



Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira
Department of Economics

4 Year BSc. Economics (Major)

Departmental VAC Syllabus

SEMESTER I

Ethics and Business Enterprises

Module 1

Ethics and Economics; Self-interest and other motivations; Different types of enterprises

- Adam Smith's ideas – selected portions from 'Wealth of Nation'
- Amartya Sen's Ethics and Economics chapter 1.
- Gregory Dow (2003) Governing the Firm chapter 1 & 2.

Module 2

Ethics, Neoliberalism and Tagore; Ethics and alternative economic thinking

- Anjan Chakrabarti – Tagore beyond neoliberalism
- Anjan Chakrabarti- Tagore and Ambedkar
- Anjan Chakrabarti- Gandhi and Marx dialogue

Module 3

Ethics and transformation of systems and self

- Marxism and Spirituality – Chapter 1
- Swami Vivekananda's – Karma Yoga

References

- Adam Smith, Wealth of Nation
- Amartya Sen, Ethics and Economics
- Gregory K . Dow, Governing the Firm
- Anup Dhar, Anjan Chakrabarti, Tagore and the Marxian Political in Beyond Neoliberalism and Capitalism

- Anup Dhar, Anjan Chakrabarti, Sriniketan Encounters Ambedkar Whither the Political?
- Anjan Chakrabarti, Anup Dhar, Serap Kayatekin, Marx, Marxism and Spiritual
- Non-violent Socialism: Marx and Gandhi in Dialogue
- Swami Vivekananda, Karma Yoga

SEMESTER II

Issues in Urban Economy and Development

This course aims to explore the impact of global urban planning on developing nations and analyze the dynamics of urban governance, citizen participation, and policies in India. It will evaluate the role of global institutions in Indian urban finance and services, while also examining the reforms and neoliberal influences in urban governance. By the end of the course, participants will have a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of urbanization in developing nations and the ability to critically assess and communicate on related issues.

Unit 1: Urban planning practices in the cities of developing countries

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Unit 2: Urban Governance: Institutions, Participation and Citizenship

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Unit 3: Urban Development Plan and Programmes in India:

Decentralization, JNNURM, Urban Water Policy, Sanitation Policy, Street Vendor Policy, Smart City, Slum free city

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Unit 4: Urban Finance and Urban Service delivery in India

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Unit 5: Urban Governance Reforms in India

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