



St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune
(MA 2020-2023)

**MA Economics
Rural Economics
[Elective Course]**

Semester III	Credits: 4	Subject Code: MEC 32004	Lectures: 48
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the learner will be able to:

- Relate to a rural economy and its linkages and the impact of globalization on the Rural Economy
- Describe and explain the concept of rural employment and unemployment, its nature, issues and challenges
- Discuss, analyze and evaluate government policies on various aspects of rural development
- Relate and recognize the concept of rural infrastructure and rural technology and examine its impact on the rural economy and its development
- Compare and contrast rural economy and explore the scope for employment and entrepreneurship

Unit 1: Introduction to Rural Economy	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Economy– Need for the Development of the Rural Economy.• Agriculture and Rural Development: Linkages• Globalization of Rural Economy: Objectives and Impact• Contract Farming, Corporate Farming, SEZ's and Agriculture.	

Unit 2: Rural Employment	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of Rural Employment and Unemployment in India• Agricultural Labour<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Categories of Agricultural Labour○ Conditions and Causes for Unemployment• Measures to overcome Unemployment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme- Salient Features of MGNREG Act, Status and Evaluation○ Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY)- Nature, Scope and Features○ Deendayal Antayodaya Yojana- National Livelihoods Rural Mission (DAY-NRLM))- Nature, Scope and Features○ DeenDayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana)- Nature, Scope and Features	

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Unit 3: Rural Infrastructure	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Infrastructure: Need and Importance in Rural Development • Review of Rural Infrastructure: Rural Electrification, Transport and Communication, Housing, Health and Education. • Provision of Urban amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Model : The Neo-Gandhian Approach • Policies for Rural Infrastructure Development- Scope & Features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana ○ Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin ○ Gramin Sadak Yojana ○ Swajal Scheme- Drinking Water in Rural Areas • Challenges to Rural Credit System of India • Role of SHGs and Microfinance Models in Rural Economy 	

Unit 4: Rural Technology	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Rural Technology • Need and Role of Technology for Sustainable Agriculture • Rural Development and Need for Social Inclusion. • Rural Entrepreneurship through Digital India • Challenges in adoption of Rural Technology 	

Unit 5: Tourism and Rural Economy	08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in Rural Tourism and Challenges to Rural Economy • Agro-Tourism – Nature and Scope • Eco-Tourism – Concept, Nature, Need for Awareness • Policies to promote Rural Tourism. 	

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

Recommended Text Books:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jodhka Surinder S (2018) '<i>Handbook of Rural India (Reading on Economy, Polity and Society)</i>' EPW, Orient Blackswan Publication • Katar Singh, Anil Shidhodia (2016) <i>Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management</i>, Sage Publications • Patnaik S. K. '<i>Issues and Challenges of Development</i>' Sage Texts • Prasad, B.K. (2003) "<i>Rural Development: Concept, Approach and Strategy</i>" Sarup & Sons, New Delhi: • Rau, S.K. (2001) "<i>Global Search for Rural Development</i>" NIRD, Hyderabad

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- SatyaSundaram, I. (2002) "*Rural Development*": HPH, Mumbai
- Samanta R.K. (2000) "*New Vista in Rural Development Strategies and Approaches*" B.R. Publishing Corporation New Delhi

Reference Books:

- AgarwalRamgopal (2014) "*India 2050*", Sage Publications.
- Brahmananda, P.R., V.A. Panchmukhi (2001), Ed. '*Development Experience in Indian Economy, Interstate Perspective*,' Bookwell, New Delhi.
- Bhagwati Jagdish (2004) "*In Defense of Globalization*" Oxford University Press, U.K.
- Desai Vasant (2013) '*Rural Development in India – Past, Present & Future*' Himalaya Publishing House,
- 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.
- Meier, Gerald (ed.). (1987) "*Leading Issues in Economic Development*" Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Parthasarathy G (2003) '*Economic Reforms and Rural Development in India: Analysis of Pros and Cons of Structural Adjustment and Liberalization Policies and its Effect on Rural Development*' Academic Foundation
- Ratnam Kanchana (2000) '*Strategies for Rural Development*' Dominant Pub. ND
- Tripathy S. N (2009) '*Finance for Rural Development: Interface with Microfinance*' Mangalam Publishers
- Tripathy S. N (2000) '*Rural Development*' Discovery Publishing House, ND

Reports:

- Human Development Report 2014, World Bank, Oxford University Press
- Annual Reports: Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India
- India Rural Development Report (2013), Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd, ND

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One Alumni	Ms. Suchismita Mohanty		<i>Suchismita Mohanty</i> 15/6/20

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