

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
FOURTH SEMESTER
SEP Syllabus [2024 onwards]
ECONOMICS ELECTIVE - I - ECONOMICS OF GST

NO. OF CREDITS- 2

NO. OF HOURS- 30

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the evolution and structure of indirect taxation in India, with a specific focus on the shift to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime.
- Analyse the economic impact of GST on businesses, consumers, and various sectors of the economy.
- Develop a critical perspective on tax reforms, policy implementation, and federal cooperation through the GST framework.

Course Outcomes (COs)

After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- CO1: Describe the pre-GST indirect tax system and explain the rationale behind India's shift to GST.
- CO2: Explain the structure and components of the dual GST model (CGST, SGST, IGST, UTGST) and the constitutional framework.
- CO3: Evaluate the role of the GST Council.
- CO4: Analyse the broader economic implications of GST on production, distribution, and consumption patterns in the Indian economy.

Module–1 Introduction to Economics of GST (12 hours)

Overview of Indirect Taxes before the implementation of GST. GST: Definition, objectives, and the rationale behind introducing GST, Types of GST, GST Structure: Understanding the dual GST model in India, Constitutional Amendments: Key amendments related to GST

Practicum: Group Discussions on Indirect Taxes defects before GST; Assignment on Types of Indirect Taxes before GST and after the Introduction of GST; Group discussion: Pros and cons of GST.

Module 2 - GST Law and Its Implementation (7 hours)

GST Council: Its role and functions., Registration under GST: Understanding the registration process and its implications, GST Rates and Exemptions, Input Tax Credit (ITC)- concepts.

Practicum Role play: Classroom simulation of a GST Council meeting to determine tax rates; determining the time, place and value of Supply for GST calculation; GST Returns and the filing process, GST Payments

Module 3 Impact of GST (11 hours)

Economic Effects: Impact of GST on various sectors (agriculture, manufacturing, services), Impact on Consumers: Changes in prices and consumer behaviour, Impact on Businesses: Changes in compliance requirements, costs, and competitiveness, Revenue Implications:

Practicum Sectoral Case Study Analysis: Divide students into small groups. Each group selects one sector (Agriculture, Manufacturing, Services) and prepares a case study exploring how GST has affected input costs, tax compliance, logistics, and pricing. A group presentation or

report highlighting, Pre-GST tax structure vs the post-GST impact, Benefits and challenges faced in the sector, Policy suggestions, if any impact on government revenue and fiscal policy.

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