

**Add-on Course on: Rural Economy**

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**Introduction:** The Department of Political science offered 6<sup>th</sup> months Add on Course and the course covered many dimensions of rural economics including its meaning, the various schemes, poverty, unemployment problems and its challenges that the people faced in day to day life. It's a social science subject that considers economics geography such as land use and population density. We selected Rural Economy as an Add on course because in globalizing era India today faced several challenges of rural economy and to remove it Government take various initiatives such as implementing various schemes, economic diversification, rural electrification, rural tourism, agricultural productivity, policy development etc. The course was inaugurated by HOD, Dr. Kakali Borah, Department of Political science on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at digital class room 1.

**Aims & Objectives:** The course intends to provide proper understanding of mechanism of rural development. The basic objectives of this programme are as-

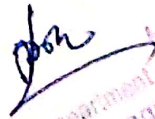
1. To enhance the knowledge and strategy of rural development.
2. To illustrate the problems and solutions of rural areas.
3. To enhance the employment opportunities in rural areas.
4. To understand the development schemes and programmes of government.
5. To understand the gap of theoretical and practical in rural development in India.

## Syllabus:

Unit	Content	Lecture	Marks
I	Introduction to Rural Economics: Nature and Scope of rural economics, features, the components of rural economics pre and post independence.	6	10
II	Sources of Rural Employment: Self-Help Groups- concept, features, functions and achievements, Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana(SGRY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, salient features, importance , outcome, JRY, Agro-Based Industries- concept, Types, Importance in Rural Employment Generation etc.	10	10
III	Rural Demography: population size- sex and composition of Age- Density of population-problems and challenges- Family welfare schemes in rural areas.	7	10
IV	Rural poverty and Unemployment: Rural poverty meaning, causes, consequences, Unemployment: it's meaning causes and Government measures for removing the unemployment problems.	6	10

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