

Rural Economy of India

Course Code:

UEC0000027

Course Title: Rural Economy of India

Semester: I

Credits: 3

Rationale

The course aims to instil in students a basic understanding of the features of rural economy of India. It further acquaints them to understand the implications of the changing structure of rural economy of India.

Contents	No. of Lectures
Unit-I: Introduction to Rural Economy of India Concepts and Dimensions, rural-urban dichotomy, trickledown theory, dualistic theory, Rural poverty, Causes of Rural Backwardness, approaches to Rural Development, policies and programmes for rural development under Five Year Plans.	10
Unit-II: Rural Occupational Structure and Employment Occupational Distribution in Rural India, Work Participation Rates, Migration, Causes and Consequences of Migration, Structural Changes in Rural employment, Magnitude of Rural Unemployment, Policies and programmes for promoting rural employment	10
Unit-III Rural Infrastructure Status of rural Health infrastructure, indicators of rural health, IMR, MMR, Status of Education infrastructure, rural sanitation, drinking water, rural connectivity, housing, Rural Banking and Finance, Rural Credit Structure, Regional Rural Banks, Role of NABARD, Microfinance Institutions	10
Unit-IV Rural Marketing in India Meaning and Types of Rural Markets, Factors contributing to Growth of rural markets, Issues in rural marketing, Market Regulation, Meaning and Importance of Regulated Markets, Institutional Support to Rural Marketing markets, Co-operative Marketing Societies, Digital Marketing, National Agriculture Market (eNAM) Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Marketing	10
Unit-V Decentralization and Rural Governance Decentralized Governance, Panchayati Raj Institutions and its Role in Rural Governance, Administrative Structure at Village, Panchayat, Block and district levels Composition, Functions and Significance, sources of revenue of Panchayat Raj Institutions, e-governance, micro level planning.	10

Course Outcomes

After the successful completion of the course, the students will be acquainted to

1. Understand the basic features of the rural economy of India
2. Learn about the various kinds of rural occupations and the changes thereof.
3. Understand the importance and issues of agriculture and industries in rural India.
4. Know about the state of rural poverty and its causes and consequences.

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Text Books

Singh K and Shishodia A (2016), *Rural Development: Principles, Policies, and Management*, Sage Texts

Hussain T, Tahir M and Tahir R (2019), *Fundamentals of Rural Development*, Wiley

Reference Books

- Ramlingam, B (2023), *Aid on the Edge of Chaos: Rethinking International Cooperation in a Complex World*, Oxford University Press, UK
- Sinha, K. (2023), *The Future of India's Rural Markets: A Transformational Opportunity*, Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley, pp. i-xix. <https://doi.org/10.1108/978-1-80455-822-520231083>
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Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Official website. Retrieved from: <https://www.rbi.org.in/>

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Official website. Retrieved from: <https://www.nabard.org/>

Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS). Official website. Retrieved from: <http://www.cds.in/>

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