

Department of Geography

SEMESTER-VI

BGEOGERT14A -GE 2 – Rural Development

Course Objectives:

- To know about basic concept of rural development, components, and stages of development.
- To learn about difference models of rural development and their application.
- To understand various programmes and projects for rural development and employment generations.
- To learn about the structure, compositions, functions of rural governance in India.

Course Outcomes:

- This course will help them to build a concept about rural development and procedure to rural development.
- Students will be able to understand the scenario of rural development in India.
- Students will be able gain knowledge about models of rural development and their application on diverse fields of rural regions.

Concepts in Theory

1. Defining Development: Inter-Dependence of Urban and Rural Sectors of the Economy
2. Paradigms of Rural Development: Lewis Model of Economic Development, 'Big Push' theory of Development, Myrdal's thesis of 'Spread and Backwash Effects'
3. Need for Rural Development, Gandhian Approach to Rural Development
4. Rural Economic Base: Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Seasonality and Need for expanding Non-Farm Activities,
5. Rural Co-operatives and agricultural marketing
6. Area Based Approach to Rural Development: Drought Prone Area Programmes, PMGSY
7. Target Group Approach to Rural Development: SJSY, MNREGA, Jan DhanYojana
8. Provision of Services – Physical and Socio-Economic Access to Elementary Education and Primary Health Care and Micro credit; Concept of PURA
9. Rural Governance: Panchayati Raj System, Rural Development Policies and Programmes in India
10. Rural Infrastructural Development programmes relating to: Rural Electrification,
11. Transport, Housing, and Connectivity
12. Rural Development Programmes for Women and children: Janani SurakshaYojana , National Nutrition Mission, Drinking water and sanitation programmes, NRHM, Sarva Sikha Mission.

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