



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ**  
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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**(PGD-SRD)**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Batch (2019), 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**  
**Course SRD – 501: Rural Society and Sustainable Development**

**ASSIGNMENT**

**Total Marks: 30**

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Note:

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**Block – I: Understanding Rural Communities: Structure, Culture and Polity**

1. How has caste systems evolved over centuries in India and how is it affecting regional politics?
2. What is the importance of social structure in rural polity?
3. What is the influence of social structure in the civil society? Also define social stratification.
4. What is Social mobility? Explain its impact in the rural areas?
5. What is the impact of social exclusion in the economic development of the rural community?

**Block – II: Development Theories**

1. Is growth and equity trade off a myth?
2. What do you understand by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and how does it help in understanding of the economic scenario of a country?
3. Why is inclusive growth so necessary?
4. How do developing and industrial countries differ in their use of technological change, labour, capital and natural resources to produce economic growth? Why do these differences exist?
5. What are the major components of human development?

### **Block – III : Sustainable Development**

1. Explain the difference between development and sustainable development?
2. What is the importance of measuring sustainability? Also discuss its indicators.
3. How will empowerment of women help in equitable growth of the society?
4. What is the significance of social change in sustainable development?
5. Analyse the evolution of concept of inclusive growth.

### **Block – IV: Rural Development and Poverty: Concepts and Strategies**

1. Discuss the various concepts of poverty?
2. What do you understand by Millennium Development Goals? What progress has been achieved in India in meeting these Goals?
3. Explain the role of CSR in rural development?
4. What are the major recommendations of Tendulkar Committee on Poverty?
5. What are the major schemes implemented recently for eradicating rural poverty?

### **Block – V: Decentralised Governance**

1. What are the main factors behind the emergence of civil society organisations?
2. Narrate the features of cooperatives.
3. Define NGO and give details of the kind of NGOs in Rural Development area?
4. What are major implications of 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment of Constitution of India?
5. What are the main causes of success and failure of cooperative movement in India?

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**Course SRD – 502: Development: Methods and Techniques**

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**Block – I: Approach, Theory and Methods**

1. Explain the Feldman-Mahalanobis Model of development?
2. Describe various types of national, regional and local development models.
3. Describe Rostow's Growth Model.
4. Is Gandhiji's Nai Taleem still relevant? If so, write on its possible implications on our education system?
5. Should the government act as a regulator or facilitator for the rural development process?

**Block – II: Quantitative Methods and Techniques**

1. Describe Probability and what are its basic concepts?
2. Describe main advantages and limitations of sampling.
3. What is the major difference between correlation analysis and regression analysis?
4. Define Quantitative and Qualitative data and give examples?
5. What are the properties of correlation co-efficient?

### **Block – III: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods**

1. What are major data collection methods and their limitations?
2. Describe the role of Anthropology in better understanding of rural people's assets and development needs.
3. Differentiate between Qualitative and Quantitative Research.
4. What is the importance of validation of findings in qualitative data analysis?

### **Block – IV: Various Steps in Research Process**

1. What is gained by scientific research? Give some examples.
2. What are the principles and procedures followed in review of research?
3. What are the steps involved in defining a research problem?
4. How is review of literature considered so important for understanding the past and current work done by other research workers? Also describe the components of the review.
5. Distinguish between primary and secondary data and how are these used in planning process?

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**Course SRD – 503: Policies and Programmes for Rural Development**

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**Block – I: Vision for India's Rural Development**

1. Describe the major differences between Gandhiji's and Nehru's vision of India's development.
2. What has been the role of Green Revolution in attaining Food Self Sufficiency in India?
3. Write a note on Swaraj and its impact on socio economic development of the country?
4. Explain in detail the necessity for reconstruction of Indian polity?
5. Explain the role of NGOs in rural development with examples in your area?

**Block – II: Planned Rural Development**

1. What are the salient features of democratic decentralisation? Describe 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act of the Constitution of India?
2. What is meant by Local Self Government and what is the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI's) in the rural development?
3. What is the importance of micro credit in meeting the financial requirements of rural people?
4. Explain what is rights based approach to development?
5. What is micro-finance? What are the models of delivering micro-finance services in India?

### **Block – III : Rural Development Programmes for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation**

1. What are the programmes for destitutes?
2. What have been major constraints in the public distribution system?
3. What are the constraints of self-employment?
4. How can people's active participation help in efficient and cost effective watershed development?
5. Why has the Government of India laid so much emphasis on Wage Employment Programmes especially in the rural areas? Also describe the salient features of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

### **Block – IV: Vulnerable Groups and Rural Development**

1. What are the different constitutional provisions for the safeguard of Scheduled Tribes?
2. Briefly discuss the various approaches adopted for tribal development in India?
3. Elaborate on women reservation in local self-governance.
4. What is gender based budgeting and what are its important objectives?
5. What are the major causes for lower participation of women in developmental activities?

### **Block – V: Rural Development and Quality of Life**

1. Describe the efforts made by the government in reducing high infant mortality rate.
2. What are the major differences between Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA)
3. What are SHGs and explain as to how have they become so powerful prime movers in the rural development?
4. Write a note on Sthree Nidhi?
5. What are major human development indicators?

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**Course SRD – 504: Livelihoods and Resources**

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**Block – I: Livelihoods**

1. List five major principles which help us to understand livelihoods better.
2. What are major tools for assessing livelihoods situation?
3. Write short notes on DFID and IFAD frameworks for understanding livelihoods and Interventions.
4. What are the four arrows, six capitals and four contexts based on which livelihood strategies can be framed.
5. How is value chain analysis done? Explain taking an example of one farm based livelihood.

**Block – II: Resources**

1. What are common property resources? Explain with examples?
2. List major applications dependant on water.
3. Write a note on how the forests hinder or enhance livelihood especially in the context of Scheduled Tribe.
4. What kind of natural resources are available in rural areas for sustainable exploitation and what are the safeguards required to prevent their misuse/over-exploitation ?
5. What is Social Capital and how does it influence a group's ability to use it for promoting livelihoods?

### **Block – III: Environment**

1. What are important national missions launched by the Government of India for combating climate change?
2. Describe the role of community in the conservation of environment and Livelihoods.
3. Explain the terms Energy flow and Nutrient Cycling?
4. What are the concerns with respect to water, agriculture and energy in your state?
5. Describe the concept of carrying capacity of earth.

### **Block – IV: Farm Based Livelihoods**

1. Describe the role of artificial insemination in productivity of milch animals.
2. Describe the major NTFPs in India. Give five examples of the NTFPs Known to you?
3. What are the major constraints in the sustainable agricultural development ?
4. Describe the importance of livestock in the lives of the poor?
5. Describe the generic issues in forest based livelihoods?

### **Block – V: Non-Farm Livelihoods**

1. What are the challenges faced by women in running small enterprises in rural setting?
2. What are major non-farm livelihoods of your region? What efforts are being made to improve the skills of rural artisans?
3. Define entrepreneurship and describe its importance in income and employment generation.
4. What are the major non-farm livelihoods which are professed by disadvantaged groups?
5. Define entrepreneurship and how is it being promoted by the Central and State Government through different schemes?

### **Block – VI: Value Addition and Marketing**

1. What are the major advantages of processing and value addition and how does it help in increasing income and employment generation?
2. What are the factors which affect the supply and demand scenario for agricultural produce?
3. Discuss how transportation helps in increasing the value of a product?
4. What is collective marketing? Describe the steps involved in collective marketing?
5. List major processing activities in your region. Also describe the existing levels of technology in processing of farm crops.

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