

Integration of Crosscutting Issues in Economics Curriculum

The B.A. Economics curriculum has been designed to **holistically integrate crosscutting themes** that are critical for nurturing responsible, socially conscious, and environmentally aware graduates. Below is a breakdown of how these issues are embedded in the learning process:

1. Professional Ethics

- **Public Finance (Semester VII):** Students analyze ethical considerations in taxation, fiscal responsibility, and public expenditure.
- **Banking and Financial Institutions (Semester VII):** Encourages understanding of transparency, accountability, and ethical banking practices.
- **Advanced Quantitative Methods (Semester VII):** Emphasizes ethical use of data, preventing misuse or manipulation in economic research.

2. Gender Sensitization

- **Indian Economy (Semester III & VI):** Includes critical analysis of gender disparities in employment, wages, and access to resources.
- **Contemporary Issues in Indian Economy (MIC-11 / Elective):** Covers gender-related issues in health, education, and human development indicators.
- **Economics of Health and Education (Semester VIII):** Addresses gender gaps in literacy, health outcomes, and labor force participation.

3. Human Values

- **Development Economics (Elective):** Explores the role of equity, justice, and dignity in development policies and growth paradigms.
- **Introductory Micro & Macro Economics (Semester I & III):** Encourages critical thinking about how economic choices impact well-being and societal values.
- **Welfare Economics (Part of Intermediate Micro II - Semester VI):** Focuses on concepts such as equity, fairness, and social welfare.

4. Environmental Awareness & Sustainability

- **Indian Economy (Semester VI):** Discusses environmental issues in agriculture and industry, sustainable development, and natural resource management.
- **Development Economics (Elective):** Includes sustainable development, green GDP, and policies addressing environmental degradation.
- **International Economics (Semester VIII):** Examines global environmental agreements, trade-related sustainability challenges.

5. Social Inclusion and Policy Awareness

- **Public Finance and Fiscal Policy (Semester VII):** Encourages awareness of inclusive budgeting and equitable resource distribution.

- **Indian Economy & Bihar Economy Component:** Special focus on regional disparities and marginalized communities.
- **Contemporary Issues (MIC-11 / Elective):** Includes topics such as financial inclusion, rural development, and social sector reforms.

Conclusion

Through course content, real-world case studies, data analysis, and policy evaluation, the programme enables students to **transact the curriculum with a strong foundation in ethics, equity, sustainability, and social justice**. This ensures that graduates are not only well-versed in economic theory but are also responsible citizens committed to creating a more just and sustainable world.