



INSTITUTE OF RURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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TRAINING ON RURAL GOVERNANCE

The Centre for Policy, Governance and Advocacy of the Institute of Rural Research and Development is conducting a year long training programme on rural governance. The larger objectives of this training are: (1) to prepare selected Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members and villagers to effectively participate in matters of rural governance; and (2) to effect transparent, accountable and responsive rural governance.

Trainees

The selected trainees include representatives of PRIs, Gram Sabha (Village Council) leaders and conscientious citizens, grassroots social workers and some members of IRRAD's village level staff.

Training Format

Through this programme, the trainees would be imparted classroom training for fifty days in the year. However, there would be a lot of practical work which the trainees would be required to perform throughout this year. IRRAD will assist the trainees in their practical work. The idea is to make this training more effective through this method of learning by doing.

Contents

The contents of the training include:

I Developing a Perspective for and general understanding of Rural Governance

1. Relevant Provisions of the Constitution of India
2. Rights and duties as citizens
3. Structure of Governance

II Functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and roles of different stake-holders

1. Provisions of Haryana Panchayati Raj Act
2. Roles and responsibilities of elected PRI and Gram Sabha members and their administration

III Understanding of Functionaries, Institutions and Mechanisms of rural governance

1. Interface with the general administration
2. Police
3. Judiciary
4. Provisions on Labour

IV Understanding of various schemes and programmes of government and the tools for ensuring their effective and transparent implementation

1. Education
2. Health/sanitation/nutrition
3. Employment/Self employment/National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005