



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	Skill Enhancement Course
Paper Title:	Participatory Learning and Action (<i>Theory</i>)
Unique Paper Code:	2336000003
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Surbhi Kumar
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Introduction to Participatory Learning and Action	1	Introduction
		2	Introduction to Participatory Learning and Action
		3	Participatory learning: Basic rules and phases
		4	Preparations for PLA
II	PLA : Tools and Techniques	5	PLA Techniques
		6	PLA techniques I: Community mapping (social & resource mapping),
		7	PLA Techniques II: livelihood analysis, Venn(chapati) diagram, Timeline analysis, Vector scoring, (preference ranking, issue prioritization, wealth ranking),
		8	Calendars (Seasonal calendar, Daily routine diagram), Transect walk Roles and responsibilities of PLA teams
III	Practical Application of Participatory Learning techniques	9	Project work: Community Mapping,
		10	Project work: Need assessment (Calendar/ Seasonal Analysis/ Transect Walk/Vector scoring)
		11	Project work: Resource identification & Utilization
IV	Analysis of data through PLA Techniques	12	Use of PLA for research and community action
		13	Processing, analysis and interpretation of data generated through participatory learning tools
		14	Report writing: Tips and techniques
		15	Wrapping Up & Revision

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Introduction to Participatory Learning and Action - Participatory learning Action (PLA): Meaning, origin and principles - Participatory learning: Basic rules and phases - Preparations for PLA
II	PLA : Tools and Techniques - PLA techniques I: Community mapping (social & resource mapping), - PLA Techniques II: Livelihood analysis, Venn(chapati) diagram, Time line analysis, Vector scoring (preference ranking, issue prioritization, wealth ranking), Calendars (Seasonal calendar, Daily routine diagram), Transect walk - Roles and responsibilities of PLA teams
III	Practical Application of Participatory Learning techniques - Project work: Community Mapping, - Project work: Need assessment (Calendar/Seasonal Analysis/Transect Walk/Vector scoring) - Project work: Resource identification & Utilization
IV	Analysis of data through PLA Techniques - Use of PLA for research and community action - Processing, analysis and interpretation of data generated through participatory learning tools - Report writing: Tips and techniques
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Mikkelsen, B (1995). Methods for Development Work and Research: A guide for practitioners. London, Sage.
2.	Chambers, R (2008). Revolutions in Development Inquiry. Institute of Development Studies, 2008, Earthscan, London.
3.	N. Narayansamy (2009): Participatory Rural Appraisal-Principles, Methods and Application, first edition. Gandhigram Rural University, Tamil Nadu, India
4.	Slocum, R; Wichhart, D; Rocheleau, D and Thomas-Slayter, B (eds.) (1995). Power, Process and Participation – Tools for change. London, IT Publications
5.	Jules N. Pretty, Irene Guijt, Ian Scoones, & John Thompson (1995): A Trainer's Guide for Participatory learning and Action. International Institute for Environment and Development, London.

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
2	1	0	1
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		10
	Assignment	4	
	Class Test	4	

	Attendance	2	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		
	Activity 1		
	Activity 2		
	Attendance		
3.	Practical		40
	Continuous Assessment	40	
	End Term Written/Practical Exam		
	Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		30