

## **(005-A&H-04-02) RURAL AND TRIBAL STUDIES**

### **Significance of the Program:**

Article 366 (25) of the Constitution of India refers to Scheduled Tribes as those communities who are scheduled in accordance with Article 342. According to this Article, the Scheduled Tribes are the tribes or tribal communities or part of or groups within these tribes and tribal communities which have been declared as such by the President through a Public Notification. 8.10 per cent of the Nation's total population (about 835.80 lakh), according to the 2011 Census, is what constitutes the tribal population of India. This population lives in concentrations in various parts of the country mainly Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern States including Sikkim. However most of these tribal groups have been living in abject poverty since long. In this background, an acute need was felt for developing a well-trained set of tribal development professionals who can bring about positive changes and improve the quality of life of the Tribals. The Under Graduate Program in Rural and Tribal Studies is designed for students seeking an in-depth understanding of the unique challenges and sustainable development strategies in rural and tribal contexts. This program combines rigorous academic study with fieldwork and community engagement, preparing graduates for leadership roles in community development, policy advocacy, and research.

### **Career Options:**

Upon completion of this program, UG students can pursue various career paths aimed at addressing the unique needs of rural and tribal communities:

- Field Supervisors
- Assistant Tribal Development Officer
- Social audit officer
- Research Asst. in Rural and Tribal Studies

### **Objectives of the Program:**

- To give basic knowledge of rural community as well as tribes and their situation in India.
- It will help learners to understand the rural and tribal way of life in India including their culture, tradition as well as changes in their life.

- The programme hopes to provide employment to learners in the tribal development departments, in NGOs or other institutions engaged in tribal welfare activities.

**Programme Outcomes:**

After completion of this programme the learners will be able to:

- Know about the rural development programs.
- Understand the tribal culture, life and their situation in India
- Know about the Tribal development in India from Pre-independence to Present-day
- Develop zeal to work for tribal people and their development in different departments of Government and non-governmental organization

**Major Course Outlines:**

- Introduction to Rural Development
- Introduction to Tribal Communities
- Rural Development Strategies
- Integrated Approach for Tribal Development
- Issues in Tribal Development
- Rural Marketing and Finance
- Tribal Livelihood Strategies and their Sustainability
- Reports on Field studies