

Prospectus – 2023-24  
Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development  
(Approved by All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi)



Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Distance Education  
School of Development Studies & Social Justice  
**National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (Ministry of Rural  
Development, Government of India)**  
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## About NIRDPR

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the year 2008, is a premier national centre of excellence of rural development. Recognized internationally as UN-ESCAP Centre of Excellence in HRD, it builds capacities of rural development functionaries, elected representatives, academicians and young students through inter-related activities of training, research, teaching and consultancy to enable them to analyse and propose solutions to problems in planning and implementation of the programmes for rural development and disseminate information through periodicals, reports and publications. The Institute is located in the serene rural surroundings of Rajendranagar about 15 km from the historic city of Hyderabad.

## Vision & Mission

The vision of NIRD & PR is to focus on the policies and programmes that benefit the rural poor, strive to energize the democratic decentralization processes, improve the operation and efficiency of rural development personnel, promote transfer of technology through its social laboratories, technology park and create environmental awareness.

As a “think-tank” for the Ministry of Rural Development, NIRD & PR, while acting as a repository of knowledge on rural development, also assist the Ministry in policy formulation and choice of options in rural development to usher in the change.

The Institute’s services are also available at North East Regional Centre (NERC) at Guwahati and to different ministries/development departments of the Central and State Governments, Banking institutions, public and private sector organizations, civil societies, Panchayati Raj Institutions and other national and international agencies connected with rural development.

## Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Distance Education of NIRD & PR

Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Distance Education (CPGS & DE) was established in 2008 in view of rapid changes in communication and technology and increasing need of massive trained manpower in rural development. The Centre focuses on academic oriented programmes for capacity building of development personnels of government organisations, elected representatives and educated youth to function as change managers.



*Dr. W.R.Reddy, Former Director General NIRDPR, interacting with the students*

## **About the Programme (18 Months approved by AICTE)**

The sustainable rural development is basically the development which meets the need of present generation of rural people without compromising the capacity of future generations to fulfil their own needs. This entails sustained efforts to raise the quality of life of rural people. Huge efforts are being made in India and so also other developing countries to develop their rural areas in order to reduce Urban-Rural divide by creating conducive environment for resource development and utilization through up -grading knowledge and skills of the people to make the best use of available resources. What is required is large number of capable human resources who will function as change managers, which this P.G. Diploma Programme sets out to produce. The enrolled students will have unique opportunity to access best learning resources for developing strong perspective and technical capability for developing and managing rural development projects on their own. They will be trained to be professionals with difference. The programme so far has received good response from the students/serving officials from different parts of the country.

### **Programme Objectives**

To prepare competent rural development professionals who will be well equipped with:

- ✓ Concepts, approaches of sustainable rural development
- ✓ Gain knowledge about the human and natural / non-natural resources and their sustainable use for poverty reduction
- ✓ Knowledge about policies and programmes of central and state governments pertaining to rural development
- ✓ Understand best practices and institutional arrangements for sustainable development
- ✓ Gain skills to develop and implement projects for application of sustainability concepts to accelerate rural development efforts in India and other developing countries.

### **Eligibility**

- ❖ The minimum qualification for admission to Programme is graduation in any discipline from a UGC recognized University.
- ❖ Apart from fresh graduates, the in-service development personnel working in following sectors are also eligible:
  - Rural development, agriculture (and allied sectors) and education sectors.
  - Non-Governmental Organisations/ cooperatives / finance and banking organisations.
  - Corporate sector under corporate social responsibility.
  - Faculty of various development disciplines, Rural Development, Economics, Political Science, Gender studies, Management, Agriculture and other allied discipline from universities, colleges, Training Institutions like State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs), Extension Training Institutes (ETIs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agriculture Education, Research and Training Institutions can also join the course.

