

# **ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET**

## **Post Graduate Certificate in Agriculture Policy (PGCAP and PGCAPOL)**

**Assignments for**

**January 2026  
and  
July 2026 Sessions**



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**Dear Student,**

As you are aware, the weightage to the term-end examination will be 75 per cent, and the weightage to the continuous assessment (assignment) will be 25 per cent. There is one assignment for each course, thus a total of four assignments for the programme. Each assignment will be of 50 marks, which ultimately will be converted to have a weightage of 25 % of the total marks.

**Before attempting the assignments, please read the following instructions carefully.**

1. First of all, read the assignment /questions and instructions carefully and identify the components of an assignment. You should read the relevant sections and sub-sections of a unit while preparing your responses, and write answers in your own words. Your responses should not be a verbatim reproduction of the textual materials/blocks provided for self-learning purposes. We also suggest that you read additional materials available in your study centre or any other library before preparing your responses. But extra reading is not a must to answer these assignments.
2. **On the top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format.**

Enrolment no.: .....  
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Course Code: .....  
Course title: .....  
Study Centre: .....  
(Name and Code)  
Date: .....

3. Use foolscap-size paper for writing your answer.
4. Leave a 4 cm margin on the top, bottom and left of your answer sheet
5. Clearly indicate the question number and part of the question being solved while writing your answers.
6. Assignments have to be sent to the Programme Coordinator of your study centre on or before the last date of submission. The Online learners have to submit assignments in the PGCAPOL LMS.
7. **We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your assignment responses.**

Wishing you good luck.

### Assignment -3

**Course Code: MNRE-015**  
**Course title: Cooperatives and Farmers' Organisations**  
**Session: January and July 2026**

**Maximum marks: 50**

**Note: Attempt any five questions. Answer the question in about 500 words. All questions carry equal marks.**

1.	Discuss the meaning and importance of cooperatives. Explain the growth in cooperatives sector in India.	10
2.	Describe the principles of cooperatives that guide the functioning of cooperative societies.	10
3.	Discuss the structure and functioning of any two business cooperatives.	10
4.	Explain the various cooperative laws in India for the successful operation of cooperatives.	10
5.	Discuss the impact of economic liberalisation on cooperatives. Explain the measures adopted to meet the challenges of economic liberalisation.	10
6.	Explain the concept and importance of people's participation in agricultural and rural development.	10
7.	What is meant by the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)? Briefly explain PRA techniques.	10
8.	Explain the role of the National Cooperative Union of India in the development of Cooperatives.	10