IMB 703

RURAL DEVELOPMENT Credit: 4, Class Hours: 45

Module-1: Meaning, Importance, scope and objectives of rural Development; Various approaches to Rural Development – Gandhian approach for Community development, I.A.D.P., I.R.D.P., N.R.E.G.A., Neo Gandhian, (PURA), Need Based and demand based centers. Rural Development experiences of some Asian Countries – China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.

Module-2: Programmes for Rural Development in India since Independence, Rural Development policies during planning period; Administrative structure, The focus and thrust of Rural Development programmes: Poverty alleviation, employment generation; Current status of Rural Development programmes and the emerging challenges. Process of Urbanization and Rural-Urban link.

Module-3: Rural Development Administration and Panchayat Raj Institutions: Panchayat Raj System, functions of Panchayat Raj System, Sources of income for Panchayats, merits and demerits of Panchayat system, strengthening of Panchayat Raj System, Rural Development administration. People's Participation in Rural Development: Importance of people's participation, some problems, measures of strengthen people's participation.

Module-4: Government Agencies: Work and planning of central and state government, role of Banking and Co-operative sector for tribals, rural youth, women and children, BPL group, mal-nutrition group and farmers. Voluntary Agencies or Autonomous Organization: importance, superiority, limitations and strengthening, Gandhian approach of Rural Reconstruction.