



## **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development**

(Institute of National Importance by the Act of Parliament No. 35/2012)

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India

Sriperumbudur – 602 105



## **CBCS Syllabus (NEP 2020 Compliant)**

### **M.A. Public Administration**

wef 2025 – 2026 Academic Session

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## **About the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)**

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, is an Institute of National Importance established by an Act No.35/2012 of the Parliament of India, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. It functions as a vital resource centre by offering academic programmes, viz., undergraduate, Postgraduate, Ph.D., and Diploma programmes, encompassing various dimensions of youth development, engaging in seminal research in the vital areas of youth development and conducting training programmes catering to the need of youth across the country. RGNIYD has close cooperation with various state agencies, NSS, My Bharat / NYKS, Academic Institutions, Research Organisations, reputed Development Organisations in the implementation of training programmes. Being an apex body for youth development, the RGNIYD strives to develop into a globally recognised and acclaimed centre of academic excellence in the field of youth development, fully responsive to the national agenda for inclusive growth, and the needs and aspirations of young people of the country to realise their potentials to create a just society.

## **Department of Public Administration**

### **Vision**

- To be a leading Department in the country towards developing a pool of well-trained human resources who will work for realising good governance and vibrant democracy.

### **Mission**

- To produce employable graduates with knowledge, attitude and skills to perform effectively and efficiently in working with state and non-state actors to contribute towards nation-building.
- To empower the learners as a 'critical mass' with commitment, compassion, dynamism, professionalism and vision by imparting knowledge in diverse domains of government, politics and civil society.

## **M.A. Public Administration – An Overview**

This programme structures multi-dimensional and inter-sectoral knowledge-base for strengthening state and non-state actors. The curriculum enables the youth to analyse the dynamics of governance and to equip them with the requisite skills towards realising local economic development and social justice. It is expected to enhance their leadership potentials as change agents. The curriculum is dynamic and updated in tune with the pressing needs and demands of the field. The programme includes four streams of specialisations such as Local Governance and Development, Public Policy, Political Leadership & Management, and Civil Society. Courses in each stream have been carefully curated and to enable the learners to receive relevant knowledge, develop attitude and acquire requisite skills in the respective domain. It empowers the learner to apply the principles of 'Horizontal Learning' to identify, share and adapt the best practices to realise 'good governance'. Thematic workshops, learning journey, internship, field-based studies, social laboratory, experiential learning, etc. add value to the programme and enhance the employability of the learners in diverse work settings.

## **Objectives of the Programme**

- \* To empower the learners to actively participate in governance and development as 'Subjects' rather than as 'Objects', i.e., to take part in the process as 'informed citizens' rather than as 'beneficiaries'.
- \* To empower the learners as responsible citizens with social relevance, by providing relevant inputs for enhancing knowledge, attitude and skills in the dynamic subject domains.
- \* To enable the learners to actively contribute towards 'deepening democracy' and realising 'inclusive governance and sustainable development' by enhancing their potentials as informed citizens and empowered leaders in diverse walks of life.
- \* To enable the learners to contribute their time and energy in a gainful and productive manner towards empowerment of State actors and non-State actors from the local to national level.

## **Major Highlights of the Revised Curriculum**

- NEP 2020 Compliance
- Wide basket of choices to the students
- Stream Electives – Four streams of Specialisation such as -
  - Local Governance and Development
  - Public Policy
  - Political Leadership and Management
  - Civil Society
- Specialisation includes six courses, internship and dissertation in line with the stream
- Thrust on 'Research' and requisite skills in all the semesters
- Adoption of flexible entry/ exit option after one year
- Offering of a large basket of Open Electives by the Department

**Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development**  
**Programme : M.A. Public Administration (wef 2025 – 2026 Academic Session)**  
**Program Structure**

**M.A. Public Administration - First Year / First Semester**

Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	Type : Core/ Dept. Elective/ Stream Elective/ Open Elective Soft Skill	CCA	ES	Total Marks	Credits
I	MAPAC011-101	Introduction to Public Administration	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-102	Administrative Theory	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-103	Indian Administration	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-104	Comparative and Development Administration	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-105	Research Methodology	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-106	Field Immersion	Core	25	25	50	2
	MAPAC011-107	Academic Writing <b>OR</b> Any Skill course offered by RGNIYD	Soft Skill	25	25	50	2
		<b>No. of Credits : Semester - I</b>					<b>24</b>

**M.A. Public Administration - First Year / Second Semester**

Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	Type : Core/ Dept. Elective/ Stream Elective/ Open Elective Soft Skill	CCA	ES	Total Marks	Credits
II	MAPAC011-201	Administrative Thinkers	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-202	Local Governments in India	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-203	Participatory Research Methods in Public Administration	Core	25	75	100	4
	MAPAC011-204	Citizen-centric Administration	Core	25	75	100	3
	MAPAC011-205	Public Finance & Financial Administration	Core	25	75	100	3
	MAPAC011-206	Micro Research Project	Core		50	50	2
	MAPAE011-207	Decentralised Governance – Scope and Possibilities <b>OR</b>	Dept. Elective	25	75	100	2
	MAPAE011-208	Public Policy & Advocacy <b>OR</b>					
	MAPAE011-209	Political Leadership for Governance and Development <b>OR</b>					
	MAPAE011-210	Civil Society and Public Action					
		Open Elective Course offered by any Dept. of RGNIYD ( <b>Optional</b> ) *	Open Elective				2
		MOOC/ SWAYAM Course ( <b>Optional</b> )@	Elective				2
		<b>No. of Credits : Semester - II</b>					<b>26</b>

