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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT AND LAW

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World Wide Fund for Nature- India (WWF-India)



WWF-India is one of the largest conservation organisations engaged in wildlife and nature conservation in the country. Established as a Charitable Trust on November 27, 1969, it has an experience of over five decades now in the field. From a modest beginning, the organisation has been 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 recognised as a premier international conservation non-governmental organisation in the country dealing with nature conservation, environmental protection and development-related issues.

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.”

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.



CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) was established in 1993 as an integral part of 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 organisations at national and global levels.

One of the principal educational activities of CEL began in 1993 with its flagship Diploma Programme in Environmental Law, which was mainstreamed in 2003 to the Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law. More than fifteen hundred participants have benefited from the three-decade-long efforts of the CEL Team at WWF India.

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI (NLUD)

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Delhi Government at the initiative of the Delhi High Court. It has state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities for learning and research.



The vision of NLUD is to make legal education an instrument of social, political and economic change. It is committed to transforming students into lawyers who are professionally competent, technically sound and socially aware.

NLUD has been offering a five-year Integrated B.A. LL.B (Hon.) Programme since 2008 and LL.M. and Ph.D. programmes since 2011. It offered its first Diploma programme on Judging and Court Management in 2010 with the objective of training and skill-building of the young legal professionals in the art and craft of judging and court management.

The University also offers several other innovative and specialised diploma programmes only in online mode. These include Patent Law, Competition Law and Policy, Real Estate Law, Labour Rights, Women's Studies and Vocational Diploma for Paralegals.

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA

In

URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LAW

The Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law (PGDUEML) is a specialised course that focuses on strengthening the delivery capacity of urban administrators and environment professionals. PGDUEML is designed to provide in-depth knowledge and understanding of existing urban laws, bylaws and policies.

The course seeks to equip its participants to tackle the loopholes in the present institutional mechanisms for managing urban matters, to propose innovative changes as are necessary in existing laws to find convergence with urban environmental management practices; as well as to effectively implement existing urban laws/policies by blending them with fast changing needs and expectations of a dynamic urban society. Moving forward, it is going to be increasingly tougher to look at urban planning and the environment in isolation; local legislations like building bylaws are already moving towards incorporating environmental clearances and conditions within them, and these lines will likely be further blurred in the future.

It aims to strengthen the human resource pool by creating efficient urban managers.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the programme are:

- Provide background knowledge as well as practical tools for addressing crucial urban problems at both policy and implementation levels.
- Enable the participants to propose changes as are necessary in laws to find convergence with urban environmental management practices.
- Present and discuss urban management in the broader perspective of environmental governance and sustainable development issues.
- Train the urban professionals to optimally utilise financial and technical resources or materials, ensuring good governance locally, regionally and nationally.

TARGET GROUP

The programme would be useful for personnel of local/state level urban development authorities, urban planners/managers, local level policymakers, professionals from ministries, private sector employees, the academia and civil society organisations. The PG Diploma programme provides 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

- Graduation in any stream.
- Work experience, although not necessary, but a minimum of two years in the relevant field is desirable.
- Admission will be granted strictly on merit and at the discretion of Admissions Committee.

In some cases, the Applicant may be required to appear for a telephonic interview.

DURATION AND PEDAGOGY

- Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law and Policy is a one-year programme.
- The diploma is offered in English and is the only medium of instruction.
- All aspects such as course content, timelines, course curriculum, examinations and discussion forums will be conducted in the online mode.
- There are **no online or Physical classes** conducted in the PGDU EML Course.
- Webinars and online discussion will be organized during course duration.

MODE OF STUDY

- Mode of instruction will be **ONLINE** only.
- For undertaking online mode study, participants need internet access.
- All course requirements like discussion forums and exam papers will be posted online. Participants will be provided with soft copy study/reading material.

COURSE CURRICULUM

The PGDU EML programme comprises 32 Credits or 500 Marks.

It shall consist of 5 courses, including four theory-based courses and one Practical Training course. Courses 1 and 4 will be of 6 credits each, while Courses 2 and 3 will be of 8 credits each. The Practical Training course shall carry 4 credits. All the courses are compulsory.

The Course Manual contains an introduction to each unit in the individual Courses of the Programme and has a comprehensive compilation of a list of books, journals, media articles and key judicial pronouncements which should be referred to by the participants. It is dynamic in nature as it is a compilation of suggested readings of the recent developments related to the course.

