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| **Name of the Programme** | **Master of Social Work** |
| **Semester** | **III** |
| **Nature of Course** | **DSE** |
| **Course Code** | **MSW-305 (A)** |
| **Course Title** | **Rural Community Development** |
| **Credits** | **3** |
| **Marks** | **100** |

**Course Objectives:**

• To enable students to understand about the rural realities.

• To develop sensitivity and commitment for working with rural communities.

• To provide knowledge for understanding government and voluntary efforts towards rural community development

• To equip students with specific skills and techniques of working with rural communities

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

• Understand rural diversity, economic, political, social and natural realities

• Develop sensitivity and understanding with regard to rural livelihoods, inequalities,

• Develop critical understanding of rural policies and programs in agriculture, livelihoods and basic services

• Develop critical understanding of community development approaches and interventions

• Acquire skills related to participatory programme planning, evaluation and community organising with rural communities

**Course Contents**

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| **Unit** | **Name of the unit** | **Contents** | **L** | **T** | **P** | **Marks** |
| **1** | **Understanding Rural Communities** | * Rural communities: Socio-economic and natural diversity, Complexity and contemporary concerns * Dynamics of the rural society: Caste, class, Tribe and gender relations; power, conflict and control * Agrarian relations, structural inequality and land access * Rural Communities in the era of Globalisation | 09 | 04 |  | 15 |
| **2** | **Rural Livelihoods, Poverty and Contemporary Concerns** | * Rural Employment: Trends and Types-Farm, Non Farm; Wage and Self-Employment Programs * Rural Poverty and Indebtedness: Causes, Dimensions and Measurement issues, Poverty Alleviation Programs * Rural Livelihoods: Diversity, Trends, Programs; Livelihood Analysis, Strategies and Challenges * Entitlements of Rural Poor: Commons, Land, Food, Energy Justice and Security * Issues and challenges in Indian Agriculture | 09 | 04 |  | 15 |
| **3** | **Rural Community Development: Approaches and Interventions** | * Rural Community Development: Social justice, Ecological and Indigenous Perspectives * Approaches: Dialogic and Developmental approach to Community Development -Concept, Principles and Transformational Skills * Governance and Administration in Rural India with special focus on Panchayati Raj Institutions: Devolution of Power, Capacity Building, Challenges and Successes * Micro Planning, Participatory Program Planning and Evaluation (skills) * Communication for Change, Social Advocacy and Social Audit (skills) | 09 | 04 |  | 15 |
| **4** | **Rural Development Policies and Programmes** | * Rural Development in SDG and Macro-Economic Policy Contexts * Rural Policies and Programmes, Objectives, Implementation and Evaluation with regard to Agriculture (National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture), Forests (FRA) * Land Tenure, Land Reform and Land Acquisition: Overview, Legal Provisions and Contemporary Concerns * Self-Help Group, Cooperatives, Micro Credit and Micro Enterprise Development | 09 | 04 | - | 15 |
| **TOTAL CONTACT HOURS** | | | 52 | | | 60 |

**Core Readings:**

1. Harriss, J. (2017). Rural development: Theories of peasant economy and agrarian change. Jaipur: Rawat.

2. Brahmanandam, T. (ed.) (2018). Dalit issues: Caste and class interface. Jaipur: Rawat

3. Sisodia, Y.S., &Dalapati, T. K. (Eds.) (2015). Development and discontent in tribal India. Jaipur: Rawat.

4 Maddick, H. (2018).Panchayati raj: A study of rural local Government in India. Jaipur: Rawat.

5. Jana, A. K. (Ed.) (2015). Decentralizing rural governance and development: Perspectives, ideas and experiences. Jaipur: Rawat

6. IDFC Rural Development Network (2013). India rural development report. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan.

7. Vaidyanathan, A. (2010). Agricultural growth in India: Role of technology, incentives and institutions. New Delhi: Oxford University Press

8. Agarwal, B. (2010). Women's presence within and beyond community forestry. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

9. Jim Ife (2013). Community development in an uncertain world: Vision, analysis and practice. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

10. Westoby, P., & Dowling, G. (2013). Theory and practice of dialogical community development international perspectives.Routledege.

11. Joshi, V., &Upadhyaya, C. (eds) (2017). Tribal situation in India: Issues and development (Second Revised Edition). Jaipur: Rawat.

12. Fernandez, B. (2016). Land, labour and livelihoods: Indian women's perspectives. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan

**Supplementary Readings**

1. Desai, V. (2012). Rural development in India.Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai.

2. Deshingkar, P., & Farrington, J. (2009). Circular migration and multilocational livelihood strategies in rural India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

3. Deshpande, R. S., &Arora, S. (2010). Agrarian crisis and farmer suicides. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

4. Padel, F., & Das, S. (2010). Out of this earth: East India Adivasis and the aluminium cartel.Orient Blackswan.

5. Raman, V. (2010). The warp and the weft: Community and gender identity among Banaras weavers. New Delhi: Routledge.