

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ  
RAJENDRANAGAR, HYDERABAD  
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(PGD-SRD)**

**8<sup>th</sup> Batch (2016), 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**Course SRD – 505: Project Planning and Management**

**ASSIGNMENT**

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**Total Marks: 30**

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**I. Block – 1: Project Planning**

1. Define a Rural Development Project and its basic characteristics?
2. What have been different evolutionary phases of Project Management?
3. How are the project proposal prepared?

**II. Block – 2: Project Management**

1. Write on PERT and CPM techniques used for monitoring?
2. Describe Internal Rate of Return (IRR) by giving an example?
3. Give an example of Cost-Benefit Analysis. What is the most appropriate stage for doing this exercise in a project's life cycle?

**III. Block – 3: Management Functions and Conflict Resolution**

1. Describe major advantages and disadvantages of planning?
2. What is the importance of Manpower Planning for an Organisation?
3. Why is an effective Time Management so necessary for project implementation?

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**Course SRD – 506: Stakeholders in Rural Development**

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**I. Block – 1: Rural Development and its Stakeholders**

1. Briefly narrate the scope and benefits of RTI.
2. What are major types of partnerships? Give an example of a major Public-Private Partnership in rural development in place in your area?
3. Describe Consumer Protection Bill 2015?

**II. Block – 2: Cooperatives and other Formal and Informal Organisations**

1. What are specific characteristics of agricultural produce? Describe the role of a cooperative in helping the farmers to boost productivity and profitability?
2. How are Cooperatives organised in India? Describe different tiers of agriculture and consumer cooperatives.
3. What factors have contributed to poor performance of Consumer Cooperatives?

**III. Block – 3: Credit and Microfinance**

1. What is Refinancing? Describe the major role played by NABARD in accerating the pace of rural development?
2. Why have the Micro Finance Institution (MFIs) been facing criticism lately? Can the much-maligned money lenders be abolished totally through pro-active role played by MFIs?
3. What role can be played by SHGs in resource mobilisation for initiating an economic activity by its members?

#### **IV. Block – 4: Conflicts and Conflict Management**

1. What are productive and counter-productive conflicts? Give example of major causes for origin of a conflict in your neighbourhood and how was it resolved without going to court?
2. What role is played by CBOs, NGOs etc in resolving conflicts? Give an example of an intervention of an NGOs solving a major conflict which occurred in your locality ?
3. How are disputes related to development projects resolved? Do you have any suggestions?

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**Course SRD – 507: Appropriate Technologies and Practices for  
Sustainable Development**

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**I. Block – 1: Energy and Development**

1. Write a note on role of energy in sustainable growth of rural economy?
2. What have been the broad objectives of rural electrification and to what extent these have been achieved?
3. Explain the importance of exploiting renewable energy sources in reducing the impact of commercial energy?

**II. Block – 2: Water and Development**

1. Describe the impact of over-exploitation of ground water depletion on agriculture and environment?
2. Is roof water-harvesting largely an urban phenomena or it is also being been utilised in rural areas? What are major methods of roof water harvesting used in your area?
3. Visit a major watershed project of your region and describe its salient features?

**III. Block -3: Rural Infrastructure**

1. Describe various technologies available for low cost rural housing. In your opinion what will be cheapest rural housing technology for your area and why?
2. How effective have been government policies in ushering in rural industrialisation?
3. What role do rural roads play in the development of rural communities? Write a short note on Prime Minister Grameen Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

**IV. Block – 4: ICT & GIS for Rural Development**

1. Write a note on importance of GIS application in Rural Development?
2. What is the role of ICT in transforming rural lives?
3. Describe salient features of e-Governance and how is it helping in Good Governance in rural areas?

**V. Block – 5: Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture**

1. What is the importance of sustainable agriculture in the context of food security?
2. What have been ill effects of deforestation on environment and ecology?
3. Write a note on sustainable livestock husbandry?