



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATI RAJ
(Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India) Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500 030

Admission Notification for Distance Mode Programme

Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development (PGDSRD) Batch-17 (2025-26)

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) is a premier national Institute of excellence in rural development engaged in building capacities of rural development officials, elected representatives, individuals and institutions through national and international training, research, teaching and consultancy. As a “think-tank” for the Ministry of Rural Development, NIRDPR while acting as a repository of knowledge on rural development also assists the Ministry in policy formulation and choice of options in rural development to usher in the changes. NIRDPR’s contributions are appreciated worldwide.

About the Programme: NIRDPR is commencing its 17th Batch 18-month PG Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development Programme in Distance Mode from **August 2025**. The Programme is approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The Programme will be offered through three semesters as stated below.

Name of the Programme	Semester -1			Semester -2			Semester -III		
Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development (PGDSRD)	501	Rural Society and Sustainable Development	100 Marks	505	Project Planning and Management	100 Marks	508	Project Work	200 Marks
	502	Development: Methods and Techniques	100 Marks	506	Stakeholders in Rural Development	100 Marks			
	503	Policies and Programmes for Rural Development	100 Marks	507	Appropriate Technologies and Practices for Sustainable Development	100 Marks			
	504	Livelihoods and Resources	100 Marks						

Special Features: Self-instructional material shall be provided in soft copy only to the enrolled students. The materials include instructions for self-study and self-assessment exercises.

Eligibility: Bachelor’s degree in any discipline from a UGC-recognised university. Reservation criteria will be followed as per the Government of India norms.

Duration: Eighteen Months

Medium of Instruction: English

Programme Fee: Rs.18,200/- (for Gen/OBC/EWS) & Rs. 16,400/- (for SC/ST/PWD) to be deposited online in three equal instalments at the commencement of First, Second and Third Semesters.

Evaluation and Examinations: PGDSRD Course will be offered in three semesters and will have 30 marks for the continuous evaluation through assignments and 70 marks for semester-end examinations (Total 100 marks). The students will also have to undertake a Project relating to Rural Development in the third semester which will carry 200 marks.

Selection Criteria: Selection of candidates will be done by a selection committee duly constituted for the purpose.

How to apply: The Information Brochure can be downloaded from NIRDPR's website www.nirdpr.org.in. The filled-in online application accompanied by a payment gateway for Rs. 500/- (for Gen/OBC/EWS) & Rs.300/- (for SC/ST/PH candidates) towards application fee along with attested copies of the required certificates as mentioned in the application form should be uploaded through online process.

The last date for filling the online application is 31st July, 2025.

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