

# **Master's Programme in Rural Development**

## **Assignments**

**(July 2025 /January 2026 Session)**

**MA(RD) – Second Year**



**Discipline of Rural Development  
School of Continuing Education  
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## ASSIGNMENTS

**MRDE-201, MRDE-202, MRDE-203, MRDE-002,  
MRDE-003 & MRDE-004  
Schedule for July 2025 / January 2026**

### Schedule for Submission of Assignments

Assignment Number	Last Date of Submission	Whom to Send
MRDE-201/AST/TMA-5/2025-2026	<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.
MRDE-202/AST/TMA-6/2025-2026		
MRDE-203/AST/TMA-7/2025-2026	<b>For January 2026 session 30th September, 2026</b>	
MRDE-002/AST/TMA-8/2025-2026		
MRDE-003/AST/TMA-9/2025-2026		
MRDE-004/AST/TMA-10/2025-2026		

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-8**

### **Voluntary Action in Rural Development**

**Course Code: MRDE-002**

**Course Title: Voluntary Action in Rural Development**

**Assignment No.: MRDE-002/AST/TMA-8/2025-2026**

**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. Examine the relationship between panchayati raj institutions and voluntary organizations
2. Discuss the Gandhian conception of voluntarism and rural reconstruction during freedom struggle.
3. Explain the concept and theory of social action propounded by Max Weber.

#### **Medium Answers Questions Maximum Marks: 15 each**

#### **Attempt any Two of the following:**

1. Identify the main features of community based organizations.
2. Describe the contribution of Tarun Bhart Sangh (TBS) to watershed development in rural area.
3. Discuss CBO-Approach in the context of Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP).

#### **Short Answers Questions**

**Maximum Marks: 6 each**

#### **Attempt any Five of the following**

1. Magna Carta
2. Voluntary Action Cell
3. Main Characteristics of Unregistered VOs
4. NGO-Typology based on Tasks
5. Cooperative Societies
6. Limitations of Bureaucratic Administration
7. Bio-Energy
8. Meaning and Essence of Voluntarism