



Rani Birla Girls' College
38 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-17

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course introduces students to a broad range of topics in development from the sociological perspectives to comprehend what exactly 'Development' means. The field of development is interdisciplinary, so in this course we also draw on work conducted by economists and political scientists. Development primarily refers to systematic and worldwide efforts to alleviate poverty, reduce global inequality, and improve the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. So what exactly are people doing to combat poverty and mitigate suffering? What are development actors and what roles do they play in shaping development processes? Can these development efforts make a difference? Why or why not? The course guides students to explore these critical questions.

Course content:

- Introduction: What is development?
- The Human Development Index
- Development in Historical Context: Colonialism
- Development in Contemporary Context: Globalization
- Development Theories I
- Development Theories II
- Social development indicators
- Sustainable development
- Growth-Development Debate
- Private-Public Partnership-PPP
- Social services for socialization and development
- Participatory development: Gender and Development GAD
- Civil society & grassroots initiatives: SHG; NGO
- Corporate Social Responsibility CSR
- Decentralisation of development: Panchayat & Municipality
- MGNREGA
- Digital India
- Social change and development in India

COURSE TYPE: ADD-ON

COURSE DELIVERY: ON-LINE

COURSE DURATION: 30 Hrs.

CLASSES TIMINGS:

**Mondays - 6p.m. - 7p.m. &
Tuesdays - 6p.m. - 7p.m.**

Course outcome:

- After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:
- Comprehend the concept of Development
- Analyze global inequality
- Critically appraise development from multiple theoretical perspectives.
- Learn about what development interventions look like on the ground
- Think critically about the consequences of global development interventions and policies.



Course coordinators:

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Registration fee: 300₹