

Introduction

Block 2

Block 2 in the Course MGSE-004 “Gender Issues in Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Natural Resource Management” is titled as “Gender and livestock and Natural Resource Management”. It has five Units. The first three Units in this Block deals with gender and livestock and the last two Units are about Natural Resource Management and Common Property Resource Management. Unit 5 is about the Role of women in livestock. In this Unit the author discussed the Women in Agriculture and their multi dimensional role, Participation of Women in Livestock farming Activities, Role of Women in Dairying activities, Role of Women in rural economy, Invisibility of women in development process, Task in which women’s enroll in livestock production, Need of women’s contribution to family income, Techno economic feasibility of different farming systems, Employment and Labour inputs in livestock keeping, Employment generation through value addition, Dairying for promoting entrepreneurship in rural India, Market potential for value added dairy products, Market potential for value added meat products and Market potential for value added egg products. Unit 6 is Access to resources, services and institutions. In this Unit, the author notably discussed the issues related to access to services, resources and institutions, she listed the National level institutions and its role in empowering women. Unit 7 is titled as Differences in roles and activities. Role of men and women in Livestock is given in this Unit. As we have already discussed the final two units in this Block (Unit 8 and Unit 9) is about Natural Resource Management and CPR in Panchayati Raj Institutions respectively.