

Prospectus for Admission

Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies

Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat



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Academic Year – 2026-27

- **Vision:** To be an institution of higher education for those committed to development and upliftment of rural poor.

Mission: To provide inter and multidisciplinary training for change agents and professionals in diverse activities of rural development.

Brief History of the Department

- **Established in 1970** due to demand from the Gandhian Institutes offering Bachelor of Rural Studies to provide higher education in the field of Rural Studies.
- It started offering **Master of Rural Studies** in 1970 and specialization in Rural Development and Natural Resource Management since 2013-14.
- Also it offers **PG Diplomas** in Natural Resource Management, Rural Development and Climate Change & Rural Society from 2016-17.
- Introduced 4 years Honors program in Sustainable Rural Development leading to BRS (SD) 2023-24.



Features of the Department

Unique features of the Department

Unique inter and multidisciplinary programs offered by the department

Cutting edge courses– like Climate Change and Rural Society, Sustainable Rural Development, Participatory Rural Appraisal, Gender Equality and Women and an Integrated Program on Sustainable Development

Practical field-based training and teaching in a selected village along with classroom teaching

Value based education connecting nature and people together
Syllabus revision in line with PO and PSO as per the need of society

Special features

New courses are added and old are updated - Feedback of stakeholders, including students and new developments in society
Teaching pedagogy is revised depending upon the need and new avenues in the field.

From current year new teaching pedagogy is implemented along with earlier learning by seeing and doing.

Students will learn theory in classes and practical in selected village.
Two months Internship and submission of dissertation are part of syllabus for final semester students.

Campus placement for MRS(Semester –IV) students

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

- ❑ **Master of Rural Studies (MRS)**
- **Doctor Of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Rural Studies.**
- **M.A. (Tribal Studies)**
- **Bachelor of Rural Studies (BRS) Sustainable Development (SD) - Four year Honors Program.**

- **Post Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Management.**
- **Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development.**
- **Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change and Rural Society.**



Computer lab.



Net house



Conference hall

Infrastructure & resources



Reading hall



Vermi compost pit



Open campus space

About Course Curriculum of M.R.S.

MRS SEM 1

Extension Education for rural Development
Rural Economic Environment
Rural Social Structure and Transformation
Research Methodology
Agriculture and Allied Technologies
Participatory Rural Appraisal - 1
Climate Change and Rural Society

MRS SEM 2

Theories and Strategies for Rural Development
Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Natural Resource Management
Corporate Social Responsibility
Computer Applications in Rural Studies
Sustainable Rural Development
Participatory Rural Appraisal - II

MRS SEM 3 (RD)

Rural Development Administration
Rural Development Planning & Management
Rural Development Organizations & Management
Tribal Development
Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
Participatory Rural Appraisal - 3
PRA Dissertation



MRS SEM 3 (NRM)

Common Property Resource Management
Natural Resources for Sustainable Livelihood
Water Harvesting Technologies
Extension for Natural Resource Management
Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
Participatory Rural Appraisal - 3
PRA Dissertation

MRS SEM - 4

Internship
Dissertation
Seminar

Duration of Course : 2 years

(Four semester)

Full Time Program

The Department Organizes Placement

Coordinating with the NGO's to learn about the latest requirements and trends

Helping the NGO's in finding the right candidates by understanding their requirements

Organizing pre-placement training for students

Collecting feedback from employers where our students are Placed.

NGO's where our students are placed during last five years include: Agakhan Rural Support Program (India) AKRSP (I), Care India, BAIF etc.

About Course Curriculum of M.A. (Tribal Studies)

Semester - I

Tribal Social and Community Structure – I
Social Beliefs & Customs of Tribal communities in South Gujarat - I
Tribal Resistance and their Leaders
Tribal Traditions of South Gujarat
Tribal Knowledge system
Term Paper - Viva

Semester - III

Governance and Administration in Tribal Areas
Policy and Schemes for Tribal Development
Tribal Legal Rights
Computer Application
Research Methodology
Term Paper - Viva

Semester - II

Tribal Social and Community Structure – II
Social Beliefs & Customs of Tribal communities in South Gujarat - II
Tribal Economy and Property Systems
Traditional Tribal Livelihoods
Tribal Food: Traditions and Practices
Term Paper - Viva

Semester - IV

Natural Resources Management and Tribal Development
Sustainable agricultural practices for Tribal Development
Role of Organizations for Tribal Development
Dissertation – Viva
Seminar

Eligibility for New Admission

- ❑ MRS : (Master of Rural Studies)(GIA)
- ❑ M.A. (TRIBAL STUDIES) (Self Finance)

➤ Any Graduate can be Apply

➤ Admission will be Merit basis as per rules & regulations of the govt. of Gujarat & VNSGU, Surat

4 Year honors Program (BRS(SD):

Bachelor of Rural Studies(Sustainable Development)
(Self Finance Program)

➤ 12th pass with any stream

➤ Admission will be Merit basis as per rules & regulations of the govt. of Gujarat and VNSGU, Surat.



