PAPER II

CRDCE2T Community Engagement and Participatory Approaches

MAX. MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Course Outcomes (COs)

By the end of this paper, learners will be able to:

CO1: Understand the concept and importance of community engagement in rural development.
CO2: Explain participatory approaches used in grassroots development.
CO3: Apply basic tools for community interaction and needs assessment.
CO4: Identify the role of NGOs and local groups in rural development.
CO5: Develop basic skills in community mobilisation and communication.

SECTION A

Unit 1: Understanding Community: Meaning, concept, and types of community, Characteristics of rural communities, Social structure and leadership, Culture and social institutions, Community organisation and changing rural dynamics.

Unit 2: Community Engagement and Participation: Meaning and significance of community engagement, People's participation in development, Community planning and decision-making, Trust, cooperation, and empowerment, Barriers and strategies for effective participation.

Unit 3: Participatory Approaches in Rural Development: Meaning and principles of participatory development, Community participation in rural development, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), Local knowledge and community resources, Advantages and challenges of participatory approaches.

SECTION B

Unit 4: Participatory Tools and Techniques: Participatory approaches in community development, Social and resource mapping, Stakeholder participation and needs assessment, PRA techniques, Community planning and field-based applications.

Unit 5: Institutions in Community Development: Role of NGOs, SHGs, cooperatives, and community-based organisations, Government and local institutions, Community–institution collaboration, Challenges and opportunities in institutional participation.

Unit 6: Community Mobilisation and Communication: Community mobilisation, Communication and leadership skills, Awareness generation, Conflict resolution and negotiation, Ethical practices in community engagement.

Suggested readings:

Chambers, R. (1983). *Rural development: Putting the last first*. Longman.

Chambers, R. (1994). *Participatory rural appraisal (PRA): Analysis of experience*. World Development, 22(9), 1253–1268.

Maheshwari, S. R. (1985). *Rural development in India: A public policy approach*. Sage Publications.

Kumar, S. (2002). *Methods for community participation: A complete guide for practitioners*. Vistaar Publications.

Mathew, G. (1994). *Panchayati Raj in India: From legislation to movement*. Concept Publishing Company.