Master of Philosophy in Rural Development Studies
(M.Phil-Integrated Stream)

Programme Syllabus
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Centre for Development Studies
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The Gandhigram Rural Institute
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Gandhigram – 624 302
**CENTRES FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**  
*Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Rural Studies (Integrated Stream)*

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DIMENSIONS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective:
- To expose the scholars to the various facets of Rural Development

Learning Outcome:
- The Scholars enabled to learn about the Rural Society and its Economy
- Diagnose the strategies of Rural Development followed in India and Asian countries
- Learn about the methodologies in the transfer of technologies through Extension services
- Gain knowledge about significance of local governance and local Institutions in Rural Development

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<td>Rural Society and Economy: Demography - Social &amp; Economic structure – Poverty – social differentiation and stratification- leadership pattern –family as a unit of production, consumption and exchange-disintegration of joint family system-techniques of production in the villages-functional specialization and interdependence- need for Inclusive and Sustainable Development.</td>
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<td>Rural Development: Concept, Structure, Experiments, Strategies and Models &amp; Best practices; Rural Development in India - Historical perspectives –Pre and Post independent experiments- Nationalist Movements- Rural Development during the Five Year Plan periods - PURA and Rurban Mission; Emergence of rural development in international settings-Rural Development: Asian Perspective.</td>
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<td>Management of Rural Development - New public management and decentralization reforms in India-Public Policy framework for rural development Administrative Structure – Indian Model of Rural Local Governance-New Panchayati Raj – Idea of local governance in history-Decentralization Theorem- Decentralized Planning. Cooperatives – Civil society organizations - Rural Credit and Financial institutions-.</td>
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Citizen’s Charter, Performance Reports and Role clarity.

**References:**

8. India Rural Development Report ( 2005), NIRD, Hyderabad
9. Rural Infrastructure and Welfare of the Poor (2001)
10. Infrastructure for Rural Poor (2003)
PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Objective:
• This paper will expose the scholars to the Concepts, methods and practices of planning and Management of Rural Development

Learning Outcome:
The scholars will gain the following:
• Learn about the multi level planning and mapping of community resources
• Understand the dimensions of rural projects and project formulation
• Develop skills in project designing, monitoring and evaluation
• Acquire basic knowledge about voluntary Action and organization
• Gain basic knowledge about the significance of social audit

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| **Unit - 5** | Community based committees - Administration – Monitoring.  

**References:**

1. Katar Singh and Anil Shishodia (2016), Rural Development – Principles, Policies and Management, Sage Texts, New Delhi,
**ADULT, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND EXTENSION**

**Objectives:**
- To make the students understand the concept, need and importance of Adult Education and Continuing Education.
- To help the students become aware of the national policies and programmes of Adult Education in India and abroad.

**Learning Outcome:**
- To help the students become aware of the national policies and programmes of Adult Education in India and abroad.
- To make the students understand the concept, phases, need and importance of training Adult and Continuing Education.
- To impart knowledge on management and information system and evaluation methods.
- To appear and pass students in National Eligibility Test conducted by University Grants Commission.

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<td>History of Adult Education: Adult Education in pre – Independence India – Post – Independence India from 1947 upto the Twelth Five year plans – Farmers Functional literacy – Gram shikshan mohim, National Adult Education programme – Mass programme for Functional literacy, centre model versus each-one teach – one model – Adult Education in China, Denmark, Vietnam, Tanzania – Role of NGOs with special reference to Bengal social service league, literacy house, seva mandir, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Sriniketan</td>
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<td>Curriculum methods, Techniques of material preparation for Adults: Psychology of Adults – Characteristics of Adult learners, Theories of Adult learning – motivational aspects of Adult learning – Developing curriculum, types of curriculum – Different teaching methods, Teaching and learning materials for Adults, Teaching aids. Identification and preparation of books for illiterates, literates (neo), publication and marketing of materials, Development of materials – print and non - print</td>
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<td>Current Trends in Adult Education / Lifelong Learning: National Literacy Mission (NLM), Total Literacy campaign (TLC), post – literacy campaign (PLC) and other programmes of NLM. Role of NGOS, Universities and other Government agencies in support of the NLM – Unesco’s efforts – Strategies for</td>
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bringing Extension as the third dimension of the university system, Role and functions of Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, models for Extension work. Role of Adult Education teacher educators in the twenty-first Century – open learning

### Unit - 5

**Continuing Education, Training, field organization:** Jana Shiksham Nilayam, Jana Shikshan Sansthan (Shramik Vidyapeeth), Continuing Education courses, Continuing Education and technology, NIOS, OBE, Continuing education and vocational courses – planning forums, legal literacy programmes – Application of management principles at program, project, Management - Information system for programme efficiency – Educational technologies, participatory communication methods – Training for functionaries in ACE, NGOs, participatory approach.