Fees Structure (Semester wise)

MRS(GIA)

Annual Fees: Male: Rs.11420/-
Female: Rs. 9140/-

Semester-I	Semester - II	Semester-III	Semester-IV
Male:Rs.5995/- Female:Rs. 4855/-	Male:Rs.5425/- Female:Rs. 4285/-	Male:Rs.5425/- Female:Rs. 4285/-	Male:Rs.5425/- Female:Rs. 4285/-

Annual Fees (Higher Payment) Male: Rs.25100/-
Female: Rs. 22820/-

Fees Structure
(Semester wise)
M.A (Tribal Studies) - (SFI)

Annual Fees: Rs,7740/-

Semester-I	Semester - II	Semester-III	Semester-IV
Total:Rs.4155/-	Total:Rs.3585/-	Total:Rs.3585/-	Total:Rs.3585/-



P.G. Diploma Fees Structure

Annual Fees Rs. 38910/-

- **Post Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Management.**
 - **Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development.**
 - **Post Graduate Diploma in Climate Change and Rural Society.**
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Teacher's profile



Dr. Deepak Bhoje
Head of the
Department

Dr. Deepak Bhoje , Since 2006 to till today have been working as an Associate Professor & Head, Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He also performing as a Program Coordinator M.A.(Tribal Studies and 4 Year Honors BRS in Sustainable Development. He has obtained M.A.,GSLET, Ph.D. in Sociology. He has 21 Years Experience in Teaching and more then 15 Years experience in Research. He had been performed as Senate member and other than Dean (faculty of Rural Studies). He is working as a member of academic council, member board of faculty, Chairman of BOS , Research Advisory Committee etc. He has been participated and presented research papers in state/national/international level. More than 25 research papers published in various journals. He produced three Ph.D. and 2 M.Phil. Research scholars in Rural studies. He has completed 3 consultancy projects Recently he is working with 3 research projects funded by ICSSR, New Delhi and UGC research grant - VNSGU, Surat. He has published 07 Books.



Dr. Shreedhar Nimavat
Assistant professor

Dr. Shreedhar Nimavat is an active researcher with keen interacts in Rural Studies, Natural Resource Management, Education, Environment and field of CSR. He has obtained his master degree, M.Phil and Ph.D. in Rural Studies. He have more than 20 years' experience in the field of CSR and Rural Development. He had been a Senate Member, Member of Academic Council and Syndicate Member of Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He was also member of Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Gandhinagar. Presently, he is serving as an Assistant Professor in Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He has attended several seminar and conferences presenting paper and chairing sessions.



Dr. Dipesh Jha
Assistant professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Dipesh Jha is a seasoned professional, researcher, and administrator with over 17 years of experience in Rural Development, specializing in key initiatives such as Watershed Development, MGNREGA, NRLM, IWDP, and SGSY. He holds a Ph.D. in Rural Studies, M.Sc. in Agricultural Extension Education, MBA in Marketing, and multiple post-graduate diplomas, including PGDCSR, PGDHRM, and PGDRMSS, blending academic rigor with practical field experience. Dr. Jha has worked extensively with NGOs, District Rural Development Agencies, and at the Commissioner of Rural Development- Gujarat, contributing to rural development schemes that focus on community empowerment and environmental sustainability. Since 2013, he has served as an Adhoc Assistant Professor at the Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University- Surat, where he is committed to shaping the next generation of rural development leaders through education, skill development, and entrepreneurship programs. He emphasizes hands-on learning, encouraging students to engage with real-world challenges and prepare for careers in rural development and social entrepreneurship. Dr. Jha is an active member of the Gujarat Society of Extension Education and various NGOs. He has attended numerous trainings and workshops focused on rural development, enhancing his expertise in community empowerment and natural resource management. A prolific researcher, Dr. Jha has presented and published several papers at national and international seminars and conferences, focusing on rural livelihoods, sustainable agriculture, and rural governance. His work continues to contribute to the academic community through publications in UGC CARE-listed and peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Jha's efforts bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical application, making a lasting impact on both his students and rural communities.



