

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) : Emerging Areas in Economic Studies

Course Objective

To introduce basic economic concepts of emerging areas in economics.

Learning Outcome

The student will gain an appreciation of healthy, gender, environment and energy economics

I HEALTH ECONOMICS :

Definition and Importance of Health Economics. Demand and Supply of Health Care, Delivery and pricing of Health care (public and private). WHO, National Health Policy – NRHM and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

II GENDER ECONOMICS

Economic Role of Women in India, Contribution of Women in GNP, Valuation of Household Economy. Five Year Plans and women's development and economic empowerment. Concept of Gender Budgeting. Factors affecting decision making by women - Access to and control over economic resources.

III ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMICS

Sustainable Development Cost of economic growth and development, Climate Change and Global warming: Implications for Food Security, Global Initiatives.

IV ENERGY ECONOMICS

Sources of Energy. Role of Energy in Economic Development. Demand – Supply Gap. Environment Energy Crisis: causes - Consequences and Remedial Measures. Carbon Credit and Trading, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). Economic Importance of Non-Renewable Energy.

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Meier, G.M. and J.E. Rauch (2007), *Leading Issues in Economic Development*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
2. Charles Phelps, *Health Economics*.
3. National Institute of public Finance and policy (NIPFP); *Gender Budgeting in India*, www.nipfp.org.in.
4. UNDP - Human Development Reports.
5. Lourdes Beneria and Savithri Biswanath; *Gender and Development: Theoretical, Empirical and practical Approaches*.
6. Lekha Chakraborthi; *Invisibility of Women's Work in Budgeting*.
7. Katar Singh and Shishodia (2007), *Environmental Economics – Theory and Application*, Sage Publication, New Delhi.