### References Books:


### Journals:

COURSE – I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
Course Code: 17APRR0101

Credit: 4
Contact hours: 64
Max. 100 marks

Course Objectives
• To develop scientific skills and expertise in formulating problem for research
• To evolve research designs, and use of methods and techniques in conducting research, and
• To develop professional skill in writing a research report

Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the scholars will be able to:
• Identify and formulate a problem for research
• Prepare a suitable research design for carrying out the research
• Choose appropriate tools and techniques for data collection
• Professionally drawing of inferences
• Prepare research report and disseminate research findings

Unit – 1: Scientific Research – Methods of acquiring knowledge; Objectivity and Subjectivity in Research; Epistemology, Phenomenology, Positivism, Constructivism, Pragmatism- Inductive and Deductive Reasoning, Scientific Method and its applications; Research Paradigms and Ethics in Research.

Unit - 2: Research Process: Identification, Selection and Formulation of problem, Sources and criterion for selection; Review of literature and Summarizing, Conceptual Model; Objectives, Hypothesis formulation, Variables and its types.

Unit - 3: Research Designs and Methods: Experimental, explorative, descriptive and historical research; Diagnostic and Evaluation studies, Qualitative and Quantitative studies, Trend and Futuristic studies, Ethnography, Grounded Theory, Mixed Methods.

Unit - 4: Sampling Techniques and Data Collection: Sampling and Sample Designs: Census Vs Sample Methods – Laws of Sampling; Methods of Sampling. Sample Size; Sampling and Non Sampling Errors; Reliability of Samples; Data – Primary and Secondary data – Data Collection Tools, Content Analysis Psychological tests and Scaling Techniques –Pre-test, Test of Validity and Reliability.

Unit - 5: Data Interpretation and Report Writing: Data processing – Scoring, Categorization and Coding – Draw of inferences and interpretation. Research Report –Steps in writing Research Report, Types of reports, Format of a research report; Bibliography, Webliography, Style of
writing; Plagiarism check– Evaluation of a research report; Dissemination of research findings-
Presentation and Publication.

REFERENCES:

TEXT BOOKS

• Debasis Chakraborty, Research Methodology, New Delhi: Sourath Publishing House, 2012
• Deepak Chawala and Neena Sandhi, Research Methodology: Concept of Cases, New Delhi: Vikas Publication House Pvt Ltd, 2011
• Kenneth’s Barden and Bruce B.Abbott, Research Design: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, Tata MaGrewHill Education Pvt, New Delhi, 2011.
• 100 Questions and Answers about Research Methods, New Delhi: Sage Publication, 2012

JOURNALS

• Economic Development and Cultural Change
• Indian Journal of Social Work
• International Journal of Applied Research
• Journal for Extension and Research
• Journal of Social Science Research
• Journal of International Development
• Journal of Social Science
• Journal of Rural Development
• Journal of Social Research and Policy
• Social Change

WEBSITES

• https://www.socialresearchmethods.net/
• https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/
• http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%29291099-1328/issues
• http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/
• http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/
• http://www.oiiirj.org/
• http://journals.sagepub.com/
• https://www.ijsr.org/
• http://www.ierj.in/
COURSE – II: QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES
Course Code: 17APRR0202

Credit: 4 Contact hours: 64
Max. 100 marks

Course Objectives

1. To develop an understanding of the basic concepts and fundamental principles guiding the use of quantitative methods, acquire basic practical skills with regard to the performance of statistical analysis and develop the ability to critically examine quantitative analysis in the research process.
2. To enhance skills as well as the ability to independently formulate and adequately analyze quantitative research questions.
3. To develop the ability to independently, critically and efficiently collect and summate the most relevant quantitative research findings within a specific/defined research area.

