

SWS-102: COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

MSWS-102A: PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(4 Credits/ 100 marks/48 hours)

Introduction:

The course will provide an understanding of the theories of social development and the economics of urban areas from a human development perspective. The course will also cover urban economic problems in the context of globalization and help in understanding the relevance and problems of cooperatives in the current context.

Learning Objectives:

- To learn about the Political Economy of Urbanisation
- To understand Human Development, Urban Development and Civic Administration
- To learn about the types and functions of Urban Governance
- To understand the Role of Urban LSG Bodies in Urban Development

Pedagogy:

Classroom lectures, field visits, group discussions

Module I: Political Economy of Urbanisation (12 hours)

Urban economy in the context of: a) land; b) labour, c) capital, d) technology, and e) organization. Politico-economic history of urbanization. Migration, urban poverty and livelihood issues, slums and housing, natural resource management in urban areas, sustainable development, right of the poor to the city.

Module II: Human Development, Urban Development and Civic Administration (12 hours)

Measurement of human development. Economic Development and social opportunities: Economic inequality and poverty. Diversity and Social exclusion. Urban Development and Civic Administration: Growth of slums; Role of civic administration; Voluntary Organizations (NGOs) and urban dwellers; Role of law and town planning in urban development.

Module III: Urban Governance: Urban Local Self Government in India (12 hours)

- a) Types of Urban Local Self Government in India: Municipal Corporations, Municipal Council/ Nagar Palika, Sources of Revenue, Structure, Powers and Functions at Each Level, Committees and their Functions, System of Elections to Urban Local Self Government, Relation of Urban Local Self Government with bodies of Governance at the state level issues.
- b) 74th Constitutional Amendment Review of the Content and Implementation

Module IV: Role of Urban LSG Bodies in Urban Development (12 Hours)

- a) Contemporary Issues and Potentials through Local Self Government: Women's participation; participation of marginalized groups(SC , ST and

Minorities); political parties; autonomy and control; factionalism in governance; b) Challenges in developing partnerships between elected bodies, bureaucracy and civil society.

Recommended Readings:

- Bhowmik, Debesh. 2007. *Economics of Poverty*, New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications.
- Dutta, Rudar S. 1985 *Indian Economy*, New Delhi: S. Chand and Company
- Higgott, Richard A. 1982. *Political Development Theory: The Contemporary Debates*. Taylor and Francis Group.
- Jhunjhunwala, Bharat. *Globalization and Indian Economy*, New Delhi: Gyan Book Pvt. Ltd.
- Joshi, Deepali Pant. 2006. *Poverty and sustainable Development*, New Delhi: Gyan Books.
- Mishra and Puri. 1995. *Indian Economy*, Mumbai: Himalaya Publication House.
- Petras, James and Veltmeyer, Henry. 200. *Globalization Unmasked-Imperialism in the 21st Century*, New Delhi: Madhyam Books.
- Pillai, G. M. 1999. *Challenges of Agriculture in the 21st Century*, Pune: Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research.
- Simon David, Narman Anders. 1999. *Development as Theory and Practice - Current Perspectives on Development*, Longman - UK.