



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ**  
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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**  
**(PGD-TDM)**  
**6th Batch (2017), 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Course TDM – 501: Tribal Society, Culture, Polity and Economy**

**ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS**

**Total Marks: 30**

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**I. Block – 1: Tribal Society**

1. Describe different tribes mentioned in the ancient texts of Ramayana and Mahabharata.
2. Distinguish between tribe and scheduled tribe ? How does the claim of tribes as indigenous people substantiated
3. What different types of classifications are practiced for distinguishing the tribal people
4. What are the major causes for the socio- economic backwardness of the tribal people
5. Describe the poor health status of tribal women and children.

**II. Block – 2: Social Organisation**

1. Delineate major common characteristics and strong local variations in the social organisations and structure of Indian tribes .
2. What are different forms of marriage prevalent in the tribal society? Also describe different ways of acquiring spouse/mate .
3. What are major rights and rituals followed by the tribal community during birth, marriage and death

4. What are main traditional political institutions of tribals? Also describe the institution of Chieftainship.

### **III. Block – 3: Tribal Economy**

1. Describe the unit of production and consumption and pattern of labour in tribal economy.
2. Describe the typology of tribes on the basis of livelihood.
3. Why are forests so important in the socio-economic life of tribals? Also describe the impact of forest policies on them.
4. What are the major NTFPs found in your State? And what arrangement is being made for their marketing?
5. Explain the shifting cultivation (Jhum) practiced by tribals of North Eastern States

### **IV. Block – 4: Tribal Demography**

1. Describe the reasons for favourable sex ratio among scheduled tribes in India
2. Why is literacy rate so low in the tribal population and what is being done by the Government to improve it?
3. Write a note on tribal infant and childhood mortality
4. Write a note on PVTGs (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups)



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**Course TDM – 502: State and Scheduled Tribes**

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**I. Block – 1: Tribes and Constitution of India**

1. What are the different Fundamental Rights provided by the Constitution of India. Describe in detail on "Right Against Exploitation"
2. What is the concept of autonomous districts? How are these different from other districts of the Country?
3. What are the features of V and VI Schedule in the Constitution and what are the powers of Governors in these Schedules?
4. Write a note on Prof. B.K. Roy Burman Committee, 1990 and what are its salient provisions?
5. What is the role of Nation Commission for Scheduled Tribes? State how can the Commission enforce its decisions?

**II. Block – 2: Self Governance among Tribes**

1. What is the concept of self governance and what are the major institutions of traditional governance?
2. What are the areas of conflict between customary law and statutory law?
3. Write a note on the customary practices of tribals for dispute resolution?
4. What was the necessity for PESA Act 1996 and how has it helped the tribal people?

5. What are the major struggles launched by the tribal people for the possession of their main resource base i.e land

### **III.Block – 3: Tribal Development Policies and Strategies**

1. What have been the approach and programmes of Christian Missionaries for tribal development in pre- and post- independent India
2. How have the tribal women contributed in different National movements
3. What are the challenges in the implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)
4. Why have the primitive tribal groups remained most underdeveloped in the Country and what are the strategies for their development ?
5. What is the importance of human resource development of tribals in boosting their livelihoods

### **IV.Block – 4: Tribal Development Issues**

1. What are the major causes of indebtedness among the tribals and what role is being played by the financial institutions to weaken the grip of money lenders.
2. What is the impact of liquor consumption by the tribals on their economy and health ?
3. What has been the impact of extraction of natural resources and the implications on tribal life? In what way mining has adversely affected tribal women ?



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**Course TDM – 503: Tribal Development Administration and Management**

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**I. Block – 1: Principles and Practices**

1. What have been the major human development approaches for tribal people ?
2. What is democratic decentralization and describe how it has helped in decision making process ?
3. What is the contribution of CBOs and NGOs, towards tribal development?
4. Describe the activities of any NGO known to you which has helped the tribals in improving their livelihoods

**II. Block – 2: Institutional and Administrative Arrangements at National Level**

1. What are the major schemes for the educational upliftment of scheduled tribes. Also give your view to what extent these schemes have made the difference.
2. What are the protections and provisions available to tribal people under Forest Rights Act, 2006 ?
3. What has been the role of National Scheduled Tribes and Finance Development Corporation (NSTFDC) in providing financial support to various activities for economic development of tribal people?
4. Write a detailed note on TRIFED and whether its approach to tribal development has been effective.

### **III. Block – 3: Institutional and Administrative Arrangements at State Level**

1. What are the major functions of Tribal Research Institutions and also indicate whether these have been able to fulfill their objectives
2. Write a note on objectives and functioning of ITDAs
3. Describe the action taken by the government in promoting tribal literacy
4. In your opinion, what could be the major handicaps and hindrances in the low success of cooperatives in the tribal areas
5. Distinguish among the ITDA and MADA approaches for tribal development.

### **IV. Block – 4: Planning and Tribal Development**

1. Write a note on 73rd Constitution Amendment and its implication on improving the effectiveness of Panchayati Raj Institutions ?
2. What is financial planning and how does it impact the decentralised planning ?
3. What are the major steps to be taken for preparing a Village Plan?
4. What are the advantages and limitations of network techniques?
5. Describe the importance of continuous monitoring and evaluation of ongoing development projects ?

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**Course TDM – 504: Development Methods and Techniques**

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**I. Block – 1: Understanding Rural Communities: Structure, Culture and Polity**

1. State the implications of market economy on the lives of tribal people ?
2. What is a database and how is it required for planning?
3. Why do we require the priority setting, what will happen if we don't do it and describe the steps followed for doing it ?
4. Describe the linkages between agricultural and non -agriculture activities and how do they impact the income and employment generation

**II. Block – 2: Quantitative Methods and Techniques**

1. What is data, why is it measured and how does it help in decision making process?
2. What is a Central Tendency and how does it help in analysing and better understanding of data?
3. Describe the concept of probability and its use in decision making.
4. How does sampling help in representing a large population without significantly sacrificing the accuracy?

### **III. Block – 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods**

1. Which among the important data collection methods viz., observation, interview, questionnaire and case studies is most suitable for collecting the desired data with desired quality in a given time frame.
2. Distinguish between PRA and RRA approaches.
3. During the evaluation of findings, how does one check the representativeness of data?
4. Why do the social scientists generally use a mix of quantitative and qualitative research methods?

### **IV. Block –4: Various Steps in Research Process**

1. What is the significance of scientific research in the country? Also describe which are the leading scientific organisations in India?
2. How does a good review of literature help the researcher /investigator in carrying out his/her research/ investigation ?
3. Write a note on the application of ICTs in better understanding of the problems and monitoring the implementation of the development projects.
4. Enlist important websites on rural development in India and describe how the information and parameters defer with the use of keywords ?
5. Why do we conduct research and how is it helpful in better understanding and implications of a problem?

### **V. Block – 5: Project Proposal, Preparation and Report Writing**

1. What are the salient features of a good project proposal ?
2. What are the important considerations while writing/developing a good project proposal for funding by International organisations?
3. What is the importance of Report Writing in a project ?
4. What preparations need to be made for presenting progress report of a tribal development project?