

Syllabi of PhD Course work –
Department of Rural Studies
(Palli Charcha Kendra)

Course no.-I; Research methodology and Techniques

100marks

(A) Concepts

- (i) Understanding Scientific Research: Research; Objectivity, realities and ethics in research
- (ii) Special Features of Social Science Research: Importance of communication skill, power of expression in speaking and writing.
- (iii) Different steps in Social Science Research.

References:

- 1) Research methodology—Methods and Techniques—C.R. Kothari, 2009, New Age International, New Delhi
- 2) Research method: A step by step guide for beginners by Ranjit Kumar, Sage. 2005
- 3) Research Methods: Key Concepts –Michael Hammond, Jerry Wellington, Routledge

(B) Qualitative Methods

- (i) Case Study, Social Survey
- (ii) Significance of qualitative methods in Research
- (iii) Methods of Qualitative Data Collection
- (iv) Qualitative data interpretation

(C) Quantitative Methods

- (i) Diagrammatic and Tabular representation of statistical data
- (ii) Measures of Central Tendency and dispersion
- (iii) Correlation and Regression Analysis
- (iv) Methods of Sample Survey
- (v) Statistical tests of Significance

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1. Goon A.M., Gupta M.K., Das Gupta.B. Fundamentals of Statistics, Volumes I and II World Press, Calcutta.
2. Spiegel, M. R. Theory & Problems of Statistics, Schaum's Publishing Series
3. Miller, Jane. Statistics for Advanced Level. Cambridge University Press
4. Agresti, Alan. Categorical Data Analysis. Wiley Interscience
5. Agarwal, B.L. Basic Statistics. New Age International Publishers
6. Das, N.G. Statistical Methods, Combined Edition (Volumes I and II). Tata McGraw-Hill

Critical Understanding of the Domain

(1) Non-essentialist and Marxian perspectives of Development-

A) Non-essentialist perspective

- a) Orientalism
- b) Overdeterminism
- b) Neo-Althusserian marxism
- c) Post colonial capitalism and governmentality
- d) Discourse and power-TOT, industrialisation –agriculture debate
- e) Geo-politics
- f) Rethinking Rural Development

Reference-

- 1) Kalyan Sanyal-Rethinking Capitalist Development-Primitive accumulation, Governmentality and post colonial capitalism-2007-Routledge
- 2) Ajit Chowdhury, Dipankar Das and Anjan Chakraborty-margins of margins-Anustup
- 3) Arturo Escobar-Encountering Development-Making and Unmaking of IIIrd world-1996-Princeton University press.
- 4) Stuart Hall and Bram Gieben (ed)-Formations of Modernity-Polity Press
- 5) Michel Foucault-Text, Discourse and Ideology-The order of Discourse
- 6) Arturo Escobar-Beyond the search of a paradigm-post development and beyond-2000-In 'Development'-Society for international development
- 7) Louis Althusser-Contradiction and Overdeterminism-For Marx-Penguin press
- 8) Caroline Ashley and Simon Maxwell-Rethinking Rural Development-Development Policy Review-2001
- 9) Sanjay Chaturvedi & Joe painter-Whose world, Whose order?-Spatiality, Geo-politics and the limits of the world order concept-Cooperation & conflict:Journal of the Nordic International Studies Association-2007-Sage
- 10) Andre Gunder Frank-The Development of Underdevelopment-Monthly Review, 1966

B) Marxian theories of Development

- a) Evolution
- b) Issues related to LDCs
 - i) Historical Materialism
 - ii) Capitalist Development and Mode of production
 - iii) Differentiation perspective
 - iv) Agrarian Transition
 - v) Dependency and Unequal exchange

Reference list-

- 1) Paul M. Sweezy-The Theory of capitalist Development-KP Bagchi
- 2)V.I. Lenin-The Development of Capitalism in Russia-Progress Publishers
- 3) Utsa Patnaik-Agrarian relation and accumulation-Mode of production Debate in India-Sameeksha Trust Publication
- 4) Hayami & Godo-Development Economics-From the poverty to the Wealth of Nations-Oxford
- 5) A. P. Thirlwall-Growth and Development-with special reference to Developing economies-ELBS
- 6) Rakshit, Santanu (2010) 'Agrarian transition'-diversity in nature, notion and observations—A survey of theoretical expositions and empirical studies with reference to India and West Bengal, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Elsevier, Science Direct, 2010, doi:10.1016/j.rssm.2010.05.001
- 7) Patnaik Utsa (2007), New Data on the Arrested Development of Capitalism in Indian Agriculture, Delhi, Social Scientist, Vol. 35, No. 7/8 (Jul. - Aug., 2007), pp. 4-23
- 8) Frank, Andre Gunder (1973), "On 'Feudal Modes, Models and Methods of Escaping Capitalist Reality", Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.VIII, No.1.

(2) Mainstream theories of Development

(A) Neoclassical Theories

- a) Evolution
- b) Issues related to LDCs
 - i) Development-GNP/per capita income paradigm
 - ii) Labour-Surplus labour theories; Rural-Urban linkages-migration
 - iii) Capital-Critical Investment, Big Push and low-level eqm.-trap
 - iv) Hirschman and his development paradigm
 - v) Terms of Trade and development

(B) Neo-Liberal paradigms

- a) Washington Consensus
- b) Post Washington- Consensus Development
 - i) Development of Social Capital theory
 - ii) Livelihood approaches
 - iii) Territorial Approaches-SEZ/FRA/MRA
 - iv) Sustainable Developments

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- 3) Debraj Ray-Development Economics-Oxford
- 4) World Development Report-2000-Chapter-7

(3) Rural Development

Rural Development Concepts and Experiments

Development Programme-Recent Issues

Participatory Planning Approach

Rural Institutions

Ref:

- 1) Robert Putnam- Bowling Alone: The Collapse And Revival Of American Community. by Robert D.Putnam (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2000)
- 2) Ian Scoones- Sustainable Rural Livelihood-A framework of analysis-IDS Working Paper 72, 1998, © Institute of Development Studies 1998
- 3) Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet- Towards a territorial approach to Rural Development-International experience and implications for Mexico's microregion strategy-University of California at Berkeley July 2004
- 4) Britha Miekelsen-Methods for Development Research-Sage

**Course no.-III; Book Review of published research work &
Presentation of Research Synopsis**

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