Dr. Sheetal Mali
Assistant professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Sheetal Mali has about five years of teaching and research experience. She holds a Master's degree in economics with a specialization in industrial economics (Gold Medal), which she completed in 2019. Prior to her Master's, she had already cleared the GSET examination in 2018, showcasing her expertise in her field. Her teaching career began as a Visiting Lecturer at the Government Arts and Commerce College in Vansda in 2019. As a temporary assistant professor, she joined the rural studies department in October 2019. She has published more than 10 research papers in national and international journals. She has attended trainings, workshops, webinars, seminars, conferences, and expert talks. Her research areas are corporate social responsibility, sustainable development goals, microfinance, women empowerment and developmental schemes. Subject specialty in industrial economics and labour economics.



Dr. Sumir Gamit
Assistant professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Sumir Gamit is working as Temporary Assistant Professor. He has completed graduate with sociology from Arts & commerce college, Vyara in 2004 and post graduate with sociology from veer narmad south Gujarat university, surat in 2015. He has also completed Ph.D. in 2024. in the Department of sociology, VNSGU, Surat. He has worked with many institutions.



Mr. Mahesh Vasava
Assistant professor
(Contractual)

Maheshbhai L. Vasava started his academic career as a visiting teacher in the Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat from 2021. He is currently serving as a Temporary Assistant Professor in this department since 2023. He is pursuing his Ph.D. on the subject "Changes in the socio-economic situation of tribal farmers through agricultural schemes" in the Department of Sociology at Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He graduated in sociology from Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat in 2017 and post-graduate degree from Maharaja Krishnakumarsinhji Bhavnagar University in 2019. He also passed the Gujarat State Eligibility Test examination in 2018 during his post-graduate studies. He has in-depth knowledge of sociology and socio-economic and cultural aspects of rural areas as well as in the field of research. He has five years of experience in the field of education.



Dr. Rinal Vadia
Assistant professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Rinal Vadia holds a B.Com. MRS and a Ph.D. in Rural Studies. she has also hold M.A. in Mass Communication. She has published 2 research papers, 1 book chapters and presented 5 papers at seminar. she is an Assistant Professor(Contractual) in Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat.



Dr. Nikita Desai
Assistant Professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Nikita Desai is working as Assistant Professor (Contractual) in the Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. She holds the B.Sc., M.Sc. in Environmental Science from Institute of Science and Technology for Advanced Studies and Research – S.P. University, Vidyanagar (2009). She has completed Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry from the Department of Chemistry, VNSGU, Surat. She has worked about 7 years as an Environmental Expert and researcher. She has completed 8 research projects and achieved 1 award.



Dr. Ankit U. Chaudhari
Assistant Professor
(Contractual)

Dr. Ankit Chaudhari is working as Assistant Professor (Contractual) in the Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He holds B.Sc. (Zoology), M.Sc. (Aquatic Biology), Ph.D. in Aquatic Biology. He is also qualified ICAR (AICE-JRF/SRF) PGS, GSET-Environmental Sciences, UGC – NET. He has published 8 research papers and 2 filed patents.



Mr. Nitesh Padavi
Assistant Professor
(Contractual)

Mr. Nitesh Padavi is working as Assistant Professor (Contractual) in M.A. (Tribal Studies) at Mahatma Gandhi Department of Rural Studies, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat. He has completed B.A., M.A. in the subject of Sociology. He is qualified GSLET.

Departmental activities

Plantation Activity



Cultural Activity



Field Visit



Agriculture Activity



Livelihood Activity



Sports Activity



Swachh Bharat Mission



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Parents Meet



OUR STUDENT'S JOB PLACEMENT

Academic year (2019 - 2023)



Name -Sheela Ramsubhai Chavdhari

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation - Developmental organiser, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme INDIA Ahwa Dang

Annual income - 2,85,600



Name -Raj Shahnavaj Dilavarbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation -Personal banker, HDFC BANK LTD Bharuch

Annual income -3,60,000



Name -Padvi Kalpeshbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation- Cluster Coordinator, GLPC Sagbara

Annual income -1,92,000



Name - Patel Yash Kamleshbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation - Assistant Professor, Samajseva Mahavidyaalaya (BRS College) Vedchhi

