

Diploma in Panchayati Raj Governance & Rural Development

(DPRG & RD):

The State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) organise massive trainings to the all the functionaries of PRIs to build their capacities for formulating and implementing local development plans for economic development and social justice. But most of these trainings are for short duration, as the number of functionaries to be trained is large in numbers. Besides this, there is a wide variation in terms of coverage and quality of training and the competency levels of trainers also vary. The system does not provide for enrolment of new resource persons who have interest in training and association with the PRIs. Because of the limitations of SIRDs, in depth study of various aspects Panchayati Raj is not possible. There has been ever increasing demand from ERs, for long time trainings that can give them sound knowledge of all important aspects of Panchayati Raj Governance.

In order to the current problem in training ERs and functionaries NIRD&PR has designed a Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development' through distance mode. This course aims to cover ERs and PRI officials.

Programme Objective:

1. Bridging the capacity building gaps of PR functionaries in a time bound manner and facilitate any-time-anywhere learning.
2. Offering opportunity for any individual to engage themselves with the society and pay back through the medium of Panchayati Raj.
3. Enabling the Elected Representatives to acquire additional skills, to help them to enhance their won repute and political career.
4. Providing opportunity for the former Elected Representatives to acquire a certificate based on their experience.
5. Creating a competitive ecosystem in the ERs and PR officials for better performance.
6. Creating certified ERs who can act as Master Resource Persons.
7. The Programme will be for duration of one year with 28 credits in total. There will be 6 courses with 24 credits and course 7 will be project work. One credit will be equivalent to 15 hrs of learning which include going through course content, participation through discussion forum and working on assignments. The subjects offered are broadly categorized into six course. There eill be contact sessions at suitable

places during each semester. Attendance in the contact session is not compulsory. However the sessions will be useful of the participants to attend.

Course Details:

Course 1: Democratic Decentralization and Local Governance

Course 2: Panchayat Management

Course 3: Social Empowerment and inclusive Development

Course 4: Approaches to sustainable Rural Development

Course 5: Leadership Development Training and e-Enablement

Course 6: Governance in schedule Areas

Course 7: Project Work