

**UG Syllabus for Semester VI of ECONOMICS MDC UNDER  
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**Department of Economics  
West Bengal State University**

**ECONOMICS CORE COURSE**

**Semester VI**

**MA-6: ECOCOR606T**

**PUBLIC FINANCE**

**5 Credits(4L+1T)**

**Total number of lectures hours-75**

**Course Outcome/Learning Outcome**

After the successful completion of the course the student will be able to

- \*Learn the basic concepts of public economics.
- \*Perceive the elementary concepts of public goods.
- \* Understand the concept of taxation.
- \*Learn various important concepts of public expenditure and public debt.

**1. Nature and Scope of Public Economics (10 hours)**

Definition and Scope of Public Economics; Externalities, Market Failure and Government Intervention.

**2. Theory of Public Good (20 hours)**

Overview of Public Good; Characteristics of Pure Public Good; Distinction between Pure Public Good and Private Good; Market Failure in case of Pure Public Good; Optimal provision of Public Goods; Lindahl Equilibrium.

### **3. Taxation**

**(20hours)**

Classification of Taxes; Canons of Taxation; Benefit Principle; Ability to Pay Principle; Incidence and Burden of Taxes; Effects of taxation on income distribution and on savings; the Laffer curve; Optimal Taxation.

### **4. Public Expenditure and Public Debt**

**(25 hours)**

Meaning and Classification of Public Expenditure; government budget and its types; Sources of revenue of Central and State governments in India; Fiscal Federalism in India; Meaning of Public Debt; Sources of Public Borrowings: internal and external borrowing; Effects of Public Debt.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. J. Hindriks, G. Myles: *Intermediate Public Economics*, MIT Press, 2006.
2. J. E. Stiglitz, *Economics of the Public Sector*, W.W. Norton & Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2000.
3. R.A. Musgrave and P.B. Musgrave, *Public Finance in Theory & Practice*, McGraw Hill Publications, 5th edition, 1989.
4. J. F. Due and A. F. Friedlander. *Government Finance-Economics of Public Sector*, AITBS Publishers and Distributors, 1994
10. A Ghosh and C. Ghosh, *Public Finance*, Prentice Hall India Learning Private Limited; 2nd Revised edition (2014)
11. হরিদাস আচার্য, আধুনিক অর্থনীতির ভূমিকা
12. দেবসিশ মজুমদার ও সুজাত্র ভট্টাচার্য, সরকারী আয়ব্যয় তত্ত্বের ভূমিকা, ABS Publishing House
13. রাধাশ্যাম সামন্ত, আন্তর্জাতিক অর্থনীতি ও রাষ্ট্রীয় অর্থনীতি, প্রিভুমি পাবলিশিং কোম্পানি
14. সুব্রত গুপ্ত, আন্তর্জাতিক অর্থনীতি ও সরকারী অর্থব্যবস্থা, বানী প্রকাশন

