

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – AGRICULTURAL GEOGRAPHY AND FOOD SECURITY (DSC 10)

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit Distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
AGRICULTURAL GEOGRAPHY AND FOOD SECURITY	4	3	1	0	Class 12th	NIL

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the nature and scope of agricultural geography.
- To provide a detailed analysis of land use- landcover classification by NRSA.
- To enable the learners to appreciate the geographical factors affecting agriculture
- To enable the learner to identify and understand modern agricultural practices.
- To enable the learner to identify and understand the concept and dimensions of food security.

Learning Outcomes:

- A detailed insight into the subfield of agricultural geography.
- An in-depth knowledge of geographical factors affecting agriculture.
- An understanding of models and regionalization of agriculture.
- Knowledge of concepts and dimensions of food security.
- An understanding of challenges, programme and policies related to sustainable agriculture.

Course Outline

UNIT 1: Concept of Agricultural Geography: (7 hrs)

- Nature and Scope, concept and classification of land use- landcover (twenty two fold NRSA).

Unit 2: Geographical Factors affecting Agriculture: (10 hrs)

- Physical, Economic, Technological, Institutional and socio-cultural.

Unit 3: Models, Theories and Regionalization: (10 hrs)

- Whittlesey's classification of Agricultural regions; Agro ecological regions of India

Unit 4: Agricultural Development: (11 hrs)

- Concept and relevance of Sustainable Agriculture, Modern Agricultural Practices (Green Revolution, Organic farming, Precision Agriculture: role of Remote Sensing and GIS modelling, role of Artificial Intelligence)

Unit 5: Food Security: (7 hrs)

- Concept and dimensions, Food security in India: Challenges, Programmes and Policy.

Readings:

- Gregor, H.P.: Geography of Agriculture. Prentice Hall, New York, 1970.
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- Modgal, Suresh, 2017, Food Security of India, National Book Trust, 81-237-7131-2
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- Singh, J. and Dhillon, S.S. (1988), "Agricultural Geography", 2nd edition, Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi
- Swaminathan, M.S., 2016, Combating Hunger and Achieving Food Security, Cambridge University Press, 9781107123113
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