

H.N.G.UNIVERSITY PATAN
S.Y.B.A. Semester: 3 ECONOMICS
Core Compulsory. 207 B (Main -Optional)
Rural Economy of India :- 1

Objective: The main objective of the paper is to make the students familiar with the main problems of the rural economy of India. The course also aims to introduce the main organization and major development policies for rural development.

Unit 1

Salient features of Agrarian economy. Low per capita income and the problem of poverty. Problem of unemployment and under employment. Importance of agriculture in rural economy.

Unit 2

Social institutions and Rural Economy. Importance of joint family in the village community. The traditional cast system and simple division of labour. Social status of women in rural community. Traditional values in rural community. Social and religious beliefs and traditions.

Unit 3

Agriculture allied activities in rural area. Animal husbandry and dairy products, Forestry, fishery, Poultry, Horticulture, Floriculture etc. (Scope for employment and income generation).

Unit 4

Low productivity of agriculture. Major causes, Traditional farming – seeds, fertilizer, irrigation, damage to crop. Risk in agricultural crops and nature of agriculture market, Agriculture finance and debt. Agro-based rural industries.

Basic Reading:-

1. Chakravarty, Nihal chandra. Surveys and Plans for rural industries, Asia Publishing house, Bombay, 2002.
2. Arora, Ramesh K. and Rakesh Ahooja, Administration of Rural Development. Arihant, 2003.
3. Mahajan, V.S. Agriculture, Rural development and panchayati Raj. Deep and Deep Publication, 1996.
4. Annual Reports on NABARD. Agriculture situation in India, Monthly published by Ministry of Agriculture.
5. Rao C,H. Hanumantha (1975) Agricultural growth. Rural Poverty and Environmental Degradation in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.