

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences

Value Added Programme Participatory Rural Appraisal(PRA)

Code: SWPLA

Total credits-2(30 Hours)

Course Learning Outcomes:

- To provide basic understanding of the concept of participatory planning of a project
- To equip the students with minimum understanding of the different tools in PRA
- To help the students to apply the principles and methods of PRA in the field
- To provide better understanding of the documentation process in PRA

Unit 1 - Teaching Hours: 4

Concept of participation-Types, importance and levels
Development as a participatory process and its dimensions
Project Development model
PRA and its relevance in Social work

Unit 2 - Teaching Hours: 12

Participatory Rural Appraisal –definition, history and principles, Pillars of PRA, advantages and its limitations
PRA Methods
Space related methods: Social map, Resource map, Mobility map, Services & Opportunities map, Transect walk
Time related methods: Time Line, Seasonal Calendar, DRA
Relation methods: Well being ranking, Venn Diagram, Pair Wise ranking, Force Field Analysis, Cause Effect, Causal Tree Analysis

Unit 3 - Teaching Hours: 14

Field work-application of the methods and documentation

References:

- Narayanasamy N,(2009),Participatory Rural Appraisal: Principles, methods and application, Sage Publications
- Neela Mukherjee,(2003),Participatory Rural Appraisal :Methodology and Applications, Concept Publishing Company, Delhi

Methodology

1. Role plays
2. Lecture sessions

Nb: Students will be send to different Panchayats in groups and are expected to document the findings in the given format