

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

**Assignments  
(July 2025 /January 2026 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 2025 / January 2026**

#### Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRD-201/AST/TMA-1/2025-2026	<b>For July 2025 session 31st March, 2026</b>	To submit the Assignment, you can send the link given by the Center for Online and to the Regional Center provided by the University. For this, keep watching the Center for Online and LMS portal. Please follow the IOP LMS Portal.
MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2025-2026		
MRD-203/AST/TMA-3/2025-2026		
MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2025-2026	<b>For January 2026 session 30th September, 2026</b>	

As explained in the Programme Guide for MARDOL 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 and follow the IOP LMS portal.**

**Assignment-4**  
**Research Methods in Rural Development**

**Course Code: MRD-004**  
**Course Title: Research Methods in Rural Development**  
**Assignment No.: MRD-004/AST/TMA-4/2025-2026**  
**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. Explain the difference between experimental research and descriptive 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. Describe the methods of sampling in Social Research.
2. What is action research? Explain.
3. What do you mean by observation? Discuss its types, stages, and limitations.

**Short Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks: 6 each**

**Attempt any Five of the following**

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