

International Training Programme on

'Participatory Planning for Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development'

Introduction

High incidence of poverty in the rural area is a matter of concern. In view of this, poverty eradication has been one of the major objectives of the development planning process and the thrust is providing more employment opportunities to the people. The role of decentralized planning for poverty alleviation and sustainable development has been well recognized in the recent efforts of government. National Institute of Rural Development, one of the premier training institutes of international reputation, has been catering to the training needs of many developing countries, particularly in the field of participatory planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of rural development programmes and sustainable development. This programme aimed to fulfill the following objectives.

Objectives

- To provide basic knowledge on the concepts, approaches, and strategies of Poverty Reduction, planning and sustainable development.
- To discuss the strategies and outcomes of Flagship programmes of Rural Development in India.
- To discuss the social safety nets and food security provided for the rural poor in India.
- To give hands-on experience to the participants on the participatory methods and techniques for effective planning at the grass root level.
- To equip the participants with skills on participatory monitoring and evaluation.
- To discuss on the field based problems for appropriate solutions, presentation of success stories for replication.

Design

The programme has been meticulously designed keeping in view the common requirements for planning and management of rural development within the decentralized framework. The content of the programme is presented under six modules. Six focused areas have been finalized in the programme delivery as follows

1. *Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development Strategies*

Critical appraisal of policies and programmes of poverty reduction and rural development, innovative development models and economic reforms, role of NGO and local self governing bodies.

2. *Planning - Concepts and Approaches*

Concept and approaches of participatory planning, Assessment of needs, problems, potentialities, identifying development objectives and strategies, preparation of perspective plans for rural development.

3. *Participatory Planning Techniques*

PRA techniques in planning, resource mapping, social mapping, facilities mapping, etc. management techniques.

4. *Spatial Planning and Resource Management*

Remote sensing and GIS application for rural development, settlements hierarchy and the service area, location of socio- economic facilities. Land use planning, Management of Agriculture and allied sectors.

5. *Monitoring and Evaluation*

Approaches, methods and techniques of monitoring and evaluation of rural development programmes

6. *Field Study*

Participants will study the planning and implementation of poverty reduction and rural development programmes in different states and critically analyse the ground realities based on the feedback from the people, officials, and non-officials.

Participants

The programme is designed for senior level development functionaries directly concerned with planning and implementation of poverty reduction and rural development projects at district level.