The Course Manual will be shared with the participants online.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Take-Home Examination shall take place after each Course except Course 5

6 CREDITS

COURSE 1 INTRODUCTION TO URBANISATION

Unit 1 – Theories and Concepts

Unit 2 – Urbanisation Trends

Unit 3 – Correlation between Environment and Urbanisation

8 CREDITS

COURSE 2 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS & POLICIES PERTAINING TO URBANISATION

Unit 4 – Introduction to Environmental Law

Unit 5 – International Environmental Law and Policies

Unit 6 – National Environment (Pollution) Laws in Urban Context

Unit 7 – National Environment (Conservation) Laws in Urban Context

Unit 8 – Disaster Management and Adaptation

Unit 9 – Climate Change and Urban Policy

Unit 10 – Judiciary on Environment and Urban Development

8 CREDITS

COURSE 3 URBAN GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- Unit 11 – Introduction to Urban Environmental Management
- Unit 12 – Land Use Management
- Unit 13 – Urban Services
- Unit 14 – Urban Development Laws and Policies
- Unit 15 – Urban Planning Methods and Tools
- Unit 16 – Citizen Actions

6 CREDITS

COURSE 4 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MECHANISMS

- Unit 17 – Urban Biodiversity and Rewilding
- Unit 18 – Urban Heat Island
- Unit 19 – Natural Safeguards in Linear Infrastructure
- Unit 20 – Water Management
- Unit 21 – Waste Management
- Unit 22 – Urban Mobility
- Unit 23 – Energy
- Unit 24 – Urban Finance (Green Finance)

4 CREDITS

COURSE 5 PRACTICAL TRAINING

Term End Paper

Submission of the Final Term-End Paper is compulsory for completion of the PG Diploma.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The PGD programme follows a two-semester format, comprising four theory courses and one practical course (Term–End Paper). Evaluation is continuous and multi-modal, intended to holistically assess both conceptual understanding and applied skills.

Discussion Forums

Discussion Forums are conducted online, over the span of certain days, where the participating cohort members exchange ideas over a given topic of contemporary relevance. These forums are designed to facilitate peer learning, encourage critical engagement with legal developments, and apply course content to contemporary issues. Active participation in moderated online discussion forums is mandatory. Evaluation is based on originality, clarity, and relevance of contributions.

Take- Home Examinations

At the end of each theory course, an open-book, online examination must be submitted. Examinations may include both objective and subjective components, testing conceptual grasp, analytical thinking, and practical application. All exam guidelines will be issued two weeks in advance. Submission of each examination is a prerequisite for progressing to the next course.

No re-sit, extension, or alternative paper will be provided.

Practical Course V (Term-End Paper)

Apart from the online examinations, participants are required to work on a topic of their choice. Participants must submit a topic for the Term-end Paper, followed by a first draft of the Term-end Paper.

Evaluation Weightage

COURSE	EVALUATION MODE	WEIGHTAGE
Course I-IV	Discussion Forum	30%
	Take Home Examination	70%
Course V (Practical Training)	First Draft of Term - End Paper	20%
	Final Term-End Paper	80%

ADMISSION PROCESS

Interested applicants are required to submit soft copies of the following documents at the time of application:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Copies of relevant qualification certificates (Graduation Degree or final semester mark sheet)
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)

NOTE: Applications will not be accepted if any of the above documents are missing.

STEP 1 *Register Online*



- Visit our website and complete the registration form.
- YOU MAY APPLY FOR ONE COURSE ONLY.
- Upload all required documents in one consolidated PDF file, named in the following format: *yournamebirthyear* (**all lowercase, no spaces, no symbols**). For example – varun1996
- Upload a recent passport-size photograph in JPEG/PNG format named in the following format: *yournamebirthyearpp* (**all lowercase, no spaces, no symbols**). For example – varun1996pp
- Upon submission, a confirmation pop-up will appear, indicating that your application has been successfully registered.

STEP 2 *Application Review*

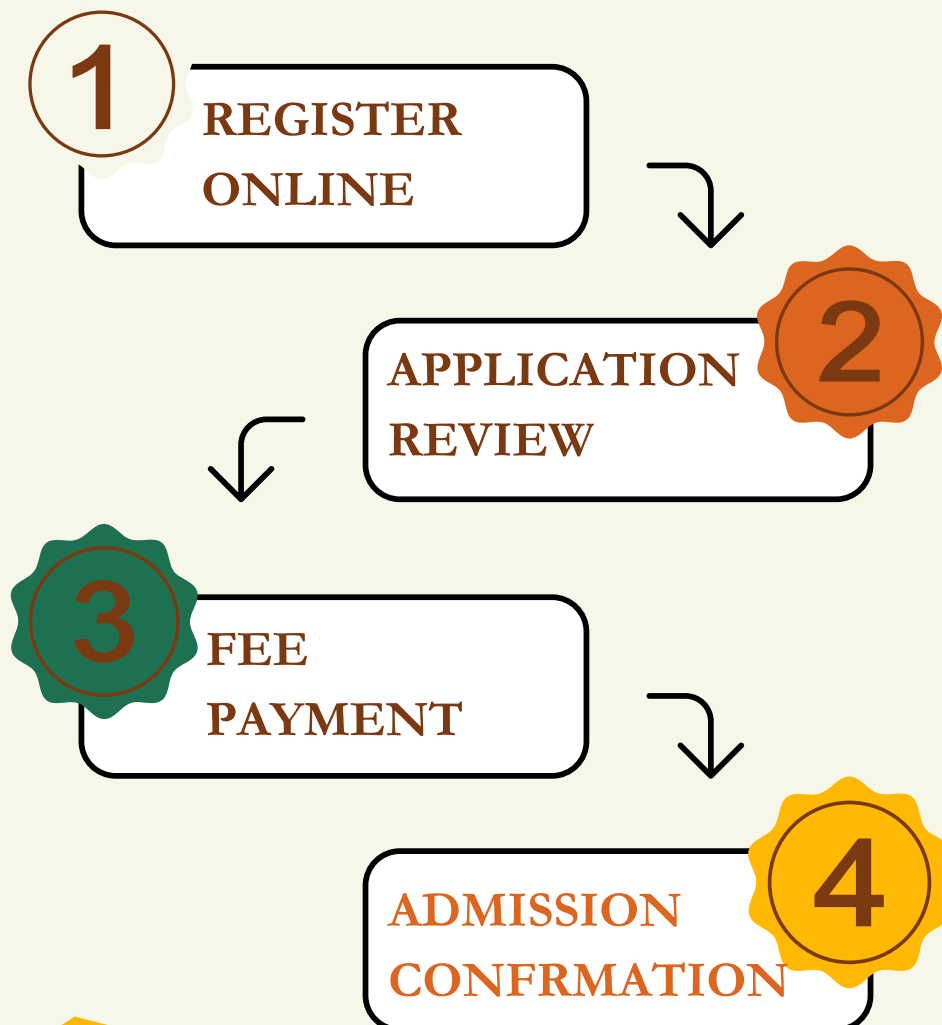
- The Admissions Committee will review all **complete applications**.
- The Committee may hold telephonic interviews in certain cases.
- Within two weeks of submission, applicants will receive an email with fee payment instructions, subject to acceptance of their application.
- Due to large number of applications, we are only able to contact those who are selected.

