

MBPC3023 RURAL DEVELOPMENT (3-0-0)

Course Objectives:

1. Gain insights into the meaning, importance, scope, and objectives of rural development
2. Explore rural development programs and policies in India since independence, focusing on poverty alleviation, employment generation, and the challenges faced.
3. Understand the administrative structure, functions, and role of Panchayat Raj Institutions in rural development, emphasizing people's participation and government and voluntary agencies' roles.
4. Develop strategies to strengthen rural development efforts, including enhancing people's participation, improving government and voluntary agencies' effectiveness, and implementing Gandhian approaches for rural reconstruction.

Module-I :

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-II :

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-III :

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.

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.

Course Outcomes:

- CO-1: Develop a comprehensive understanding of rural development concepts, policies, and administration, enabling informed decision-making and planning in rural development initiatives.
- CO-2: Acquire analytical skills to assess the effectiveness of rural development programs and policies, identify emerging challenges, and formulate strategies for addressing them.
- CO-3: Understand the role of Panchayat Raj Institutions and government agencies in rural development administration
- CO-4: Develop capacity-building strategies to strengthen rural development efforts, including enhancing people's participation, improving the performance of government.

Books:

- Rural Development-Principles,Policies and Management, Katar Singh
- Fundamentals of Rural Development, TahirHussain
- Rural Development in India, B.K.Sahu