PAPER III

CRDCE3T Contemporary Issues in Rural Development

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: Identify major contemporary challenges faced by rural communities.

CO2: Understand issues related to poverty, inequality and social exclusion in rural areas.

CO3: Explain the importance of sustainable and inclusive rural development.

CO4: Examine the impact of migration, technology and climate change on rural life.

CO5: Suggest basic measures for improving rural livelihoods and well-being.

SECTION A

Unit 1: Rural Poverty and Inequality: Meaning and causes of rural poverty, Social inequality and vulnerable groups, Socio-economic challenges, Impact on rural development, Poverty alleviation and social welfare measures.

Unit 2: Migration and Rural Transformation: Rural–urban migration, Causes and consequences of migration, Changing rural society and family, Rural youth and employment, Challenges and opportunities.

Unit 3: Rural Livelihoods and Employment: Agricultural challenges and rural distress, Non-farm employment and entrepreneurship, Skill development, Employment generation programmes, Unemployment and underemployment.

SECTION B

Unit 4: Sustainable Rural Development: Meaning and principles of sustainable development, Natural resource management, Environmental challenges, Community participation, Sustainable rural livelihoods.

Unit 5: Digital Inclusion and Rural Development: Meaning and digital divide, Digital literacy and access, Technology in governance and public services, E-governance and digital platforms, Digital empowerment.

Unit 6: Inclusive and Gender-Sensitive Rural Development: Inclusive development, Women's participation and SHGs, Social inclusion and equity, Empowerment of vulnerable groups, Gender-sensitive development approaches.

Suggested Readings:

Jha, P. (Ed.). (2012). *India's rural transformation: Emerging issues and challenges*. Oxford University Press.

Moser, C. O. N. (1993). *Gender planning and development: Theory, practice and training*. Routledge.

Singh, K. (2012). *Rural development in India: Strategies and processes*. Sage Publications.

NITI Aayog. (Latest edition). *Reports on rural development and sustainable growth*. Government of India.

Planning Commission (Government of India). (Various reports). *Rural development and poverty alleviation programmes*. Government of India.