

Syllabus and Scheme of Ph.D Course Work in Economics under CBCS w.e.f. 2017-18

Max. Marks: 100
External Examination: 70
Internal Assessment: 30

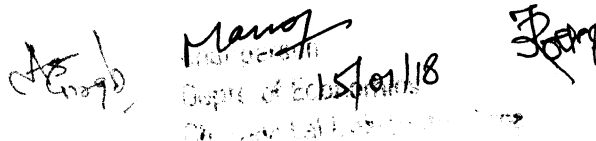
Course Code	Name of Course		Credit
PHECO-C-701	Research Methodology	Core	04
PHECO-C-702	Skills of Thesis Writing		04
PHECO-E-701	Development Theory and Programmes of Rural Development	Subject Elective (Any one)	04
PHECO-E-702	Agricultural Development & Policy		
PHECO-E-703	Logic and Scientific Approaches in Economics		
PHECO-OE-701	Selected Aspects of Indian Economy*	Open Elective	02

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PH.D (Economics)
PHECO-C-701
Research Methodology

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UNIT-I

Social Science Research: Nature, scope and objectivities. The bridge between concepts and facts, Formulation of a research problem and research design.
Sampling design: Concepts of populations, census and sample surveys.
Types of Sampling: Simple random sampling, stratified random sampling, systematic sampling, cluster sampling, multistage sampling, Quota sampling.

UNIT-II

Data collection: Primary and secondary data, methods of collecting primary data, sources of secondary data, framing the questionnaire/schedule, guidelines for successful interviewing, case study method.
Data base of Indian Economy: Sources, Nature, and their limitations.

UNIT-III

Regression Analysis: Regression analysis involving upto two explanatory variables; specification of single equation model; ordinary least square estimators and its properties.

UNIT-IV

Significance tests of estimates and confidence intervals.

Time series analysis: Linear and non-linear trends (different type of growth curves)

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Reading List:

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Skills of Thesis Writing

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UNIT-I

Research and Writing: Research paper as a form of exploration & communication.

Plagiarism: Definition, consequences, forms.

The mechanics of writing: Spelling, punctuation, italics, names of persons, numbers, titles of works in research paper, quotations, capitalization & personal names in languages other than English.

UNIT-II

The format of the research paper.

Documentation: Preparing the list of works cited; citing sources in the text.

Abbreviations.

UNIT-III

Structure & content of the research proposal, citing references, presentation of a dissertation, Managing information & keeping records. Dos & do nots for reviewing, Indicators of good research.

UNIT-IV

Variety of Thesis proposals: Solving immediate problems; Establishing foundations for planning; applying, testing & generating theories; contributing to research methodology; replicating others research; Presentation of the results.

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Development Theory and Programmes of Rural Development

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UNIT-I

The Study of Economic Development, The development gap and the measurement of poverty, Why growth rate differs between countries?

Dualism, Centre - periphery models and the process of cumulative causation.

UNIT-II

Challenges of development in developing countries, Sustainable and inclusive growth and the choice of techniques.

Foreign assistance, debt and development.

UNIT-III

MGNERGA, Mission Antyodya, National Rurban Mission (NRum)

UNIT-IV

Din Dyal Antyodya Yojna, Proadhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna , Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna (Gramin), National Social Assistance Programme

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PHECO-E-702
Agricultural Development & Policy

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UNIT-I

Models and Theories of Agricultural Development: Theories of Agricultural Development 'Schulzian Thesis of transforming agriculture, Mellor's Theory, Boserup's theory, Resource mobilization from the agriculture sector.

UNIT-II

Issues and policies: Land issues and policy, corporate land grabbing, policies regarding seed, fertilizer, insecticides-pesticides, irrigation & water, and farm mechanization, food problems, food security and PDS

UNIT-III

Agriculture credit policy and problems, policy of agriculture taxation, agriculture labour, subsidies and impacts on agriculture, agricultural marketing, public procurement vs. private procurement.

UNIT-IV

Trading Policies: Objectives, constraints and instruments in national food and agriculture policy, Agricultural policies in new frame work of economic policies, WTO and Indian agriculture.

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Islam, Nurul(ed.), 'Agricultural Policy in Developing Countries', MacMillan New Delhi

Lekhi R.K. and Joginder Singh, 'Agricultural Economics', Kalyani Publishers Ludhiana, New
Delhi.

South Wealth, H.M. and B.F. Johnston(ed.), 'Agricultural Development and Economic Growth',
Cornell Univ. Press, Ithica, N.Y.

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Relevant papers Articles (last ten years)

- a) Economic & Political weekly
- b) Indian Journal of Agril. Economics
- c) Indian Journal of Agril. Marketing
- d) The Indian Economic Journal
- e) Productivity

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Ph. D. (Economics)
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Logic and Scientific Approaches in Economics

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UNIT-I

Proposition: Definition; Logical relation between categorical proposition; quality, quantity and distribution; The traditional square of opposition; Symbolism and diagrams for categorical propositions.

Syllogism: Definition, rules for testing validity of categorical syllogism; Venn diagram technique for testing syllogism.

UNIT-II

Fallacies: Meaning; fallacies of relevance; fallacies of ambiguity.

Hypothesis and Scientific Method: Characteristics & stages of scientific method, self corrective nature of science; The value of science; scientific and unscientific explanation; evaluation of scientific explanation; elements of scientific method.

UNIT-III

Empiricist Approach: Mill's Methods of Scientific Explanation. Hypothetics – Deductive Model of Scientific Explanation. Covering Law of Model of Explanation; Symmetry Thesis.

UNIT-IV

Methodology of Science: Views of Kuhn; Popper and Lakatos

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Robbins, L. (1935), "An Essay on the Nature and Significance of economic Science" 2nd edition (London; Macmillan).

Samuelson, P. (1965), "Foundations of Economic Analysis", 2nd edition, New York.

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Ph. D. (Economics)
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Selected Aspects of Indian Economy

Max.Marks : 50
End Term Exam :30
Internal Assessment/Evaluation :20
Time: 2 Hrs. (For End Term Exam)

UNIT-I

Nature and Characteristics of Indian economy; Planning; objectives and strategies; failures and achievements of plans.

UNIT-II

Financial Sector: Monetary policy of RBI; Role of commercial banks in India; Banking sector reforms since 1991;

UNIT-III

Budgeting-Meaning and purpose of budget; Types or classification of budget; Budget making process in India.

UNIT-IV

Measures of budget deficit and their significance; Parliamentary control over budget; Zero base budgeting; Balanced budget multiplier.

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