Amrita School of Business
Course Outline for Independent Course for Ph D

**Government Procurement in India and the WTO**
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**Course Outline:**

Government Procurement constitutes a significant market and an important aspect of international trade. The WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) is now becoming a pillar of the WTO system with important developments since the Uruguay Round. WTO’s work on government procurement aims to promote transparency, integrity and competition in this market. While India became an observer in February 2010, it is currently contemplating its accession. The proposed course tries to cover the understanding of the Government procurement scenario in India with a special focus on the PPP model, the WTO regime on government procurement and examine the likely implications of India’s accession to the GPA agreement.

**Module 1: The WTO Regime on Government Procurement**

Scope of Plurilateral Agreement on Government Procurement: Accession and Coverage  


Revision of Procedural Rules and other Transparency and other transparency provisions of the Agreement on government procurement

**Module 2: Developing countries in the WTO procurement regime**

Developing countries in the WTO procurement regime
Special and Differential Treatment for Developing countries under the Agreement on Government Procurement

Economic and Social Development (horizontal policies) in government procurement

**Module 3: Regionalism in Government Procurement**

Multilateralism and Regionalism in government procurement

Government procurement provisions in Regional Trade Agreements

Developing multilateral rules on government procurement

**Module 4: Government Procurement in India and the PPP model**

Government procurement models: A Sectoral analysis

PPP model in Government Procurement

**Module 5: Government Procurement in India and WTO**

Government Procurement in India: Trade Prospects

India’s Accession to the Agreement on Government Procurement: The Pros and Cons.

**Objective of the Course:**

The broad objective of this course is to understand the Government procurement scenario in India with a special focus on the PPP model; understand the WTO regime on government procurement and analyse the likely implications of India’s accession to the GPA agreement.

**Learning outcomes:**

With the completion of the course the scholar should be able to –

- Understand the provisions in the WTO on government procurement with the revised GPA Agreement coming into force in 2014.
- Understand the Government procurement provisions in multilateral and Regional Trade Agreements
- Understand the government procurement market in India in the prominent sectors of the economy and understand the issues on measuring its size.
• Understand the PPP model of Government Procurement market in India and its growing role.
• Understand the critical issues in public procurement like transparency, technical specifications, bidding, corruption and collusion.
• Understand the market penetration of foreign firms in the PPP market of India.
• Understand and analyse the draft of the Procurement Bill 2011 and look into the implications of new proposed bill on the PPPs.
• Understand the provisions on GPA under WTO and understand the likely implications of India acceding to the GPA on government procurement in India in the context of PPPs.

Evaluation components and weights

Draft on the review of literature: 15
Identification of the research problem: 15
Presentation of the draft and defense: 40
Final Term paper: 30

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Reading List and References

Books:


Research Papers


18. Public Procurement Bill, 2012, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, New Delhi, India

22. Various presentations/speeches made by experts at the International Conference on Government Procurement & Customs Valuation, organised by ASSOCHAM in New Delhi on July 13, 2012
26. WTO Agreement on Government Procurement (Revised Text 2012), WTO, Geneva, Switzerland
27. WTO Agreement on Government Procurement, WTO, Geneva, Switzerland


**Websites:**

4. [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_dda_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gp_dda_e.htm) (Government procurement and DDA)
5. [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gpserv_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gpserv_e.htm) (Government Procurement and the GATS)