

**Master's Programme in Rural Development
(MRD-201,202,203 & 004)**

**Assignments
(July 2024 /January 2025 Session)
MA(RD) –First Year**



**Discipline of Rural Development
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Master of Arts (Rural Development)

ASSIGNMENTS

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Schedule for July 2024 / January 2025

Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2024-2025	For July 2024 session 31st March, 2025	The coordinator of your Study Centre
MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2024-2025		
MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2024-2025	For January 2025 session 30th September, 2025	
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2024-2025		

As explained in the Programme Guide for M.A.(RD) you will have to do one assignment in each course of 6 credits. Last date of submission for all the assignments is mentioned above but we advise you to do them one by one along with your study of particular course and submit them so that you may get back the marks and comments of the counselor with evaluated assignment. With a proper planning you will be able to do them within the stipulated period. Please do not wait for the last date to submit all the assignments.

PLEASE ALSO READ CAREFULLY INFORMATION REGARDING ASSIGNMENTS FROM PROGRAMME GUIDE.

Assignment-4

Research Methods in Rural Development

Course Code: MRD-004

Course Title: Research Methods in Rural Development

Assignment No.: MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2024-2025

Maximum Marks: 100

Note: The assignment has three sections. It contains questions, which require long, medium and short answers. A long answer should not exceed 1000 words. Medium answers should not exceed 500 words each. Short answers should not exceed 100 words each

Long Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 40

Attempt any One of the following

1. Describe the methods of sampling in Social Research.
2. How do you formulate a research problem? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from the area of rural development.
3. What is phenomenology? Explain the phenomenological approaches in social research.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. What is action research? Explain.
2. What do you mean by observation? Discuss its types, stages, and limitations.
3. Explain the difference between experimental research and descriptive research.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Types of Questionnaires
2. Evaluation Research
3. Research in Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
4. Hypothesis
5. Diagnostic Research
6. Applied Research
7. Case Study
8. Quantitative and Qualitative Data