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COURSE PROSPECTUS FOR POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (PGDUEM)



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PROSPECTUS FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE PROGRAMME

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Introduction

WWF-India

WWF-India is one of the largest conservation organization engaged in wildlife and nature conservation in the country. Established as a Charitable Trust on November 27, 1969, it has an experience of over four decades in the field. From a modest beginning, the organisation propelled forward by the efforts of its founders and associates who volunteered their time and energy to lend momentum to the conservation movement.

Today, it is recognized as a premier conservation international non-governmental organisation in the country dealing with nature conservation, environmental protection and development-related issues. At a time when the Web of Life has come under increasing threats, WWF-India's attempts have been to find and implement solutions so that human beings can live in harmony with nature, and leave for future generations a world rich in natural resources and natural wonders.

To suit India's specific ecological and socio-cultural situation, WWF-India articulated its mission in 1987 as follows:

"The promotion of nature conservation and environmental protection as the foundation for sustainable and equitable development."

Centre for Environmental Law (CEL)

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) was established in 1993 as an integral part of the World Wide Fund for Nature – India (WWF-India). Apart from handling and furthering WWF-India's conservation work involving policy analysis, campaigning and legal interventions on environmental issues, CEL serves as a resource centre for teaching environmental law and research in national, regional and international contexts. To implement its programmes CEL is building functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organizations at national and global levels.

One of the principle educational activities of CEL is the Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Environmental Law that has been running for eighteen successful years. Hundreds of participants have benefited from the diploma in Environmental Law. Since July 2010, CEL is running this course in partnership with School of Law, IGNOU.

National Law University, Delhi (NLU)

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Delhi Government at the initiative of Delhi High Court. The University has state of the art



infrastructure and facilities for learning and research at its campus. The vision of the University is to make legal education as an instrument of social, political and economic change. It is committed to prepare lawyers who are professionally competent, technically sound and socially relevant, to enter the bar and the bench in the new world to uphold the rule of law.

NLUD is offering five year Integrated B.A. LL. B (Hons) Programme from 2008. The LL.M and Ph. D programmes are being offered from August, 2011. The University offered its first Diploma programme on Judging and Court Management from 2010. The Objective of the Programme was to train the young legal professionals in the art and craft of judging and to impart necessary skills in court Management.

The University will be offering several innovative and specialized Diploma Programmes both in Distance Education and online in the coming years. They are: Patent Law, Competition Law and Policy, Real Estate Law, Labour Rights, Women Studies and Vocational Diploma for Para-legals.

Partnerships

The programme is technically supported by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) – The Ministry is responsible for formulating policies, supporting programs, monitoring programs and coordinate the activities of various Central Ministries, State Governments and other nodal authorities in so far as they relate to urban development and all concerning issues.

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – Working efficiently, effectively and in a spirit of partnership for sustainable development, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) co-operate with Governments, and institutions in developing, transition and industrialised countries. Merged on 1 January 2011, GIZ brings under one roof the long standing expertise of the Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED) gGmbH (German Development Service), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH and Inwent – Capacity Building International, Germany.

GIZ is owned by the German Government and has worldwide operations. It is working in the field of sustainable development. GIZ's main areas of focus includes economic development and employment; governance and democracy; security, reconstruction, peace building and civil conflict transformation; food security, health and basic education; and environmental protection, resource conservation and climate change mitigation. GIZ also provides management and logistical services to support other organisations involved in development issues. It offeres demand-driven, tailor-made and effective services for sustainable development.



GIZ's joint efforts with the partners in India currently focus on the following areas:

- Energy-Renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Sustainable Urban and Industrial Development
- Natural Resource Management
- Private Sector Development
- Social Protection
- Financial Systems Development
- HIV/AIDS-Blood Safety

Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management (PGDUEM)

Programme Description

To tackle the loopholes in the present institutional mechanisms for managing the urban affairs; to propose innovative changes as are necessary in existing laws to find convergence with urban environmental management practices; as well as to effectively implement the existing urban laws/policies by blending them with fast changing needs and expectations of a dynamic urban society, it is very essential to strengthen the human resource pool by creating efficient urban managers. The present programme is focused on strengthening delivery capacity of urban administrators and elected representatives.

PGDUEM is designed to provide an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the existing urban laws, by-laws and policies. It is aimed towards the training and capacity building of the urban administrators, personnel and all those concerned persons involved with improving living conditions and quality of life for urban citizens by providing them with policy prescriptions, innovations for better urban governance, information and training inputs.

