

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DSE 4)

Course title & Code	Credits	Duration (Hrs per week)			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	4	3	1	0	Class 12th	NIL

Learning Objectives:

- The course is designed to impart an integrated understanding of the crucial dimensions of rural development.
- It aims to introduce students to the need and practice of rural development projects and programmes in India.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the students shall develop an understand of the following :

- concepts related to the need and approaches to rural development;
- Issues pertaining to rural society and economy;
- the existing rural development programs and institutions and knowledge of successful case studies from India and the sub-continent.

Course Outline

Unit 1. Understanding Rural Development: (5 hrs)

- Concept of Development; Development, Relevance and Approaches to Rural Development

Unit 2. Theories of Rural Development: (11 hrs)

- Modernization Theory; Dependency Theory; Theory of The Big Push; Leibenstein's Critical Minimum Effort theory

Unit 3. Rural Society and Economy: (11 hrs)

- Agriculture and allied activities; Seasonality and need for expanding non-farm activities; Issues of landholdings and land reforms; Concepts of social mobility and social change.

Unit 4. Rural Development Programs in India: (10 hrs)

- Poverty Alleviation Programmes; Programmes for Employment and Social Security; Other Development Programmes (PMGSY, MNREGA, PURA)

Unit 5. Rural Development Institutions and Case studies: (8 hrs)

- Panchayati Raj institutions, Cooperatives, Training & Finance Institutions, and Voluntary organisations. Rural Development Experience (case study from India and the Indian sub-continent)

Readings:

- Venkata Reddy, K. Agriculture and Rural Development (Emerging Trends and Right Approach to Development), Himalaya Publishing House Pvt., Ltd., Mumbai, 2012.
- Jain L.C. 1985, Grass without roots; Rural Development under Government Auspices, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- Seshadri, K. 1976, Political Linkages and Rural Development, National Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Maheswari S. (1985) Rural Development in India, - A Public Policy Approach, Sage Publication, New Delhi.
- Satyasundaram (1997), Rural Development, Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Singh. Katar. 2009. Rural Development Principles, Policies and Management. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Sharma S.K and S.L. Malhotra. Integrated Rural Development: Approach, Strategy and Perspectives, New Delhi: Heritage.

Online Resources:

- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326394634_A_Handbook_of_Rural_India
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/363239631_Rural_and_Agricultural_Development_Policy_and_Politics
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346462814_Democracy_Development_and_the_Countryside_Urban-Rural_Struggles_in_India
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/363306272_The_South_Asian_Path_of_Development_A_Historical_and_Anthropological_Perspective
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/327282616_Changing_Face_of_Rural_India
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/368608447_Application_of_Science_Technology_for_Rural_Development
- https://www.researchgate.net/publication/229779918_Theory_in_Rural_Development_An_Introduction_and_Overview