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About PRIA

Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) is an international center for learning, promotion of citizen participation and democratic governance. Since its inception in 1982, PRIA has embarked on a set of initiatives focusing on empowerment of the poor and excluded. PRIA has consistently worked on issues of citizens' access to rights and entitlements, such as basic services in health, education and water in rural and urban areas; women's literacy and livelihood; prevention of land alienation and displacement and workers,' occupational health and safety. Our perspectives on Community based Research, engagement with community and **participatory research** has generated innovative participatory methodologies.



PRIA has promoted '**governance where people matter**' by working on the *demand side* of development by facilitating active citizenship and empowering civil society. It works on the *supply side* by reforming institutions and their governance so that the entitlements of citizens are realized. PRIA's professional expertise and practical insights are utilized by academic institutions, civil society groups, NGOs, governments, trade unions and private businesses around the world.

Research and Exposure for Development practitioners, Higher Education Institutions and Students

PRIA provides opportunities to the development practitioners and students to understand Participatory Research and methodologies for Community Engagement, through *PRIA International Academy (PIA)*, academic wing of PRIA in the following areas:

- *Online courses*
- *Educational - Exposure visits*
- *Internship programs*



Online Courses

PIA offers a number of online courses on various subjects in development studies. Based on PRIA's vast experience, intensive research, brainstorming and practical applications, a number of customized courses have been formulated, designed and written by a team of experts. Some of the widely registered courses are:

- *International Perspectives on Participatory Research & Evaluation*
- *Participatory Research Methodologies*
- *Community based Research and Engagement*
- *Participatory Social Audit: Tools for Social Accountability*

For Details please visit this site: <https://www.pria.org/courses-23-0>

Educational - Exposure visits

The Educational – Exposure visits are conducted to deliver the customized courses in a blended mode to include online course teaching, face to face (F2F) interactions followed by exposure visits to PRIA field locations for practical application of learnings.

Course delivery modalities:

- The online component of the course continues for two weeks from learners’ respective locations. The participants are required to submit an online assignment, which is a paper focusing on their understanding of course contents.
- After the completion of the online course, the learners will undergo a F2F practicum at PRIA. The duration of the F2F practicum is normally 7-10 days, however, it can be modified to meet the requirements of the learners.
- After the F2F, the learners are sent to field location(s) for 2-3 days for interaction with the communities, practice their learnings and for exposure to Indian culture.
- A debriefing for learning’s from the field is done next, where learners make presentations on their learnings from the course.

While only a few customized courses have been listed above, there are many more to choose from. PRIA can develop new ones, to meet any specific learning requirements.

Internship Programs

Students from various countries apply for internships at PRIA for a duration of 1 to 6 months. During which they undertake research on a subject of their choice in line with the ongoing projects at PRIA. During the internships, the students are given opportunity to go to field providing them sufficient opportunity to practice participatory methodologies while working with the communities. At the end of internships, the students are required to share their experiences through a presentation at the PRIA in Delhi. While doing internships, the students are required to make their own arrangements for stay.

Alternatively, they are welcome to stay at PRIA hostel on twin sharing basis, at nominal costs. During their stay in the field, our field staff helps students to find suitable accommodation at very nominal costs.

