

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

Semester III	Subject Code: MEC 31604	Lectures: 60
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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	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Development –Meaning, Need for Development of the Rural Economy. • Globalization of Rural Economy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Employment and Unemployment • Agricultural Labour- Categories, Conditions and Causes of Unemployment. • Measures to overcome Unemployment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 0. Self Help Group- Concept, Characteristics and Functions. 1. Major Employment Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0. Wage Employment Programmes 1. Employment Assurance Programmes (during natural calamities) 2. Social Security Programmes 	
Unit 4: Agriculture and Technology	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Technology in Agriculture. • Need for Sustainable Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0. Environment, Economic Profits and Social and Economic Equity for Communities/Society • The Role of Rural Technology – Need & Importance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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