

SWS-102B: PERSPECTIVES ON RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(4 Credits/100 marks/48 hours)

Introduction:

The course will provide an understanding of social structures, social relations and institutions in rural communities and aim at developing sensitivity, commitment and skills to influence critical issues in rural communities. The course will also provide an understanding of the policies, programmes and approaches of rural community development.

Learning Objectives:

- To learn about the nature and concept of rural development
- To understand the problems faced by the rural population
- To learn about the various Rural Development Programmes
- To understand Rural Development Administration and Governance
- To learn about the Functions of Panchayati Raj Institutions

Pedagogy:

Classroom learning with power point presentations, group discussions and debate, field visits and live projects.

Module I - Rural Development (6 hours)

Concept, nature, philosophy and historical context; Meaning and Determinants; Approaches to rural community development; Different Models of Rural Development.

Module II - Problems in Rural Development (8 hours)

Structural inequality and rural poverty; Rural employment : problems and prospects; Illiteracy; Land ownership / entitlements and alienation, indebtedness; Issues of livelihood and food security; Issues of accessibility, availability and affordability of basic services; Housing; Health; and Sanitation.

Module III: Rural Development Programmes (8 hours)

An overview of rural community development programme of 1952; A review of Govt. programs of poverty alleviation; Creation of employment and increasing agricultural productivity; Role of the Block Development Officer, DRDA (District Rural Development Agency) and DPDC (District Planning and Development Committee).

Module IV - Rural Development Administration (8 hours)

Structure and Function of Rural Development Administration; Role of Cooperatives in Rural Development; Participation of government organizations and voluntary organizations in Rural Development.

Module V: Rural Governance (10 Hours)

Democratic Decentralization: Meaning, Objectives and Importance, Governance: Meaning and Structures, Concept and Evolution of Panchayat Raj, The Constitutional Amendment of 73rd and 74th Amendment, Review of 73rd Constitutional Amendment.

Module VI: The Functions of Panchayati Raj Institutions (8 Hours)

Structure, Functions and Powers at each level, revenue sources, Committees in Village Level, Panchayati Raj Bodies, Gram Sabha including Mahila Gram Sabha, Its role and importance, Community Participation in Governance, PESA: Context of its emergence and its significance, issues and challenges in its implementation.

Recommended Readings:

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