

**Course Title: Governance and Development**

**Course Code.: RDS 425**

**Full Marks: 70**

**Paper: V**

**Pass Marks: 28**

**Year: Third**

**Teaching Hours: 105**

**Course Objectives**

- *To provide the students with the concept and knowledge about the government and its relationship with democracy, governance and local development in the context of Nepal.*
- *To instruct the students with knowledge about the role of local governments, political parties, civil society, civic organizations CBOs, pressure groups and I/NGOs for the local development.*
- *To prepare the students with in-depth knowledge about the linkage and relationships of government and local government.*
- *After completing the course, the students will be able to understand the role of government, institutions and local governance in the context of rural development.*

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1.5 Federalism in Nepal: Opportunities and challenges

1.6 Concept and Elements of Good Governance

1.7 Social Accountability and Its Tools (Public Audit, Public Hearing, Citizen Charter and Right to Information)

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2.4 Composition, Power and Functions of Rural Municipality, Municipality, Sub-Metropolitan, Metropolitan and DCC

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6.4 Role of FNCCI, NGO Federation, FECOFUN and NCFN in governance and development

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