Annual income- 4,62,000



Name - Vijay Vala

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation - AI Worker

Annual income -2,00,000



Name -Ranjanben Chandubhai Dalvi

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2019

Occupation - Trainer, Rural Self Employment Training Institute, Ahwa Dang

Annual income - 1,92,000



Name - Dr. Dipesh Jha
Qualification - M.Sc, MBA, Ph.D (In Rural Studies)
Year - 2019
Occupation - Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Studies, VNSGU
Annual income -4,80,000



Name -Rajeshbhai P Makwana
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2019
Occupation: Asst. Program Manager, IRD Section Petlad
Annual income -1,92,000



Name - Nishaben S Bagul
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2019
Occupation : Field Worker -Agri business Ahwa Dang
Annual income -220000



Name - Asarnbhai V Pawar
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2019
Occupation : Development Organizer, AKRSPI, Ahwa
Annual income -204000



Name - Thabo Joan Mahamo
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2020
Occupation : project manager, beautiful dream society
Annual income - RS 600000/120000 zar



Name -Chudasama Vijaybhai Ranamalbhai
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2020
Occupation - Program Associate, UNNATI Organization for Development Education Posina (SK)
Annual income - 3,24,000



**Name -Vipulbhai I
Gayakwad**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2020

**Occupation- SFA, IFFCO
Chikhli Valsad**

Annual income -2,04,000



Name -Nikunj k Gohel

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2020

**Occupation - Field
Supervisor, Syngenta india
Pvt. Ltd. Bodeli**

Annual income - 3,52,200



**Name -Kokni krupakumari
Rameshbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2020

**Occupation - Supervisor,
Jasoda Narottam Public
Charity Trust Kaparada**

Annual income -1,56,000



Name - Patel Ashish

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2020

**Occupation - Gram
Sevak**

**Annual income -
3,12,000**



Name -Patel Vaibhaviben

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2020

**Occupation - Gram Sevak
Kaparada**

(Govt. of Gujarat)

Annual income -3,12,000



Name - Dipak Mistry

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2021

**Occupation - Centre Incharge,
AKRSPI, Vankal, Mangarol,
Surat**

Annual income - 2,88,000



Name - Rachna S Chaudhari
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation - Taluka Cordinater (PESA) Taluka Panchayat, Ahwa Dang.
Annual income -2,52,000



Name -Anshu Dwivedi
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation -Assistant Project Manager (Farm) GLPC Gandhinagar
Annual income - 2,88,000



Name - Gamit Komal
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation - Principal (I/c.) Vanseva Mahavidhyalaya, (BRS College), Bilpudi
Annual income - 4,62,000



Name - Mayurbhai Vallabhbhai Jesadiya
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation - Senior Executive, EGIS India Rail Pvt. Ltd. Surat
Annual income - 4,08,000



Name - Bhavna V Chaudhari
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation - TLM, Taluka Panchayat Mandavi-Surat
Annual income - 1,98,000



Name - Solanki Manoj
Qualification - MRS
Year - 2021
Occupation - Gram Sevak
Annual income - 3,09,600



Name - Gareja Komal

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2021

**Self Employed -
Agriculture and Animal
Husbandary**

**Annual income - 2 L
Approx..**



Name - Sevara Geeta

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2021

**Occupation - Field
Facilitator, Shikshn &
Samaj Kalyan Kendra,
Amreli**

Annual income - 2,04,000



**Name - Patel
Binalkumari
Harshadbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

**Occupation- Agakhan
Rural Support Program
(India) Mandvi Surat**

**Annual income -
2,88,000/-**



**Name - Bambhaniya
Chetana Hirabhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

**Occupation - District
Panchayat of Surat**

**Annual income -
3,09,600**



Name - Ganvit Jinal

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

**Occupation - Agri.
Assistant Trainer**

**Annual income -
1,50,000**



**Name - Chaudhari
Hemangini pravinbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

**Occupation - Lecturer,
Nootan Gramvidhyapith
Thava**

Annual income - 96,000



Name - Patel Mahimakumari

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

Occupation - Lecturer, Eklavya Group of Colleges, Kalarani, Chhotaudepur

Annual income - 1,80,000



Name - Jadav Shaileshkumar Rangeetsinh

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2022

Occupation - Narottam Lalbhai Rural Development Fund Vadodara

Annual income - 2,76,000



Name - Patel Divyakumari Navinbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Lecturer at S.S mahala BRS college, Kukadnakhi, Vaghai, Dang

Annual income - 1,80,000



Name - Patel Viralbhai Nayneshbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year -2023

