

## SERVICES MARKETING : A PRACTICAL APPROACH

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Elective | UG/PG

COURSE DURATION: 4 weeks (24 Jan'22 - 18 Feb'22)

**EXAM DATE**: 27 Mar 2022

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Interested students

## **COURSE OUTLINE:**

This course will help students to learn the fundamentals of services marketing from a practical point of view. The course focusses on the needs of the customers, who are to be kept satisfied and delighted for a business to prosper. The course will help students understand services marketing from various perspectives and will also be useful if participants wish to establish a new service business of manage an existing one.

## **ABOUT INSTRUCTOR:**

Prof. Biplab Datta is an Associate Professor (Marketing) at Vinod Gupta School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India. His research interests include Marketing Management, Service Quality Management and Customer Relationship Management. He was awarded a Silver Medal in Architecture by IIT Kharagpur in 1992 and earned ISO 9000 Lead Auditor Certificate from NBA, U.K. He has published a book entitled

Services Marketing: A Practical Approach. He has published several papers in national and international journals.

## **COURSE PLAN:**

**Week** 1: Introduction, Why Study Services Marketing Management?, The Service System, Characteristics of Services, Understanding the Macro-Environment

**Week 2:** Understanding the Micro-Environment, Services Marketing Process, Services Marketing Research, Exploring Marketing Opportunities, New Service Development, Segmenting the Market, Targeting and Positioning, Understanding Consumer Behaviour, The Service Product, Service Quality, Designing the Service Process

**Week 3**: Developing Service Personnel, Educating Customers, Managing Service Delivery Channels, Managing Channel Conflict, Managing Demand and Capacity, Designing the Physical Evidence, Managing Integrated Marketing Communications, Pricing the Service, Managing Customers, Managing Service Recovery, Providing Service Guarantees, Consumer Protection

**Week 4:** Case Studies in Services Marketing-1, Case Studies in Services Marketing-2, Case Studies in Services Marketing-3, Case Studies in Services Marketing-4, Case Studies in Services Marketing-5