

RURAL MARKETING

Subject Code	: 14MBA MM411	IA Marks	: 50
No. of Lecture Hours / Week	: 04	Exam Hours	: 03
Total Number of Lecture Hours	: 56	Exam Marks	: 100
Practical Component	: 01 Hour / Week		

Objectives:

- The objective of the course is to provide conceptual understanding on the Rural Marketing with special reference to Indian context and develop skills required for planning of Rural Products.
- To create awareness about the applicability of the concepts, techniques and processes of marketing in rural context.
- To familiarize with the special problems related to sales in rural markets.

Module I

(8 Hours)

Introduction to Indian Rural Marketing: Definition, scope of rural marketing, concepts, classification of rural markets, rural vs. urban markets. Rural marketing environment: Population, occupation pattern, income generation, location of rural population, expenditure pattern, literacy level, land distribution, land use pattern, irrigation, development programs, infrastructure facilities, rural credit institutions, rural retail outlets, print media in rural areas, rural areas requirement, rural demand and rural market index, problems in rural marketing.

Module II

(8 Hours)

Rural Consumer behaviour: Consumer buying behaviour models, Factors affecting Consumer Behaviour, Social factors, Technological Factors, Economic Factors, Political Factors, Characteristics of Rural consumer- Age and Stages of the Life cycle, Occupation and Income, Economic circumstances, Lifestyle, Personality and Brand Belief, Information Search and pre purchase Evaluation, Rise of Consumerism, Consumer Buying Process, Opinion Leadership Process, Diffusion of Innovation, Brand Loyalty.

Researching Rural Market: Sensitizing rural market, Research design-reference frame, Research approach, Diffusion of innovation, Development studies, PRA approach, The need for PRA, Sampling, Operational aspects of data collection,

Module III

(8 Hours)

Rural Marketing of FMCG's: Indian FMCG industry, characteristics of Indian FMCG sector, Challenges in the FMCG industry, Rural Marketing of FMCG's: Select case studies

Rural Marketing of Consumer durables: Issues related to consumer durables in the rural market, Rural Marketing of Consumer durables: Select case studies

Rural marketing of financial services: Marketing objectives and approaches, Evolution of rural banking after independence, Challenges in marketing for banking services in rural, opportunities for banking in rural areas, marketing strategies for banking services

Module IV

(9 Hours)

Marketing of agricultural inputs: Indian tractor industry: A brief overview, Challenges for Indian tractor industry, factors suggesting better future prospects for tractor industry, marketing strategies for tractor industry
Fertilizer industry in India: Marketing of fertilizer industry, classification of fertilizer industry, Challenges for marketing of fertilizer industry, marketing strategies for fertilizer industry.

Indian agrochemical market: Marketing environment for agrochemicals in India, factors affecting agro chemicals market growth, structural challenges faced by Indian agrochemical industry, marketing strategies for agro chemicals.

Module V

(6 Hours)

Marketing of agricultural produce: Profiling of Indian agricultural produces marketing, challenges in marketing of agricultural produce, Strategies to promote marketing of agricultural produce

Marketing of rural artisan products, Characteristics of Indian handicrafts industry, Challenges for rural artisan sector, Government policy towards handicrafts sector, marketing strategies for the development of rural artisan sector

Module VI

(12 Hours)

Distribution Strategy: Introduction Accessing Rural Markets, Coverage Status in Rural Markets, Channels of Distribution, Evolution of Rural Distribution Systems- Wholesaling, Rural Retail System, Vans, Rural Mobile Traders: The last Mile Distribution, Haats/Shandies, Public Distribution System, Co-operative Societies Behaviour of the Channel, Prevalent Rural Distribution Models- Distribution Models of FMCG Companies, Distribution

Model of Durable Companies, Distribution of fake products, Emerging Distribution Models- Corporate -SHG Linkage, Satellite Distribution, Syndicated Distribution, ITC's Distribution Model, Petrol pumps and Extension counters, Barefoot agents, Agricultural agents, Agricultural input dealers, Other channels, Ideal distribution model for Rural

Communication strategy: Challenges in Rural Communication, A view of Communication Process, Developing Effective- Profiling the Target Audience, Determining communication objectives, designing the message, selecting the communication channels, deciding the promotion mix, Creating advertisement for rural audiences rural media- Mass media, Non-Conventional Media, Personalized media, Rural Media: The importance of the two-step flow of communication Media Typology, The Media Model, Media innovation, Influence of Consumer Behaviour on Communication strategies

Module VII

(5 Hours)

Corporate sector in agri-business: Reasons for increased interest of corporate sector in agri-business, opportunities, in the agri-business, benefits of corporate driven agri-business system-involvement of corporate sector in agri-business: select case studies.

Digitalizing the Indian rural markets-e-rural marketing: select live case studies-ITC e-choupal, TARA haat, EID Parry's Indiaagriline, Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM)

Practical Components:

- Visit to the various Micro Finance Institutes, who extend their services in catering rural market.
- Approaching the FMCG companies which have already catered in Rural and Understand the approach strategy (What is that innovative concept the company has adopted in successfully catering in to rural markets)
- Visit to a village and understand the market structure and also understand the functioning part of the rural markets
- Students should come up with new product designing with the rural marketing mix 4 As (Awareness, Acceptability, Adaptability and Affordability)
- Students can do a survey on corporate farming and its effect on income of the rural farmer.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

- Rural Marketing - Pradeep Kashyap & Siddhartha Raut, Biztantra.
- Rural Marketing - Gopal Swamy T. P, 3/e, Vikas Publishing House.
- Rural Marketing - Dogra & Karminder Ghuman, 1/e, TMH.
- Rural Marketing - Sanal Kumar Velayudhan, 2/e, Response Publication, 2007.

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- Rural Marketing – Mathur U. C, 1/e, Excel BOOKS.
- Rural Marketing – Krishnamacharyulu C. G & Lalitha Ramakrishnan, Pearson Education.
- Rural Marketing – Habeeb Ur Rahman, 1/e, HPH, 2004.
- Rural Marketing – Sukhpal Singh, Vikas Publishers
- Rural Marketing – Minouti Kamat & R. Krishnamoorthy, 3/e, HPH.
- Agricultural Marketing In India – Acharya , Oxford I B H.
- Advertising & Marketing in Rural India- Tej K. Bhatia, 2/e, Macmillan.
- Marketing of Agricultural Products - Richard Kohls and Joseph N. Uhl, 9/e, PHI.
- Rural Marketing – R.V.Badi, N.V.Badi, HPH.

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