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Programme Outcomes for Add-On Course: Self-Help Group (SHG) and Rural Development

1. Understanding the Concept of SHGs

• Gain comprehensive knowledge about the formation, functioning, and objectives of Self-Help Groups in rural settings.

2. Empowerment of Rural Communities

• Learn how SHGs contribute to the economic, social, and political empowerment of rural communities, especially women.

3. Financial Literacy and Management

• Develop skills in financial planning, bookkeeping, and resource management essential for SHG operations.

4. Microfinance and Credit Accessibility

• Understand the role of SHGs in facilitating access to microfinance and how it aids in reducing poverty in rural areas.

5. Entrepreneurial Development

• Learn techniques for starting and managing micro-enterprises, focusing on rural livelihoods and small-scale industries.

6. Leadership and Decision-Making Skills

• Foster leadership qualities and decision-making abilities among SHG members for better governance and group sustainability.

7. Social Inclusion and Equity

• Promote awareness of gender equality, social justice, and the inclusion of marginalized communities through SHGs.

8. Linkages with Government and NGOs

• Understand how SHGs collaborate with government schemes, NGOs, and financial institutions to maximize developmental benefits.

9. Capacity Building and Skill Development

• Equip learners with essential skills such as tailoring, handicrafts, food processing, and other rural employment opportunities.

10. Rural Infrastructure and Development

• Gain insights into the role of SHGs in improving rural infrastructure like education, healthcare, and sanitation.

11. Sustainable Livelihood Practices

• Learn sustainable farming, agro-based practices, and other environmentfriendly techniques to enhance rural development.

12. Community Mobilization

• Understand strategies for mobilizing communities to address collective challenges like illiteracy, health, and unemployment.

13. Monitoring and Evaluation

• Develop the ability to assess the performance and impact of SHGs on rural development through participatory methods.

14. Promotion of Self-Reliance

• Encourage rural communities to build self-reliance through skill enhancement, collective action, and mutual support.

15. Policy Advocacy and Awareness

• Understand the importance of SHGs in advocating for rural development policies and rights at the local and national levels.

