

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

B.A
RURAL DEVELOPMENT

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE AND SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS OF
B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(w.e.f. 2024-25)

Name of the Degree Programme: B.A

Discipline: Rural Development

Preamble:

Rural development is a unique subject that provides a lot of insights into the process of improving the quality of life and economic wellbeing of people who are living in rural area. Education, entrepreneurship, physical infrastructure and social infrastructure play an important role in developing rural region. The importance of Rural development is that it provides a strategy package seeking to achieve optimum rural production and productivity, agriculture growth, infrastructure, better wages, house sites for landless, village planning, public health, education, etc.

PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

At the end of the six-semester B.A. Degree Course, a student of Rural Development is expected to acquire a reasonable competence in the following areas:

1. Able to gain the basic understanding about Rural Development concepts, theories and practices.
2. Able to get employment at public/ private sector or to start self-employment activities or agro product-based entrepreneurship activities.
3. Able to gain the necessary soft skills to find jobs in NGOs or Government sector
4. Becoming an expert to prepare an agenda for the upliftment of rural people.
5. Able to prepare a rural transformation frame work.
6. Knowledgeable in understanding the rural -urban linkages in production processing, distribution, and consumption.
7. Able to gain research aptitude and relevant research skills for becoming a professional in the field of rural development

Course Scheme							
Course Code	Courses	Instruction Hours per week	Exam Hours	Marks Final Exam	IA	Total Marks	Credit
Semester I							
RD Core	Fundamentals of Rural Development	6	3	80	20	100	5
Semester II							
RD Core	Economic Activities and Economic Issues in Rural India	6	3	80	20	100	5

Semester III							
RD Core	Rural Development Programmes	6	3	80	20	100	5
RD Elective I	Rural Entrepreneurship and Development	2	2	40	10	50	2
Semester IV							
RD core IV	Institutions for Rural Development	6	3	80	20	100	5
RD Elective II	Social Entrepreneurship	2	2	40	10	50	2
Skill enhancement course I	Communication for Rural Development	2	2	40	10	50	2
Semester V							
RD core V	Methods of Rural Development	5	3	80	20	100	4
RD core VI	Soft Skills for Rural Development	5	3	80	20	100	4
Skill Enhancement course II	Project work/Internship	2	2	40	10	50	2
Semester VI							
RD course VII	Rural Management	5	3	80	20	100	4
RD course VIII	Human Resource Development in Rural Sector	5	3	80	20	100	4
Skill Enhancement course III	Project work/ Internship	2	2	40	10	50	2

Evaluation of the course consists of

1. Theory exam for 3 hours duration for 80 marks
2. Internal Formative Continuous Assessment for 20 marks
20 marks for Two written Internal Assessment tests

Pedagogy: Class Lecture, Group discussions, Role play, Micro Project, Field Visits, Using PPT & Videos, Focus group Discussion, Class Seminar and Case studies

Internal Assessment:

The internal assessment marks for a course shall be based on two tests of 10 marks each.

The test shall be of at least one hour duration.

Item	Test1	Test2	Total
Score	10	10	20

Question Paper Pattern

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks-80

(Title of the Course)

I. Answer any FIVE questions in 2-3 sentences each (2x5=10)

1. Q.
2. Q.
3. Q.
4. Q.
5. Q.
6. Q.
7. Q.

II. Answer any Five questions in 10-12 sentences each (5x5=25)

1. Q.
2. Q.
3. Q.
4. Q.
5. Q.
6. Q.
7. Q.

III. Answer any THREE questions in 25-30 sentences each (15x3=45)

1. Q.
2. Q.
3. Q.
4. Q.
5. Q.

Semester I
Rural Development
Paper I - Fundamentals of Rural Development

Course outcomes:

By the end of the course the students will be able

1. To understand the fundamentals of rural development.
2. To know the dimensions of rural development.
3. To understand the rural social system and rural social institutions
4. To evaluate the earlier experiments of rural development.

Unit I

12 hours

Development and Growth – Concept and Features. Types of Development – Economic, Social, Human and Sustainable Development.

Rural development - Meaning, Objectives and need of rural development in India.

Unit II

12 hours

Dimensions of Rural Development: Economic dimension –Employment and Standard of living; Social dimension – Freedom from social problems

Political dimension of rural development – Good governance and local self-government

Unit III

12 hours

Rural Community: Concept and Characteristics; Rural Social Institutions: With special reference to Family, Caste system, Religion

An introduction to Rural Development approaches - Area Approach, Target Group Approach, Integrated Approach, Gandhian Approach

Unit IV

12 hours

Rural Social System – Concept – Definition – Scope – Nature – Importance – Features – Rural Social Institutions – Historical Development – Socio -Economic and Cultural Behavioural factors with special reference to caste, gender and inequality

Unit V

12 hours

Earlier Experiments of Rural Development – Sriniketan Experiments – Marthandam Experiment -Gurgaon experiment

Firka Development Scheme – Etawah Pilot Project - Nilokheri Experiment – weaknesses of earlier experiments

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Semester II
Rural Development
Paper II: Economic Activities and Economic Issues in Rural India

Course outcomes:

By the end of the course the students will be able

1. To understand the economic structure of rural India.
2. To know the significance of natural resources in rural economy.
3. To understand the structure and role of rural enterprises
4. To evaluate the rural demographic features and rural development.

Unit I

12 hours

Economic Structure of Rural India: Principles of Rural Economic development, Assets Distribution, Income Distribution; Expenditure Pattern, Agriculture and Rural Development. Economic growth in Rural; Pattern and Structure

Agricultural Development: Introduction, Types of agriculture, Features of Indian Agriculture, Agricultural Development under the Plans; Soil Health Management, Seeds, Agricultural Credit; Risk Management,

Unit II

12 hours

Role of Natural resources in rural economy: Land, Water, Forest, Energy

Agriculture – Importance, Allied Activities- Dairying, Poultry, and Horticulture, Importance of Organic Farming; Land reforms

Unit III

12 hours

Structure of Rural Enterprises: Small Scale Industries – Khadi Village Cottage Industries- Agriculture based industries

Rural Artisans and Traditional occupations - pottery, carpentry, basket making, weaving, goldsmith, blacksmith

Unit IV

12 hours

Financial institutions— - Rural Banking Institutions - cooperative institutions, Issues with Rural credit: Sources of Rural credit - Institutional and Non-Institutional

Agricultural marketing- problems and measures; cooperative marketing; Direct and indirect marketing

Unit V

12 hours

Rural Demographic Features - Sex Ratio, Density, Literacy, Labour force participation; Rural Unemployment – types, causes, effects, rural employment measures ; Rural labour – issues, problem of Child labour

.Rural Poverty – magnitude, causes, effects, Poverty eradication Programmes; Rural Indebtedness, Rural Urban Migration

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