Programme Objective

- Programme would provide background knowledge as well as practical tools for addressing crucial urban problems at both policy and implementation level.
- It would enable the participants to propose changes as are necessary in laws to find convergence with urban environmental management practices.
- Urban management would be presented and discussed in the broader perspective of environmental governance and sustainable development issues.
- It would train the urban professionals to optimally utilize financial and technical resources or materials ensuring good governance locally, regionally and nationally.



Target Group

The programme would be useful for personnel of local level/state level urban development authorities, urban planners/managers, local level policymakers, professionals from ministries, private sector employees, the academia and Civil Society Organisations. It would provide the participants a platform to explore the key aspects of urban management and would provide them with exposure to the best practices in urban governance, particularly in light of environmental conservation.

Eligibility:

Open to all graduates/ Working professionals with a minimum of two years experience in the relevant field. The admission will be granted on the basis of merit.

Fresh graduates can also apply. However, the admission will be granted strictly on a merit basis, subject to the discretion of selection committee.

Duration and Pedagogy

'PG Diploma in Urban Environmental Management' is a one year programme offered through both 'Distance' and 'Online' mode. Participants can opt for any one of the two instructional modes for pursuing the programme at the time of admission. The medium of instruction shall be in 'English' only.

The focal points of the Diploma programme are as follows:

- Programme shall address urban issues related to infrastructure, services, population, migration, shelter etc explained with actual cases studies
- Both national and international perspective will be covered through case studies
- Interdisciplinary approach with special emphasis on synthesis of urban laws with environmental concerns
- Extensive Reading Material will be provided

Syllabus and Detailed Structure:

PG Diploma comprises of 36 Credits or 600 Marks. It shall consist of 6 courses - 5 theory courses and 1 project work. Courses I, II, III, IV, V and VI will be of 6 credits each.

All the courses are compulsory.



Course Structure:*

Course I: Introduction to Urban Governance-Concepts and Practices
6 Credits/100 Marks

BLOCK 1: Understanding the Urban Society

- Unit 1 – What is Urbanization?
- Unit 2 – Challenges of Urban Societies
- Unit 3 – Urbanization in globalizing 21st Century: Recent trends

BLOCK 2: Trends in Urbanization

- Unit 4 – Multi-faceted Ramifications of Urbanization
- Unit 5 – Multiculturalism in Urban Society
- Unit 6 – Urban Infrastructure: Basic services

BLOCK 3: Sustainable Urban Development

- Unit 7 – Sustainable Urban Development: Theory and Practice
- Unit 8 – Sustainable Development and Environmental Governance
- Unit 9 – Project and Process Management for Sustainable Urban Development

Course II: Laws and Policies pertaining to Environment
6 Credits/100 Marks

BLOCK 1: Environmental Laws and Policies

- Unit 1 – Concept of Law & Policy
- Unit 2 – Environmental Law and the Indian Constitution
- Unit 3 –Major Laws and Environment

BLOCK 2 – National Environmental laws

- Unit 4 – Air and water legislations
- Unit 5– Environment Protection Act
- Unit 6 – Ecology conservation and environmental governance in urban areas

BLOCK 3 – Environmental Liabilities

- Unit 7 – Criminal wrongs and the environment
- Unit 8 – Law of Torts, Civil wrongs and the environment
- Unit 9 – Strict and Absolute liability

Course III: Laws and Policies pertaining to Environment
6 Credits/100 Marks

BLOCK 1 – Urban Laws and Policies

- Unit 1 – Urban Law and the Indian Constitution
- Unit 2 – Government Plans and Schemes for Urbanisation
- Unit 3 – Urban Development Policies in India

BLOCK 2 - Urban Property and Land Use Management

- Unit 4 – Country and Town Planning
- Unit 5 - Land Use Policy
- Unit 6 – Land Consumption and Community Development



