The objective of the course is to inculcate civic sense in young women and enhance their capacity to understand and participate in democratic processes of the State. Through this course the students will learn about the local governance system in India, participatory development and role of women in nation building. The outcomes of the course will be increased capacity of women to understand local administration system, implementation of development projects through local governance, and increased participation of women as representatives and administrators. For majority of the students in Vimala College, the career option is state and national level government departments. Hence this will be a foundation course for students who

aspire for civil service and other government/non-government jobs. Above all, this course will definitely create an interest in young women to become leaders of Panchayati Raj and Nagar Palika Institutions.

***Couse Content: History of Local Governance in India, 73rd and 74th Amendments, Panchayati Raj System and Local Governance in India, Functions, Planning for Local Governance, Women Leadership and Gender Equity in Local governance, Need assessment of a community, Formulation of Project Proposal for local development, monitoring and implementation, Development of vulnerable groups- Policies, programmes.***

**Methodology :** Class room sessions, Assignments, Exposure visits

**Evaluation:** Grades will be awarded to the participants based on the evaluation of assignments, project proposals and examinations

**Attendance:** Participants having 80 percent attendance in the courses will be evaluated and graded.

**Certificates:** Certificates will be awarded to every successful candidates

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