



## **ADMISSION NOTIFICATION**

### **14<sup>th</sup> POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (PGDRDM) August 2017 to July 2018**

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) is a premier national center of excellence in rural development. It builds capacities of the rural development functionaries, elected representatives, academicians and young students through inter-related activities of teaching, training, research, action research and consultancy. The NIRDPR faculty comprises experienced academicians and development practitioners. For more details about the Institute and the PGDRDM, please visit our Website [www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm](http://www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm). The NIRDPR announces its Fourteenth fully residential One-year '**Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM)**' with an aim to create a committed and competent cadre of rural development professionals in the country. The programme seeks to impart management techniques that will enhance the understanding of the paradigm and practice of rural development.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduation in any discipline from a UGC recognised University. Students who are in the final year and expect to complete all the requirements of graduation before **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017**, may also apply.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Selection of candidates will be made through a process of All-India Entrance Test which will test the verbal, quantitative and analytical competencies of the students including English Language. Group Discussion and Personal Interviews will be conducted for the short-listed candidates.

**ENTRANCE TEST:** The Entrance Test will be conducted on **28.05.2017** at the following centres: Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Dimapur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, New Delhi, Patna, Pune and Thiruvananthapuram. However, the NIRDPR reserves the right to cancel any of the centres or add new centres for any administrative reasons and assign any other centre to the applicants.

**PROGRAMME DURATION:** (One year) August 2017 – July 2018

**COURSE FEE:** For Open / OBC Category ₹1.60 Lakhs (excluding boarding and lodging) For SC/ST/PWD category ₹1.25 Lakhs (excluding boarding and lodging)

**Board and Lodging:** The annual board and lodging expenses will be approximately ₹1,00,000. Accommodation will be given to the students in the NIRDPR Hostel.

**Caution Deposit:** A refundable Caution Deposit of ₹10,000 is to be paid along with the First Trimester Fee.

**Seat Registration Fee:** Upon selection, a non-refundable Seat Registration Fee of ₹20,000 should be paid by the Indian students. This amount will be adjusted against the First Trimester Fee.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

1. Few students will be eligible for NIRDPR's Scholarship based on their performance during the programme.
2. The North Eastern Council, Shillong, will be approached for giving fellowships to economically backward students of North Eastern states.

**RESERVATION:** Reservations for the students of the SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer) and Persons with Disability (PWD) will be made as per Government of India's Reservation policies.

**PLACEMENT:** NIRDPR will endeavour to make placements on successful completion of the PGDRDM, but does not guarantee. However, all the students of the previous Batches of the PGDRDM have been placed. The same trend is expected to continue.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Application form to be filled through online from our website ([www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm](http://www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm)). The applications sent by post will also be accepted through downloadable form available in our website. The filled in online (Hard copy) /downloaded application form should be submitted along with the **Application Fee of ₹200 (₹100/- for SC/ST and PWD candidates)** through an Account Payee Demand Draft drawn in favour of **NIRD-PGDRDM, payable at Hyderabad**. The filled in/Downloaded (Hard copy) application form along with Demand Draft should be sent to the **Coordinator (Admissions), Centre for Post Graduate Studies and Distance Education, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030, India**, so as to reach on or before **15.05.2017, 5.30 PM**.

Last date for receipt of applications from the students of North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Island and Lakshadweep is **20.05.2017**. Applications received after the cut-off date shall be rejected. NIRDPR reserves the right to make changes to the Diploma Programme, its design/content and the process of selection, depending upon the exigencies without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

**Address for sending Filled-in Online Application / Downloaded form along with required Xerox copies of the certificates:**

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