

<b>Course title:</b> Indian Agricultural Development: Contemporary Issues			
<b>Course code:</b> MPE 122	<b>No. of credits:</b> 4	<b>L-T-P:</b> 60-0-0	<b>Learning hours:</b> 60
<b>Pre-requisite course code and title (if any):</b> Macroeconomics			
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<b>Course type:</b> Elective		<b>Course offered in:</b> Semesters 3	
<p><b>Course description:</b></p> <p>The course will discuss changes in the trajectory of agricultural development in India since Independence. Students will be exposed to impacts of policies on the growth processes in Indian agriculture. Further, it discusses changes in the relations among economic agents involved in the process of production and exchange that vary with the levels of capitalist development across agro-ecological zones in India. It also provides an exposure to the role of agricultural markets in facilitating the process of exchange. Students will be acquainted with the impacts of some technological developments in Indian agriculture across social and economic groups, with a focus on the access, utilisation and sustainability of Green Revolution and BT cotton. Sustainability of farming practices will be discussed in this course, with specific illustrations from the literature on impacts of climate change and adaptation strategies of different sections of producers. Liberalisation of economic regime that started in 1991 was followed by major structural changes resulting in modifications in the state provision of support to domestic agricultural sector—it had serious impacts on livelihood security of different sections of rural population, which the course covers as well.</p>			
<p><b>Course objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To critically examine the growth processes of Indian agriculture.</li> <li>2. To make the students understand the nature of development of Indian agriculture, the role of agriculture in industrial development and land distribution in rural India.</li> <li>3. To study inter-linkages across input and output markets in agriculture.</li> <li>4. To provide the students an exposure to selected aspects of sustainability of agricultural development in India.</li> <li>5. To gain knowledge on the impacts of climate change in Indian agriculture and adaptation strategies thereof.</li> <li>6. To enable students, analyse the impacts of economic reforms on Indian agriculture.</li> </ol>			