

SPECIAL LECTURE CUM WORKSHOP ON “ROLE OF DRDA IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT” [MAY 11, 2019]

The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies organized a special lecture cum interaction on ‘Role of District Rural Development Agency in Rural Development of Himachal Pradesh’ for the students and faculty of MBA-Rural Development. DRDA Shimla Project Officer Sanjay Bhagwati appeared as resource person in this event in which around 58 students and faculty member participated.

During his lecture cum interaction Bhagwati told that the role of DRDA in Rural Development is crucial as well as key. There are DRDA every districts and working with its Block Development Officers which accounts 80 in the case of Himachal Pradesh. The biggest districts are Kangra, Shimla and Mandi with sixteen, eleven and ten development blocks. The management of rural development schemes and its implementation is very important and more young rural development professional are needed immensely. Provided these young professional must have in-depth understanding of rural development.

The structure of rural development from the Ministry of Rural Development, State Rural Development Department to Panchayat level was discussed by the speakers and many queries from the student’s side were replied. He shared the intricacies of the RD while implementing the RD schemes. He said that the India really needs the rural development profession with in-depth understanding with great conviction to work with and in rural society. The universities can play a big role in this direction to create meaningful resource person as RD professionals by providing them proper theoretical as well practical exposures. These institutions must have collaboration with government department and rural development activist non-government organization.

The department of interdisciplinary studies of Himachal Pradesh University is striving hard to create rural development professionals by offering MBA-Rural Development course and environmentalist by offering M.Sc. environment sciences said Dr. Randhir Ranta the coordinator of MBA-RD. He said that Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sikander Kumar and Director Prof. R.P. Sharma are working hard to establish this department as think tank to the rural development department of Himachal Pradesh.