STEP 3 *Fee Payment*

- Pay the course fee as per the instructions received in mail.
- Upload the proof of payment via the Google Form link provided in the acceptance email.

STEP 4 *Admission Confirmation*

- Payment verification may take up to 5-7 working days after the candidate submits payment details.
- Once verified, the applicant will receive a formal confirmation email along with the course commencement date.
- On the day of course commencement, the Candidate shall receive a welcome mail along with their Log-in Credentials for our Student Portal.



FEE DETAILS

- Fees for PGDELP is Rs. 16,000 (Rupees Sixteen Thousand Only).
- Fees will only be accepted once admission has been confirmed.
- Please DO NOT send in fees along with the application form (through any mode).
- After the offer of admission is made to the participant (i.e., the participant is selected), the applicant may proceed to pay the fees via 'Online Transfer' to confirm admission.
- If an applicant is unable to pay via 'Online Transfer', the applicant may issue a Demand Draft drawn in favor of 'World Wide Fund for Nature – India' payable at New Delhi (Candidates name and phone number to be appended behind Demand Draft)
- The fees once paid will not be refunded.
- Special note for applicants residing outside India: at the time of transfer of fees, kindly verify the exchange rate as on the day of transfer, as well as any additional charges or levies that may be applicable on this transfer by your bank. Kindly ensure that the full fee amount is credited to WWF-INDIA after clearing all additional dues that such a transfer may attract.

ALTERNATE SUBMISSION (IF WEBSITE UPLOAD FAILS)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply only through the website.

If unable to do so, they may submit the filled Admission Form (Annexure 1) along with the required documents via email to: submissionscel@wwfindia.net

HARD-COPY SUBMISSION (EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES)

In extraordinary cases (e.g., remote locations without internet access), applicants may send the hard copy of the admission form and supporting documents to:

The Course Coordinator
Centre for Environmental Law, WWF-India
172-B, Lodi Estate
New Delhi – 110 003
Ph No. 011-4150 4771

Please go through the FAQs provided on the website. For any additional clarifications on prospectus and filling of application form, please contact Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Course Data Manager, CEL at submissionscel@wwfindia.net or call on 8076302658 between 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs on weekdays.



APPLICATION FOR DIPLOMA IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LAW AND POLICY (DECEMBER 2025-2026)

(Filling of all fields is mandatory)

NAME OF THE APPLICANT

(In capital letters, kindly fill in your name exactly as you would like it to appear on your certificate.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPOUSE'S NAME:

COMPLETE ADDRESS

WITH PIN CODE:

TELEPHONE:

MOBILE:

EMAIL ID:

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

Fee details will be provided once admission has been confirmed. Do not pay the fees now in any form.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:

(Attach scanned copies of Graduation Degree or recent mark sheet or provisional certificate)

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ (DD/MM/YY)

GENDER: FEMALE MALE OTHER

NATIONALITY: INDIAN OTHER 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 fulfil 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 will be cancelled by WWF-India at any time and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to WWF-India.

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Checklist:

1. Statement of Purpose explaining your motivation behind applying for this course.
2. Certificates in support of your recent Educational Qualification(s). Include copies of your recent academic accomplishments only i.e. Bachelor's Degree or any higher qualifications (Masters, M.Phil, Ph.D etc.)
3. Completed Application Form. Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill in your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your certificate. Please double check your form before submission as spelling changes will not be entertained at a later date.
4. Curriculum Vitae.



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