

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL STUDIES (PALLI CHARCHA KENDRA)



HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

Department of Rural Studies(Palli Charcha Kendra) an interdisciplinary centre of academics was established in 1977 with the introduction of PhD course. It was created in the model of CSSS-Calcutta, Patuli(ICSSR institute in Kolkata) with faculties drawn from various disciplines like Economics/Anthropology/Statistics/Demography/Geography etc. Besides the PhD course, Department has introduced two new courses BRS(Bachelor of Rural Studies) and MRS (Masters of Rural Studies) from July, 2015 following the guideline in MHRD and UGC gazette notification (July 2014) regarding streamlining of the nomenclature of various courses. The erstwhile course MA in Rural Development (1991) was phased out in 2016. The courses are actually the outcome of the department's vision and mission adopted in the year 2013-2014, also indicated in the self-assessment report of NAAC-2015. Our existing syllabus is a well-blended mix in the direction of multidisciplinary studies. In 2017 and 2019 we revised our syllabus as a follow up to the workshop on syllabus held in March, 2017, wherein different universities from India and IRMA participated. In the workshop we adopted a uniform syllabus for Rural Studies all over India. The subject Rural Studies itself is an emerging subject in the academic arena. We are giving our best efforts to establish this as an academic discipline that will produce students with sound knowledge and practical skill to apply them in the real world situations".

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES OFFERED

Programme Name	Number of Courses
Ph.D. in Rural Studies	68
Masters in Rural Studies	603
Bachelor of Rural Studies	604