### **Duration:**

The programme is spread over three semesters in a year, (18 months). Those who are not in a position to complete all the papers in the three terms at a stretch can defer a term or a part thereof, provided they complete the programme within a total period of three years from the date of enrolment. The Academic Year starts from June and will be completed by December next academic year. This Programme is recognised by AICTE, New Delhi. *The PG Diplomas will be awarded by the NIRD& PR.*



Group Photo of students of PGDSRD during Second Semester Contact Classes and Semester End Examinations at NIRD & PR, Hyderabad



Students of PGDSRD 7<sup>th</sup> Batch (2015) - Second Semester writing their examinations

## Student Support Services

### Learning resources

- Soft copy of self-instructional material to the students (Semester by Semester) through email
- Two Contact sessions followed by Semester end examinations for a total duration of maximum 10 days.
- Semester wise exams will be conducted at selected contact centres in each State / Region of the country depending upon the number of candidates enrolled from each State / Region.
- Regular updates on web sites

### An Overview of the Course Structure:

The Programme will be offered in three Semesters spread over 8 courses, with 4 courses offered in the first semester and 3 courses in the second semester. The course on project Work will be covered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester. The medium of instruction of the programme is English. The eight courses are as follows. Each course carries 100 marks.

<b>Semester - I</b>
SRD 501: Rural Society and Sustainable Development
SRD 502: Development: Methods and Techniques
SRD 503: Policies and Programmes for Rural Development
SRD 504: Livelihoods and Resources
<b>Semester - II</b>
SRD 505: Project Planning and Management
SRD 506: Stakeholders in Rural Development
SRD 507: Appropriate Technologies and Practices for Sustainable Development
<b>Semester - III</b>
PGDSRD-508: Project Work

### **Admission Procedure:**

The candidates selected for admission will be intimated by E-mail/Post individually (Any change in the email id/postal address should be intimated to NIRD & PR accordingly by the Student). The list of selected candidates will also be displayed in the Institute's Website ([www.nird.org.in/dec.aspx](http://www.nird.org.in/dec.aspx)). Only those, who pay the Fee within the stipulated date, are treated as admitted students of the programme. Applicants who do not furnish Scanned copies of documents/certificates along with their applications are liable to be rejected. Verification of all the original Certificates/ Marks Memos /experience certificates will be done at the time of Admission to the course.

### **Programme Fee:**

Admitted students will deposit Rs. 15,000/- for General,OBC and EWS candidates and for SC/ST/PWD candidates Rs.13,500/- in three equal instalments at the commencement of each Semester. For Sponsored candidates, the Sponsoring Organisations have to deposit full fee at the time of registration of their candidate(s). In case any department / organisation want to sponsor their candidates in bulk / group, a suitable concession could be considered.

**Note: Fee once paid will not be returned under any circumstances.**

### **How to Apply:**

#### **Application Form:**

The interested / eligible candidates will have to apply online at NIRD&PR Website: [www.nird.org.in/dec.aspx](http://www.nird.org.in/dec.aspx) along with application fee of Rs.500/- for General, OBC and EWS category and Rs. 300/- for SC / ST / PWD candidates before the due date as mentioned in the advertisement. Copies of the certificates relating to qualification should be uploaded along with application.

**Last date:** The last date for receipt of filled in applications will be the same as mentioned in the advertisement and also in the application form.

## Evaluation

The evaluation system is designed to test the participants' progress systematically through internal assessment as well as term-end examination. The candidates will be evaluated for 100 marks for each course.

### Semester –I & II

1. Assignments	-	30 marks each semester
2. Semester End Examination	-	70 marks each semester
Total	-	100 marks each semester

### Semester – III

1. Project Evaluation & Viva Voce	-	200 Marks
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**Grand Total (Semester I, II & III)- 400 Marks**

### Note:

- ✓ Submission of Assignments are compulsory for the Student to write the Semester End Examinations.
- ✓ The project of the Students will be evaluated by an Expert Team.

**Chairman, Academic Advisory Committee**

**Programme Director**

**Dr. G Narendra Kumar, IAS  
Director General, NIRD&PR**

**Dr. Jyothis Sathyapalan  
Professor & Head (CPGS&DE)**

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