

Value Based Course (VBC)
4th Semester, B. A.,
under Nagaland University

Course Name: Rural Development: Concepts and Strategies (Credit: 3)

Course Objectives:

1. To give a theoretical background about the subject of Rural Development along with the prospects of its dimensions and practical experience of fieldwork.
2. To enable the learners to acquire skills related to planning, formulation, monitoring and evaluation of rural development projects and programmes.

Course Learning Outcomes:

After the completing of this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Gain knowledge pertaining to rural development and socio-economic factors affecting transformation of the rural society.
2. Utilize their expertise in designing appropriate rural development plan and programme in participatory manner.
3. Understand issues of equity and inclusive development and make them aware about policies, plans and programmes for rural development.

Unit I: Concepts and Issues in Rural Development

- a) Rural Development: Concepts (Rural and Agrarian)
- b) Approaches: Sectoral, Integrated, Targeted Group, Gandhian
- c) Causes of Rural backwardness and Measures of Mitigation
- d) Issues in rural development- human resource development; Sustainable, environmental protection and participation

Unit -II Rural Governance and Development –

- a) Nagaland Village Council Act & Role of VDBs
- b) Communitisation in rural development (NCPI&S Act 2002)
- c) Community Facilities and Services: Water and sanitation, electricity, housing and rural health care and delivery system.
- d) Role of Flagship Programmes: MGNREGA, NRLM, NHM

Unit -III Rural Development Strategies

- a) Green and White Revolution
- b) Development of Agro-based & Non Agro-based industries
- c) Gender and Rural Development: Land Rights & decision making
- d) Rural entrepreneurship: SHGs, DWCRA

Suggested Reading:

- Bishnu Mohan Dash (2010): Rural development in India. New Delhi Publisher, New Delhi.
- Geetika P. Ghosh and P. Choudhury (2008): Managerial Economics; Tata McGraw Hill; New Delhi.
- Katar Singh (2009): Rural Development – Principles, Policies and Management, Sage Publications. New Delhi.
- Paul Hebinck, Sergio Schneider, et al (2014): Rural Development and the Construction of New Markets (Routledge ISS Studies in Rural Livelihoods)
- Pearce D.W. and R. Turner (1991): Economics of Natural Resource Use and Environment; John Hopkins University Press; Baltimore.
- Ruddar Datt and K. P. M. Sundharam (2004): Indian Economy- S. Chand & Co. Ltd.
- Tahir Hussain, Mary Tahir and Riya Tahir (2020): Fundamentals of Rural Development Paperback.