Occupation - Marketing Development Officer at Agroking Industry, Vansda

Annual income - 1,44,000



Name - Patel Ankita Babubhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Teacher at Shreyas High School Sadakpor, Navsari

Annual income 1,68,000



Name - Ganvit Vrutik Dineshbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Relationship Manager at Kataria Automobile Private Ltd, Navsari

Annual income - 2,04,000



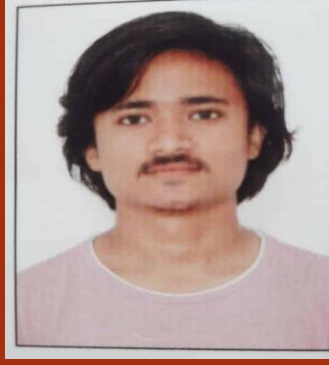
Name - Bagul Truptiben R

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Assistant Cook at the Buddies Huddle Café, Mumbai

Annual income - 1,44,000



Name - Chaudhari Kevinkumar Arjunbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Birla HIL Company, Golan

Annual income - 1,56,000



Name - Dr. Bhagyvan Solanki

Qualification - MRS, Ph.D

Year - 2023

Occupation - Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Studies, VNSGU

Annual income -4,80,000



Name - Rathva Nikita Naranbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Lecturer at Eklavya Group of Colleges, Kalarani, Chhotaudepur

Annual income - 1,80,000



Name - Patel Prtikkumar Harishbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - APM, NRLM At Taluka Panchayat Office, Jalalpur (GLPC)

Annual income -1,92,600



Name - Patel Riya Kishorbhai

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

Occupation - Teacher at vibrant English Medium School, Palsana

Annual income - 1,20,000



**Name - Patel Hiralkumari
Jitibhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

**Occupation - Lecturer at
S.S. Mahala BRS College,
Kukadnaki, Vaghai, Dang**

Annual income - 1,80,000



**Name - Pathar Ketanbhai
Rameshbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

**Occupation - Lecturer at
S.S. Mahala BRS College,
Kukadnaki, Vaghai, Dang**

Annual income - 1,80,000



Name - Patel Kajal

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

**Self Employed
(Agriculture)**

Annual income -2,00,000



**Name - Vasava
Chandrikaben
Prakashbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year - 2023

**Occupation - TLM (NRLM)
At Sinor, Vadodara**

Annual income - 1,92,000



**Name - Rathva Rahulbhai
Rajanbhai**

Qualification - MRS

Year -2023

**Occupation - Field
Supervisor at Sroff
Foundation Trust,
Chhotaudepur**

Annual income- 1,80,000



**Name - Dr. Dinesh
Chaudhari**

**Qualification - MSW, Ph.D.
in Rural Studies**

Year - 2022

**Occupation - Assistant
Professor at MSW
Department Children
University, Gandhinagar**

Annual income - 1,80,000

Our Student's Job Placement
BRS(SD)MRS(SD)



Name: Ajay Vasava

Qualification - MRS(SD)

Year -2024

**Designation: Assistant Program
Manager(Farm Livelihood),
Jhagadiya,Bharuch**

Annual income: 300000/-



Name: Priti Vasava

Qualification - MRS(SD)

Year -2024

**Designation: Assistant
Program Manager(Farm
Livelihood), Ankleshwar,
Bharuch**

**Annual income:
3,00,000/-**

List of Our Job Placement Agencies

- **Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India)**
Netarang, Ahwa and Vaghai units
- **Bhartiya Agro Industrial Foundation (BAIF)**
Dhruva-Baif Lachhakdi and Kaprada units
- **Krushi Vigyan Kendra**
(Surat, Navsari, Dediypada, Vyara, Vaghai and Chasvad)
- **CARE India Foundation, Hajira, Surat**
- **Government of Gujarat**
Gram Sevak, Extension Officer, Agricultural Assistant
- **Banking Service Recruitment Board**
(Agricultural Officer at various Nationalized, Commercial and Rural Banks)
- **Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Company (GLPC)**
- **Assistant Professors in various colleges**
- **District Rural Development Agencies**
- **Water and Sanitation Management Organization (WASMO)**
- **Swachh Bharat Mission**
- **PM – Aawas Yojana**
- **Agricultural Technology Management Agency**
- **Various CSR Implementing Agencies**
- **Teachers in various Schools**
- **Self Employed, Consultancy, Entrepreneurs(Nursery, FPOs, Argo - Business etc.)**
- **Mission Mangalm Yojana**

Seminar Hall

