

New Study Programme
M.A. /P.G. Diploma in Rural Development
P.G. Department of Economics
Ravenshaw University

Aim of the programme:

To create competent and committed rural development management professionals to alleviate rural poverty and promote rural prosperity in the state.

Objectives:

On completion of the programme, the students will develop

- Expertise in designing appropriate rural development plan and programme in participatory manner
- Skill for effective implementation of rural development programmes with community participation
- Competence in management of delivery system for improved delivery services
- Sensitivity to issues of equity and inclusive development
- Concern about gender just policy, plan and programme
- Right attitude for understanding grass root problems of rural people and striving to solve the problems with innovative ideas
- Ability and leadership quality to motivate rural people to increase productivity and income

Placement: After successful completion of the course, the student can get placement in Government Development Organisations, Financial Institutions: Banks, Insurance and Micro-finance, Food Business, Agri-business, Co-operatives and NGOs.

Course Duration: Full time two years (Four Semesters) for M.A. in Rural Development
Full time one year (Two Semesters) for P.G. Diploma in Rural Development

Intake Capacity: 40 students

Eligibility:

Graduate in any discipline from a recognised university with a minimum of 15 years of education (10+2+3) and having minimum 45% marks in honours or 50% in aggregate (or its equivalent CGPA) at graduation level can apply. The percentage of aggregate marks is to be calculated as per the practice followed by the concerned university/institution from which the candidate has obtained the degree.

In-service Candidates:

In-service candidates who fulfil the following conditions may also apply.

- i) Graduation in any discipline from a recognised university.
- ii) Should have worked in the Rural Development and allied sector with the sponsoring agency for at least two years continuously as a regular employee.
- iii) Should attach a certificate from the employer stating that they will be sponsored, if selected.
- iv) The sponsoring agency should be willing to grant uninterrupted leave to the candidate (if selected) for the period of study.

Reservation:

For SC, ST and physically challenged candidates some seats will be reserved as per the Government of Orissa policy.

Course Fee:

Rs.10,000 per annum

Admission:

Candidates will be selected for admission on the basis of Career Evaluation and Entrance Test Score. *Multiple choice questions* will be set in the Entrance Test with 100 total marks from I. General English, II. General Knowledge, III. Mental Ability, IV. Numerical Ability/Quantitative Aptitude. Each section will comprise 25 questions carrying 1 mark each. The duration of the Entrance Test shall be two hours.

Coordination: The P.G.Department of Economics will coordinate the programme. The following core faculty members have substantial experience in teaching and research in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development.

Dr.Mamata Swain : Professor of Economics- Chief Coordinator

Dr.Dharmabrata Mohapatra : Reader in Economics- Coordinator

Dr. Lipishree Das : Lecturer in Economics- Joint Coordinator

Dr. Chittaranjan Nayak : Lecturer in Economics- Joint Coordinator

Faculty: Eminent Agricultural and Resource Economists, Sociologists, Rural Development specialists and management professionals will take classes as guest faculty.

Course Structure for M.A. in Rural Development.

Total Marks: 1000

Total Credits: 80

Each paper carries 50 marks or 4 credits

Semester I

- Paper I :Rural Society
Paper II :Rural Development Management
Paper III :Microeconomics - I
Paper IV :Quantitative Analysis for Rural Management
Paper V :Research Methods in Rural Development

Semester II

- Paper VI : Microeconomics – II
Paper VII : Rural Development in India
Paper VIII : Environmental Economics
Paper IX&X : Dissertation: Socio-Economic Problems in Rural Areas and Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes

Semester III

- Paper XI : Development Theories and Practices
Paper XII : Human Resource Management
Paper XIII : Principles of Accounting
Paper XIV : Financial Management
Paper XV : Extension and Communication in Rural Development

Semester IV

- Paper XVI : Project Management
Paper XVII : Equity and Gender Issues in Rural Development
Paper XVIII : Common Property Resource Management
XIX&XX : Any two elective courses

Elective Courses

- E1 : Risk Management and Insurance
E2 : Rural Marketing
E3 : Voluntary Action for Rural Development
E4 : Rural Industrialisation and Entrepreneurship
E5 : Rural Development Institutions
E6 : Water and Land Management

Course Structure for P.G. Diploma in Rural Development.

Total Marks: 500

Total Credits: 40

Each paper carries 50 marks or 4 credits

Semester I

Paper I	:Rural Society
Paper II	:Rural Development Management
Paper III	:Microeconomics - I
Paper IV	:Quantitative Analysis for Rural Management
Paper V	:Research Methods in Rural Development

Semester II

Paper VI	: Microeconomics – II
Paper VII	: Rural Development in India
Paper VIII	: Environmental Economics
Paper IX&X	: Dissertation: Socio-Economic Problems in Rural Areas and Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes

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