Learning outcomes: Upon completion of the course, the doctoral scholars will be in a position to demonstrate the following:

   1. Explain the basic concepts and principles associated with quantitative techniques;
   2. Skill to perform basic quantitative analysis, including choosing the appropriate techniques, interpreting the outcome and reporting the results;
   3. Summarize and critically examine the quantitative research findings in a highly knowledgeable, independent and theoretically informed way, and
   4. Ability to incorporate quantitative research findings and qualitative research findings and/or quantitative research findings and theoretical work within a specific research area.

UNIT – 1: Descriptive Statistics: Central Measures; Variability Measures; Skewness Measures Inductive, generalization and data modeling and Working with databases; Correlation and Regression – Simple problems.


UNIT – 3: Inferential Statistics: Basic Concepts; Type I and Type II Errors; Steps in Hypothesis Testing; Tests of Attributes, Small and Large Sample Tests – Test based on Normal, t, F – Mean and Variance; Chi-square Test – Goodness of fit and independents; Analysis of Variance – One way and Two way Analysis with illustrations; Non – parametric Tests – Test of Randomness – Mann Whitney U Test; Kruskal Walli’s Test.
UNIT – 4: Multivariable Analysis: Multiple Correlation and Regression with three variables, Partial Correlation and Regression Logistic Regression Analysis; Factor Analysis, Discriminant Analysis; Cluster Analysis; Demonstration with Software Packages.

UNIT – 5: Practical: Data Processing, Analysis and Interoperation Use of Statistical Softwares; R – State, SPSS, STATA

BOOKS
- Gupta, S.P, Statistical Methods, Sultan and Chand Publications New Delhi

REFERENCES
WEBLIOGRAPHY:

- **Resource for methods in evaluation in social research**
  
  http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/
  
  Extensive site providing information on how to evaluate research. This site was created by a US academic in Sociology, Dr Gene Shackman. Information about his background and credentials are available via the site.

- **Research methods and statistics arena**
  
  http://www.researchmethodsarena.com/resources/resources.asp
  
  An up-to-date guide to books and journals in research methods. Includes free datasets for SPSS. This site was compiled by Psychology Press, an Informa brand. It therefore focuses on Informa products.

- **Institute tutorial in research methods**
  
  http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/he/tutorial/social-research-methods
  
  A tutorial on using the internet as a resource on social research methods. Funded by JISC and created by academics, tutors and librarians.

- **Practical examples for the analysis of surveys**
  
  http://www2.napier.ac.uk/depts/fhls/peas/index.htm
  
  In depth guide to analyzing surveys with practical examples and resources on theory. This site is produced with a collaboration between Napier University in Edinburgh and the National Centre for Social Research.

- **Economic and Social Data Service guides**
  
  http://www.esds.ac.uk/support/onlineguides.asp
  
  A series of guides on methods, using datasets, and resources for particular research themes. Researchers based in UK universities can use specially created teaching versions of datasets as examples when using some of these guides.

- **Associations, programmes and research units Economic and Social Data Service:**
  
  Linking International Macro and Micro Data training:
  
  http://www.esds.ac.uk/international/e-learning/limited/resource
  
  A learning resource including downloadable PDF files and videos about combining micro and macro data and making cross national data comparisons. The ESDS is a national data archive and disseminating programme for the UK, funded jointly by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC).

- **Data analysis: online manuals and guides to software packages**
  
  SPSS product site http://www.spss.com/statistics the product site for SPSS a statistical data management and analysis package, Includes free demo.

- **Introduction to State using the UK Labour Force Survey**
  
  
  A training guide produced by ESDS Government. State is a statistical analysis tool. The dataset used as an example in this guide can be downloaded by researchers and students in UK Higher Education Secondary analysis of statistics and quantitative data analysiswww.data-archive.ac.uk.
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<td>PRA-Concept, types and techniques- micro level planning and PRA-methology- tasks and steps- information needs and systems for decentralized planning- issues in MLP-cluster approach- philosophy-objective- importance- constraints in rural cluster development.</td>
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<td>Critical evaluation of Rural Development Programmes- individual scheme will be assigned to the students for critical appraisal.</td>
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<td>Pateto optimality and competitive equilibrium; Fundamental theorems of welfare economics; externalities and market inefficiency- externalities as missing markets; property rights and Externalities, non-convexities and externalities; Petro optimal provision of public goods- Lindahl’s equilibrium, preference revelation problem and impure and mixed public goods, common property resources.</td>
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