

Soft Core (Electives)

EC454 (A) RURAL DEVELOPMENT

➤ **Learning Objectives and Outcomes:**

- Rural development paper is designed to impart knowledge on rural economy and its importance in national development.
- By studying this paper students are expected to know about Nature and scope of rural development, Rural development strategies, Rural demography, Rural Development Administration Structure and Organization in India, and _Rural Industrialization

Module I: Nature and scope:

Rural Development; Objectives of Rural Development Philosophy; Rural Problems, Poverty, Unemployment, Inequality.

Rural Development models; Contribution of Lipton, Gandhi, VKRV Rao, Lalith Sen and Gadgil- Policy implications of these models on growth strategies

Module II : Rural Development Strategies:

Sectoral terms of trade-controversy in India –Rural Development Programmes.

Micro Level Planning-Design and Evaluation of Rural Development Projects-Block Plans.

Rural Infrastructure and Services- Rural Market Networks, Rural Transport, Education, Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Rural Energy.

Location theory of rural services Losch, Christaller, Webber and Isard Models.

Module III: Rural Demography:

Features of rural population growth trends- Causes and consequences- migration nature, types and trends, measures to check rural-urban migration-Todaro model implications- Rural Urban Relations- Rural- Urban Relation Committee report- Positive and Negative effects on rural social and economic life.

Module IV: Rural Development Administration Structure and Organisation in India:

Panchayat Raj Institutions, People's Participation. 'Role of NGO's and voluntary agencies in Rural Development - Recent changes.

Rural Credit System; Institutional and Non-Institutional Sources Co-operation Banks Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks- NABARD and its policy impact on rural credit promotion in India.

Module V: Rural Industrialization:

Strategies for developing rural industries, financing of rural industries, rural industrial entrepreneurship-DIC-. Rural Labour Market- Types, Problems and Policy measures for rural unemployment in India

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