**CCA: Continuous Class Assessment; ES: End Semester**

**Adoption of flexible entry/ exit as per NEP 2020:**

On successful completion of all courses (**50 credits**) in the First Year (Semester 1 and 2), the student may opt for 'exit' with a '**Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration**'. Such students are eligible for 're-entry' to the second year of the program within a **maximum period of two years** after the successful completion of the program (**Note: Subjected to approval by the Academic Council**)

**M.A. Public Administration - Second Year / Third Semester**

Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	Type : Core/ Dept. Elective/ Stream Elective/ Open Elective Soft Skill	CCA	ES	Total Marks	Credits
III	MAPAC011-301	Leadership for Good Governance	Core	25	75	100	3
	MAPAC011-302	Disaster Management & Climate Resilience	Core	25	75	100	3
	MAPAC011-303	Environmental Governance	Core	25	75	100	2
	MAPAC011-304	Minor Research Project	Core		50	50	2
		Open Elective Course offered by any Dept. of RGNIYD ( <b>Optional</b> ) *	Open Elective				2
		MOOC/ SWAYAM Course ( <b>Optional</b> ) @	Elective				2
	<b>Stream A # (Local Governance and Development)</b>						
	MAPAE011-305	Local Governance - Concepts, Theories and Models	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-306	Programmes for Local Economic Development and Social Justice	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-307	Decentralised Planning for Governance and Development	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	MAPAE011-308	Governance of Smart Villages and Sustainable Cities	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	<b>Stream B # (Public Policy)</b>						
	MAPAE011-309	Public Policy – Paradigms and Practices	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-310	Welfare policies	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-311	Development Policies	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	MAPAE011-312	Science and Technology for Public Policy	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	<b>Stream C # (Political Leadership and Management)</b>						
	MAPAE011-313	Elections and Campaign Management	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-314	Constituency Development and Management	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-315	Legislative Procedures	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	MAPAE011-316	Data Analytics & Political Communication	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	<b>Stream D # (Civil Society)</b>						
	MAPAE011-317	Management of Civil Society Organisations	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-318	Gender Justice, Human Rights and Peace Building – Role of Civil Society	Stream Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-319	Corporate Social Responsibility – Scope and Possibilities	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
	MAPAE011-320	Monitoring and Evaluation of Programmes and Projects	Stream Elective	25	75	100	3
		<b>No. of Credits : Semester - III</b>					<b>24</b>

Note: A student is suggested to take **any one of the stream electives** offered by the Department.

**M.A. Public Administration - Second Year / Fourth Semester**

Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	Type : Core/ Dept. Elective/ Stream Elective/ Open Elective Soft Skill	CCA	ES	Total Marks	Credits
IV	MAPAC011-401	Internship \$	Core		100	100	4
	MAPAC011-402	Dissertation	Core		200	200	8
	MAPAE011-403	Empowerment of Local Government System <b>OR</b>	Dept. Elective	25	75	100	4
	MAPAE011-404	Public Policies for Sustainable Future <b>OR</b>					
	MAPAE011-405	The 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Political Leadership <b>OR</b>					
	MAPAE011-406	Empowerment of Civil Society					
		Open Elective Course offered by any Dept. of RGNIYD ( <b>Optional</b> ) *	Open Elective				2
		MOOC/ SWAYAM Course ( <b>Optional</b> ) @	Elective				2
		<b>No. of Credits : Semester - IV</b>					<b>16</b>

Note:

\* A student is required to take **minimum one Open Elective course** with a **minimum of two credits**, offered by any other Department of RGNIYD, which may be in the **Second/ Third/ Fourth Semesters**.

@ A student is required to take **minimum one MOOC/ SWAYAM course** with a **minimum of two credits**, which may be in the **Second/ Third/ Fourth Semesters**.

# A student is suggested to take **any one of the stream electives** offered by the Department in the **Third Semester**.

\$ A student will engage himself/ herself in the internship for **not less than eight weeks** during the **Fourth Semester**.

**Minimum number of credits to be acquired for successful completion of the following:**

PG Diploma in Public Administration (I Year/ 2 Semesters) : **50 credits**

M.A. Public Administration (2 Years/ 4 Semesters) : **90 credits**

**Freedom of choice to the students:**

The students are given with a large basket of choices by incorporating the provisions of Department Electives, Stream electives, Open Electives, MOOC/SWAYAM courses, Soft Skills, Internship and Dissertation.

The students can select the Department Electives/ Stream Electives/ Open Electives/ MOOC/SWAYAM courses/ Soft Skills in line with their choices, interests and preferences.

The students will have the freedom to choose the internship (Organization, area and duration) and carry out the dissertation (Topic or area), by considering the guidance and suggestions from the faculty members/ mentors.

### Open Electives offered by the Department of Public Administration \*\*

Sem.	Course Code	Course Title	Type : Core/ Dept. Elective/ Stream Elective/ Open Elective Soft Skill	CCA	ES	Total Marks	Credits
Any		Understanding Indian Constitution	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Participatory Methods in Social Science Research	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Climate Adaptation and Sustainable Development	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Sustainable Agriculture	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Tribal Governance and Development	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Natural Resource Management	Open Elective	25	75	100	2
		Artificial Intelligence for Empowered Leadership & Sustainable Governance	Open Elective	25	75	100	2

\*\* The Department of Public Administration will offer **one or more Open Elective courses in Second, Third and Fourth Semesters**, depending upon the workload and willingness of the faculty.