

B. Com(Hons.): Semester-VI	
DSE	
BCM624: RURAL ECONOMICS	
Teaching Scheme	Examination Scheme
Lectures: 4hrs/Week	Class Test –12Marks
Tutorials: 1 hr/Week	Teachers Assessment – 6Marks
	Attendance – 12 Marks
Credits: 5	End Semester Exam – 70 Marks

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to provide the students with a thorough knowledge and understanding of the foundations of rural economics.

Course Learning Outcomes

- CO1: Knowledge about basics of rural economy.
- CO2: Understanding of importance of rural development.
- CO3: Understanding of role of rural entrepreneurship.
- CO4: Knowledge about the various policies of government for rural development.
- CO5: Understanding about the Challenges & opportunities of rural economy.
- CO6: Understanding about Micro level planning.

Unit I: Introduction to Rural Economy

Rural Economy: rural dynamics, characteristics, problems, challenges and opportunities; Responding to Changing Agrarian Economy; Rural Farm and Non-Farm Sector: Employment and Barriers; Rural Employment Generation Programmes: NRLM, MGNREGA.

Unit II: Approaches to Rural Development

Approaches to understand rural development: Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA); Sustainable Rural development, Technology for rural growth: ICT, mobile, successful programmes; Business Markets for village economy.

Unit III: Planning in Rural Economy

Planning for Rural Development: levels, functions, decentralization, methodology of micro-level planning, for block and district level planning;

Unit IV: Organization for Rural Development

Organizations for rural development: criteria, government organisations, PRIs, Cooperatives, Voluntary Agencies/NGOs, Corporations; Community Capacity Building, Common Property Resources. Planning for Rural Development: levels, functions, decentralization, methodology of micro-level planning, for block and district level planning;

Unit V: Rural Entrepreneurship

Rural Entrepreneurship: role, programmes, role of institutions, Agri-preneurship; Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs): role of MFIs, Self Help Groups; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Rural India; Rural and micro Insurance; Rural Industrialization

Suggested Readings

- Churchill, Craig (2006). Protecting the poor: A micro-insurance compendium, International Labour Office, Geneva.
- Government of India (n.d.) MSME at a Glance, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- IDFC Rural Development Network (2013). India Rural Development Report 2012/13. Delhi: Orient Black Swan.
- Mukherjee, A., (2004). Participatory rural appraisal: methods and applications in rural planning: essays in honour of Robert Chambers (Vol. 5). Concept Publishing Company.

Additional Learnings

- Narula, U. (2010). Dynamics of Indian Rural Economy: Growth Perspective, Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi.
- Parthasarathy, G. (2003). Economic Reforms and Rural Development in India. Academic Foundation.
- Reddy, K. V. (2012). Agriculture and Rural Development, Himalaya Publishing House.
- Schaeffer, P.V. and Loveridge, S. (2000). Small Town and Rural Economic Development: A case studies Approach, Praeger Publisher.
- Singh, B.M. and Namboodiri, KVN (2007). Unleashing Rural Entrepreneurship, ICFAI University Press, Hyderabad.
- Singh, K. (2009). Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management, Sage Publications.

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