



## M A DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

### Aims and Objectives

The Masters of Arts Programme in Development Studies at IIT Mandi aims to create a pool of Development practitioners, who will be well equipped to participate in the process of informed decision making. Ensuring sustainability and development requires only an in-depth knowledge of how the society functions but also the understanding of past and current development processes and practices. With several possible development pathways, one has to ensure that the choices made are informed, given the fact that resources are scarce. The location of the institute is a helping source for the programme providing unique opportunity to deal with development challenges in Himalayan region, which has both local, regional and global relevance. The field work component enables the students to have an extensive exposure of Development field.

### Academic Curriculum and Courses

#### Semester 1 :-

- History of Development Thought
- Human Geography: A Western Himalayan Perspective
- Indian Social Structure and Development
- Information Technology and Development
- Research Methodology for Humanities and Social Sciences
- Natural Resource and Development

#### Semester 2 :-

- Planning Welfare and Development
- Development Studies Practicum
- Department Elective (Urban Development, Sustainable Development and Environment Protection, Gender and Development, Decision Making for Social Change)
- Outside Development Electives (Cultural Studies, India in 1950s)

#### Summer Term :-

- Field Study

Semester 3 :-

- Department Electives
- Outside Department Electives (Mayan America, Popular Narrative, Historical Theory and Methodology)

Semester 4 :-

- Dissertation for Masters in Development Studies (under faculty supervision) Or,
- Guided Internship (under the joint supervision of one person from the organisation and faculty)

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