

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY  
CENTRE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES  
Syllabus for Ph.D. Entrance Examination

Chapter - I

1. Rural Society in India- Its history, development and types, social groups, Classification of groups social stratification, social mobility.

Chapter-II

1. Rural Development -conceptual framework, objectives and scope- evolution of rural development in India- Brief Review of pre and post independent attempts towards rural development and its overall impact. Limitations of earlier rural development efforts of India.
2. Strategies for Rural Development- Typologies of rural development strategies- learning and communication strategies- Impact of different strategies on rural life conditions.

Chapter - III

1. Poverty in India: concept and dimensions of poverty measurement of poverty- Quality of life index- Human development indices I Human poverty Index- causes and consequence of poverty. Nature and magnitude of rural unemployment- development
2. Development Programme and evaluation strategies- review of current rural development programmes in India. New economic reforms and its impact on rural

Chapter-IV

1. The concept of agricultural development and its place in national economy. The present status of agricultural development in India and other countries. The elements of agriculture- - the production process. The farmer, the farm and the farm business. The essentials for agricultural development: markets for farm product, changing technology, local sources of supplies and equipment, production and encouragement for farmers and transportation.

  
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## Chapter - V

1. Panchayat Raj institutions: A brief history of Panchayat Raj institutions in India, constitutional provisions- Panchayat Raj Institution and Rural Development Administration. Constitutional provisions, 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendments on constitutional biases for Panchayat Raj rural development administration. Organization setup; powers and functions composition, powers and functions of gram Sabhas, taluk Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats- Planning Process and the concept of Grass root Planning.

## Chapter - VI

1. Rural Industries:-- Traditional handicrafts- rural artisans - cottage industries - labour capital and technology- Diversification - Handlooms, silk coirs, Khadi, apiculture (Bee Raring), Pottery, Basket and mat-weaving etc. Role of KVIC- special programmes for rural industrialization D.I.C, Service centers for training craftsman promotional support and marketing- state policy and development of Traditional Crafts- rural industries and employment generation.

## Chapter - VII

1. Role of credit in rural development- sources of credits -institutional V/S Non institutional credit - strength and weakness - requisites of a good credit system evaluation and growth of rural credit Delivery system in India- single agencies V/S. multi Agency approach- co-operatives, commercial Banks, regional rural Banks, NABARD- Banks nationalization - Priority sector lending- lead Banks system service area approach Rural credit system limitations.

## Chapter - VIII

1. Empowerment of weaker Section (SC's, ST's, OBC's & Women and Minorities) - Special Components plans and the Area Development Oriented Programmes, Target group oriented programmes, national SC/ST Development Corporation, State Tribal Development Corporation, National Women Development Corporation, special programmes for Minorities - education, Employment.

  
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## Chapter - IX

1. NGO's Management - A historical over view - NGO's - concept and meaning, Structure and functions of NGO's rational for voluntary social action- Characteristics- classification organizational factors- Strategies of social action adopted by NGO's.
2. Agriculture Extension Programmes for Rural Development - 'Training' & 'Visit' objectives, organization, programmes content and implementation strategy; the impact and limitation of 'T' & 'V' system as experience in India and other countries.



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