

M.A in Rural Development

- 1. About the course-** It is a two year Post Graduate course conferring Master's degree in Rural Development, incorporating practices that can be applied to improving life in rural areas. It focusses on rural transformation with emphasis on rural economy, health, nutrition and livelihood. The course combines principles of micro economics, agro-economics, resource management, social cultural anthropology, geography and sustainable development.
- 2. Objective** -The objective of the course is to prepare professionals who could intervene for Positive change in rural area. The professionals exposed to various aspects of rural life and livelihood, will work with various development organizations and agencies to bring positive change in rural India. The passouts work on a mix of professionalism and commitment to bring change. The course prepares professionals to remain sensitive to rural people and their felt needs.
- 3. Vision** - India is a country of villages where great number of countrymen reside. Village, called soul of India, and its life is prominent characteristic feature of India. People of rural areas lack scope of employment, infra structure and quality of life, enjoyed by their urban counterparts ;hence rural development goals are still to be realized. Government and International development agencies have joined hands to develop rural areas, for which a number of schemes with huge funding have been launched. Several agencies have also come up with tailor made flexible programmes to develop rural areas, which require professionals to execute these programmes. Thus Rural development professionals, by virtue of their rural bias can bring perceptible change in rural India by their involvement and adept handling of development programmes.
- 4. Eligibility Requirements-** Graduate of any discipline with 45% marks.
- 5. Selection Procedure-** Group Discussion followed by Personal Interview.
- 6. Programme Design-** The programme design is based on CBCS curriculum. There will be four papers in each semester. Each semester will have three core papers and the fourth one will be Compulsory Foundation Course(FC) in semester one, Skill Enhancement Course(SEC) in semester two, Generic /Discipline Elective(GE/DE1) in semester three and Generic /Discipline Elective(GE/DE2) in fourth semester.

7. Programme code- RD
8. Duration – Two years
9. Programme Fee- Rupees ~~12000/year~~ 12,000 / —
10. Number of seats- 60
11. Structure of the course- It will be comprised of four semesters.
12. Detailed Syllabus- A copy of syllabus is attached
13. Assessment- The course can be started with no less than fifty intake, since it would not be economically viable to run the course with less than the specified number.
14. Standard of Passing- Each paper will be of hundred marks, 30 marks for mid semester, 20 for test plus 5 for assignment/ overall performance and 5 for attendance; 70 for end semester exam. Pass marks including Mid Sem will be 40.
15. Grades- Pass 40 %,
- 2nd class- 45% to 59%,
- 1st class- 60% & Above.
- Distinction – 75% in the paper