

**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

MRD-201, MRD-202, MRD-203 & MRD-004
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	For July 2025 session 31st March, 2026	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	For January 2026 session 30th September, 2026	

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-2
Rural Development Programmes

Course Code: MRD-202

Course Title: Rural Development Programmes

Assignment No.: MRD-202/AST/TMA-2/2025-2026

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. What do you mean by watershed? Discuss the importance and major characteristics of Watershed Management.
2. Describe some important Poverty Alleviation Programmes and problems encountered in their execution.
3. Discuss the significance of science and technology for rural development.

Medium Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 15 each

Attempt any Two of the following:

1. Explain important features of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin.
2. Describe common aspects of National Social Assistance Programmes.
3. Discuss about Rural Connectivity.

Short Answers Questions

Maximum Marks: 6 each

Attempt any Five of the following

1. Annapurna
2. DWCRA
3. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
4. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana
5. National Rural Livelihoods Mission
6. Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
7. Dimensions of Food Security
8. Social Forestry