BLOCK 3 – Other Urban Regulatory Frameworks

Unit 7 - Urban Population Management

Unit 8- Urban Health & Sanitation

Unit 9 – Urban Poverty Management

Course IV: Urban Legal and Policy Frameworks

6 Credits/100 Marks

BLOCK 1: Infrastructure and Resource Management

Unit 1 –Green zones, Landscaping and Green Buildings

Unit 2 – Urban Transportation system

Unit 3 – Conservation of Heritage buildings

BLOCK 2: Public Services Management

Unit 4 – Urban Natural Resources

Unit 5- Managing city waste: Municipal Solid Waste

Unit 6 – Managing city waste: Biomedical waste & E-Waste

BLOCK 3: Disaster Management

Unit 7 – Introduction to Managing Disasters

Unit 8- Environmental and Human Rights issues

Unit 9 – Disaster Management Practices & Response Mechanisms

Course V: Urban Development and Environment Protection Mechanisms

6 Credits/100 Marks

BLOCK 1: Urban Developmental Projects and Environment

Unit 1 – Introduction to Urban Developmental Projects

Unit 2 - Infrastructure Projects & Environment

Unit 3 - Good Governance: Best Practices

BLOCK 2: Community Development

Unit 4- Decentralization: Empowerment of Local People

Unit 5 –Challenges & Initiatives in Community development

Unit 6 – Community Initiatives and Best Practices

BLOCK 3: Innovative Urban Infrastructure

Unit 7 – International Great Building – setting examples

Unit 8 – National Great Building – setting examples

Course VI: Project Work

6 Credits/ 100 Marks

- Synopsis (20 Marks)

- Final Project Report (80 Marks)

**While developing the study material, depending on the unit length and issues covered some titles of the units may change.*

Evaluation System

Participants shall be assessed through a continuous evaluation process. Every participant must submit a total of five assignments, one for each theory Course. Additionally,



participants are required to make a Synopsis and a Report, both of which are a part of the 'Project Work' component under Course VI.

Assignments – The main purpose of assignment is to test the participant's comprehension of the learning materials received. Participants shall be given one assignment each for all the theory courses (Course I to V). The assignments will be assessed on 40% scale. **Submission of all five assignments is compulsory.**

Project Work – The Project Work component includes submission of both the Synopsis and a Final Project Report. The Project Work (Course VI) carries 6 credits or 100 marks, out of which synopsis would carry 20% weightage and project report will carry 80% weightage. **Submission of both Synopsis and Final Project Report is compulsory for completion of the Diploma.**

Term End Examination – There will be an 'online term end examination' towards the end of academic year, the exams will be designed in the manner so as to enable the participants to take the same from their locations. Term End Examination will be assessed on 60% scale.

Discussion Forum – A discussion forum completely managed and moderated by Course organizers will be launched to discuss some of the course topics, current updates on urban management issues. Though contribution in the forum is voluntary, but it is suggested the participants actively engage in the same, to enhance their knowledge on discussed topics.

**Final Marking – 60% for Term End Examination 40% for Assignments (Course I to V)
80% for Project Report and 20% for Synopsis (Course VI)**

Admission Process and Fee details

Last date for submission of application along with fees is **31 August 2011**. Interested applicants are requested to submit the duly filled out Admission Form (Annexure 1) along with their curriculum vitae and covering note before the stipulated date to the following address:

**The Director
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Fee payable for the PGDUEM programme is Indian Rupees Ten Thousand Five Hundred only (Rs. 10, 500). Mode of payment is through cash (directly deposited at WWF-India office, address as indicated above) **or** through a Demand Draft drawn in favor of 'WWF-INDIA' (Candidates name and phone number to be appended behind Demand Draft).



Annexure 1

APPLICATION FOR PG DIPLOMA IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
(PGDUEM)
2011-2012

1. Name of the Student (in capital letters): _____

2. Father's/Mother's Name: _____

3. Complete Address: _____

State: _____ PinCode: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Id: _____

DO NOT STAPLE

Affix your latest passport size photograph (4cm x 5 cm) duly attested by you

4. Demand Draft Details:

a) Name of the bank: _____ Place: _____

b) Bank Draft No. _____ Dated: _____

c) Total Amount Rs. _____

5. Want to Pursue Course Through: Distance Mode: _____ Online Mode: _____
(Please tick any one, after choice is made, the candidate cannot change mode of study)

6. Educational Qualification: (Attach photocopies of the mark sheet and provisional certificate)

7. Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (DD/MM/Year) 8. Gender: Male _____ Female _____

9. Marital Status: Married _____ Unmarried _____ 10. Nationality: Indian _____ Others _____
If other, please specify: _____

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the conditions of eligibility for the programme for which I seek admission. I fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria and I have provided necessary information in this regard. In the event of any information being found incorrect or misleading, my candidature shall be liable to cancellation by WWF-India at any time and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to WWF-India.



Date:

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Signature of the Student

Checklist:

- i. Demand Draft towards programme fee (Rs.10,500).
- ii. Certificates in support of your Educational Qualification (s). Include photocopies of Graduation Certificate and any of your recent academic accomplishments.
- iii. Completed Application Form.
- iv. Curriculum Vitae.
- v. Covering Letter or Statement of Purpose.

For Any Clarifications on Prospectus and Filling in Application form, Contact Ms. Ramya Iyer, Programme Officer, CEL at 011- 4150 4771 or write to her at riyer@wwfindia.net