

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ
RAJENDRANAGAR, HYDERABAD**

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(PGD-SRD)**

9th Batch (2017), 2nd Semester

Course SRD – 505: Project Planning and Management

ASSIGNMENT

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Total Marks: 30

Note:

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Block-1: Project Planning

1. What are the characteristics of a Project and what are the dimensions of its performance ?
2. What is a major output from planning phase ?
3. What are major tools and techniques for identification, analysis of problem and solutions?
4. Describe the guiding principles for brainstorming.
5. What is the logical framework approach and describe the aspects of vertical and horizontal logic ?

Block -2: Project Management

1. Draw a network diagram for establishing a farm with following activities and also identify the critical activities and compute different floats for non-critical activities?

Activity	Symbol	Preceding activity	Duration (TE in weeks)
Surveying the land	A	-	10
Preparing master plan	B	A	8
Rock blasting	C	B	24
Land leveling	D	C	8
Digging drainage channel	E	B	15

Stone pitching	F	E	20
Digging well	G	B	20
Laying irrigation pipes	H	G	9
Pump house construction	I	G	10
Procurement of pump	J	G	8
Installation of pump	K	I,J	9
Finish the works	L	F,H,K	8

2. Write detailed note on PERT and CPM network techniques.
3. What is a Management Information System (MIS) and how is it useful in the monitoring and evaluation of a project?
4. Write detailed note on SWOT analysis by taking an example of a Project being undertaken in your area.
5. What are the advantages of decentralized planning ? Also describe multilevel planning and district planning.

Block -3: Management Functions and Conflict Resolution

1. What are the main principles of organizing management function ?
2. What is an Organizational Chart and what are its major weaknesses ?
3. What are major quantitative measures employed for assessing the performance of a Manager?
4. Why is efficient time management so essential for the effective management ?
5. What are the major causes of conflicts arising in a society? Give an example from your own region where some innovative conflict resolution techniques have been successfully adopted.

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**Course SRD – 506: Stakeholders in Rural Development
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Block 1: Rural Development and its Stakeholders

1. Who are the major stakeholders in rural development process? Describe the role played by SHGs in social mobilization for undertaking economic activities.
2. What is the importance of stakeholder analysis and what are the major methods used in the analysis ?
3. How has people's participation become so important during the different stages stakeholder analysis ?
4. Describe various forms of partnerships. Discuss the success and failures of a public-private partnership being implemented in your area.
5. What are the major features of the Right to Information Act (RTI) 2005 ? Explain whether the provisions of the Act have been gainfully used by the public in the redressal of its grievances.

Block 2: Cooperatives and Other Formal and Informal Organisations

1. Explain how has the Anand Dairy Cooperative been so successful while cooperatives in other States have largely failed.
2. Describe the major features of a multipurpose cooperative. Visit one such Cooperative functioning in your area and give the gist of your discussion with at least three members of the society.

3. What are major flaws in Consumer Cooperatives? Also describe the need for applying modern management techniques for their effective functioning.
4. Write a note on the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) highlighting its role in promoting cooperatives.
5. What do you understand by Integrated Model and how is it different from the Conventional Model ?

Block 3: Credit and Micro Finance

1. What are micro-finance institutions (MFIs) ? Explain as to how these have not been able to be effective in the supply of credit to farmers and other rural people.
2. Describe the role of NABARD in promoting the credit supply mechanism and its major promotional schemes.
3. Write a note on community based thrift and credit groups prevalent in your region.
4. What are the major linkage models for SHG/bank which has been successfully attempted in your area ?
5. Write a note on Andhra Model of Self Help Groups and describe and how has it become a role model in India.

Block 4: Conflict and Conflict Management

1. What are the major causes of conflicts in rural society ? What has been the role of peoples organisations like Panchayati Raj Institutions in resolving them ?
2. How have caste system caused social conflicts? Give an example from your area where caste- based conflicts have created in major rift in the society.
3. What is the importance of negotiation, facilitation and arbitration in the conflict settlement ?
4. Why do the conflicts arise during the implementation of development projects ?
5. Write a note on institutional mechanism for conflict resolution.

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**Course SRD – 507: Appropriate Technologies and Practices for
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Block 1- Energy and Development

1. How has energy become so important for the economic growth of a Nation ? Has it also been a major source of international agreements /disagreements ?
2. What are different sources of conventional and renewable sources of Energy ? Visit a few households in your area and describe the kind of energy used by them for different purposes.
3. Write a note on the application of renewable energy sources in meeting partially /largely the energy needs of your area.
4. What have been the major causes for failures of bio-gas plants in most places ?
5. What is the status of rural electrification in your area and what steps have been taken by the government to strengthen in energy supply for domestic and agricultural purposes ?

Block 2- Water and Development

1. Why is water so important for human life ? Do you agree that inter-state conflicts over water sharing have become more severe during the last decade?
2. What are the major vegetative and mechanical methods of water conservation ?

3. Do you think that the climate change has been considerably affecting the distribution pattern of rainfall ? What steps have been taken to conserve water through rain harvesting in your area?
4. Write a note on safe drinking scenario in your area . Also describe some innovative and cheap methods to supply clean drinking water to rural people.
5. What is Total Sanitation Campaign and describe who are entitled to receive Nirmal Gram Puraskar?

Block 3- Rural Infrastructure

1. What are the major forms of the rural infrastructure available in your village/area ? In recent years which rural infrastructure has got the maximum boost ?
2. What are different kinds of low cost effective houses ? Also describe most commonly used house construction material in your area.
3. What is the need for rural industrialization? Give your view on the acquisition of good agricultural land for industrial purposes.
4. How can the establishment of agro processing centers help in the income and employment generation for the rural youth and women?
5. Why are roads considered to be the arteries of rural development? How has been the quality of roads and their maintenance in your area ?.

Block 4- ICT & GIS for Rural Development

1. Do you agree that IT revolution has been the most remarkable feature of India's development after Green Revolution ? How do you think that except for mobiles, the rural areas have been left behind in making good use of the ICT applications ?
2. What are the major elements of GIS? And how does it have such high potential in accelerating the process of Rural Development ?
3. What are the major advantages of GPS?
4. What is e-governance and how has it been helping in empowerment of rural people ?
5. What are the salient features and key components of National e-governance Plan ?

Block 5- Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture

1. What are the principles of sustainable agriculture? Discuss the criteria and indicators of agricultural sustainability.
2. What is the importance of conservation of bio-diversity and what are the major strategies to be adopted for forest conservation ?
3. Why is Natural Resource Management so essential for rural areas ? What are the major natural resources available in your area/ region ?
4. How has the climate change been effecting the agriculture and livestock production ? What are the major innovative techniques to reduce its impact ?
5. How has India achieved a phenomenal growth in milk production and has become the largest milk producing nation in the world ?