



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

**Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development (DP-PRGRD) Batch-7
(2025-2026)**

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 7th Batch of 12-month Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development (DP-PRGRD) in Distance Mode from **August 2025**. The Programme is approved by Centre for Virtual and Distance Learning, University of Hyderabad (CVDL, UoH). The Programme will be offered through two semesters as stated below.

Name of the Programme	Semester -1			Semester -2		
Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development (DP-PRGRD)	501	Democratic Decentralisation and Local Governance	100 Marks	504	Approaches to Sustainable Rural Development	100 Marks
	502	Panchayat Management	100 Marks	505	Leadership Development, Training and e- Enablement	100 Marks
	503	Social Empowerment and Inclusive Development	100 Marks	506	Governance in Schedule Areas	100 Marks
				507	Project Work	100 Marks

Special Features: Self-instructional material shall be provided in soft copy only, to the enrolled students and the same will be available in the Learning Management System portal on NIRDPR website.

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: Twelve Months.

Medium of Instruction: English

Programme Fee: Rs.15,000/- (for Gen/OBC/EWS) & Rs. 13,000/- (for SC/ST/PWD), to be deposited through online in two instalments at the commencement of First and Second Semesters.

Particulars	Open / OBC / EWS	SC/ST/PWD
1 st Instalment at the time of Admission	Rs.9,000/-	Rs.7000/-
2 nd Instalment at the time of Second Semester	Rs.6,000/-	Rs.6,000/-

Evaluation and Examinations: DP-PRGRD Course will be offered in two semesters and will have 30 marks for the continuous evaluation through assignments, 10 Marks for contact classes (Mandatory) and 60 marks for semester-end examinations (Total 100 marks). The students will also have to undertake a Project relating to Panchayati Raj & Development in the second semester which will carry 100 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/PWD 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

For queries, please contact: Centre for PG Studies and Distance Education (CPGS&DE), NIRDPR; Tel: 040-24008442, 7416860345, E-mail: dec.nird@gov.in.

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