

**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 Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY)- Nature, Scope and Features
    - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)- Nature, Scope and Features

<b>Unit 3: Rural Infrastructure</b>	<b>10</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure in the Rural Areas- Need and Importance</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. Health, Hygiene, Finance and Education.</li> <li>1. Provision of Urban amenities in Rural Areas (PURA ) Model : The Neo-Gandhian Approach</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Policies for Rural Development               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. Wage Employment Programmes</li> <li>1. Employment Assurance Programmes (during natural calamities)</li> <li>2. Social Security Programmes</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	

<b>Unit 4: Agriculture and Technology</b>	<b>10</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of Technology in Agriculture.</li> <li>• Need for Sustainable Agriculture               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. Environment, Economic Profits and Social and Economic Equity for Communities/Society</li> </ol> </li> <li>• The Role of Rural Technology – Need &amp; Importance               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0. The Appropriate of Rural Technology</li> <li>1. Technology, Rural Development and Women</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Challenges and Prospects in adoption of Rural Technology</li> </ul>	

<b>Unit 5: Tourism Development in Rural Areas</b>	<b>08</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Tourism – Concept, Nature, Scope, Importance and Limitations.</li> <li>• Agro-Tourism – Concept, Nature, Scope, Merits and Demerits</li> <li>• Eco-Tourism – Concept, Nature, Need for Awareness</li> <li>• Policies to promote Rural Tourism.</li> </ul>	

\*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