

**M.A. Part II Economics
Rural Development**

Semester III

Subject Code: MEC 31604

Lectures: 60

Objectives:

To equip the students:

- To understand the importance of Rural Development.
- To create an awareness of the ongoing Rural Development programmes.
- To identify the growth pattern for the economy through Rural Development.

Unit 1: Introduction

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- Rural Development –Meaning, Need for Development of the Rural Economy.
- Globalization of Rural Economy
 - 0. Aims, Objectives and Impact of Globalization on Rural Economy;
 - 1. Contract Farming, Corporate Farming, SEZ's and Agriculture.
- Experiences of Asian countries of Globalization in Agriculture

Unit 2: Rural Employment

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- Rural Employment and Unemployment
- Agricultural Labour- Categories, Conditions and Causes of Unemployment.
- Measures to overcome Unemployment
 - 0. Self Help Group- Concept, Characteristics and Functions.
 - 1. Major Employment Programmes
 - Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)- Nature, Scope and Features
 - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)- Nature, Scope and Features

Unit 3: Rural Infrastructure

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- Infrastructure in the Rural Areas- Need and Importance
- 0. Health, Hygiene, Finance and Education.
- 1. Provision of Urban amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Model : The Neo-Gandhian Approach
- Review of Policies for Rural Development
 - 0. Wage Employment Programmes
 - 1. Employment Assurance Programmes (during natural calamities)
 - 2. Social Security Programmes

Unit 4: Agriculture and Technology

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- Importance of Technology in Agriculture.
- Need for Sustainable Agriculture
 - 0. Environment, Economic Profits and Social and Economic Equity for Communities/Society
- The Role of Rural Technology – Need &Importance
 - 0. The Appropriate of Rural Technology
 - 1. Technology, Rural Development and Women
- Challenges and Prospects in adoption of Rural Technology

Unit 5: Tourism Development in Rural Areas

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- **Rural Tourism** – Concept, Nature, Scope, Importance and Limitations.
- **Agro-Tourism** – Concept, Nature, Scope, Merits and Demerits
- **Eco-Tourism** – Concept, Nature, Need for Awareness
- **Polices to promote Rural Tourism.**

*12 lectures are assigned for library work, assignments, guest lectures and contact hours.

Recommended Text Books:

- Prasad, B.K. (2003) "Rural Development: Concept, Approach and Strategy" Sarup & Sons, New Delhi:
- Meier, Gerald (ed.)(1987) "Leading Issues in Economic Development" Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Rau, S.K. (2001) "Global Search for Rural Development" NIRD, Hyderabad
- Satya Sundaram, I. (2002) "Rural Development": HPH, Mumbai

Reference Books:

- Agarwal Ramgopal (2014) "India 2050", Sage Publications.
- Brahmananda, P.R. and V.A. Panchmukhi (2001), Ed. 'Development Experience in Indian Economy, Inter-state Perspective,' Bookwell, New Delhi.
- Bhagwati, Jagdish (2004) "In Defense of Globalization" Oxford University Press, U.K.
- Datt Ruddar and Sundaram, K.P.M.[Latest edition] ' Indian Economy,' S. Chand and Co, New Delhi.
- Desai, Vasant (1991) "Fundamentals of Rural Development" Rawat Publications, New Delhi Gupta, S.P (1989), "Planning and Development in India: A Critique" Allied Publishers Private Limited, New Delhi.
- Dhingra, Ishwar (2006), "Indian Economy" Sultan Chand and Sons, New Delhi.
- Misra S.K. and V.K. Puri 'Indian Economy' HPH, New Delhi (Latest Edition)
- Samanta R.K. (2000) " New Vista in Rural Development Strategies and Approaches" B.R. Publishing Corporation New Delhi

Reports:

- Human Development Report 2014 , World Bank, Oxford University Press