



**Online Refresher Course on  
“Trends and Issues of Governance in India”  
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Governance is the fundamental yardstick to measure the quality of governments. The idea of governance emerged in the 1980s to redefine the nature and function of governments around the world. However, the concept gained its popularity in the 1990s as the state-driven political and economic policies failed to redress major problems of the society. The failure of state-controlled policies led to the increasing significance of the concept of governance rather than government. This shift from government to governance is a major development to contend with present and future challenges. It means apart from the role of the state, other major actors such as market and civil society significantly determine policy-making, policy implementation and policy evaluation process of governments. However, the debate on the governance concept and its application to examine policy is not easy. The involvement of multiple actors to influence and decide a policy is a complex process. The question is how the government makes a proper balance among three important actors— state, market and civil society— as different actors have divergent and conflicting interests. Currently, India faces multiple social, economic and political challenges, and how multiple actors perceive and interpret such problems are pertinent questions which need to be discussed and examined. Against this background, this refresher course attempts to address and elaborate on recent trends and issues of governance in India. The following sub-themes are proposed.

1. Concept of Governance: Its emergence, challenges and prospect
2. Governance and Economic Development
3. Governance and Gender
4. Governance and Marginalised Communities
5. Governance and E-Governance
6. Governance and Environment
7. Governance and Civil Society/non-state actors
8. Governance and political challenges
9. Global Governance: Issues and Emerging Challenges

#### **About the University**

**University of Allahabad** is a Central University. The University has always occupied an esteemed place among the Universities of India for over a century. Established on 23rd September 1887, it is the fourth oldest University of India. The primary vision of the University is advancement of knowledge through innovation, participation and transmission of ideas. The Mission of the University embodies by the slogan ‘as many Branches, so many Trees’ that embraces ideas and knowledge from different branches of learning. The strength of the University students is approximately 65000 at UG, PG and PhD levels. It has Science, Arts, Commerce and Law faculties. It strives to inculcate creativity and honesty among students.

## **About the Department of Political Science**

The Department of Political Science, being the second oldest department in the county, was established in 1927. The department strives to provide the best education to the students and motivate them to acquire cognitive and political skills. The faculties have vast experiences and diversified research interests. The department offers BA, MA and PhD programmes.

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