



# POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

 **PROSPECTUS**

**2025-2026**

Application form is enclosed towards the end of the prospectus

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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 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 recognized as a premier international conservation 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 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 since 1993 has been the Diploma Programme in Environmental Law that has been running for over two decades now. More than fifteen hundred participants have benefited from the Diploma in Environmental Law Certificate issued by WWF India.

To widen the scope and reach of the Course, since September 2013, WWF has partnered with National Law University, Delhi to offer one year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy.

## NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI (NLUD)



Source:- <https://www.lawentrance.com/law-schools/nlu/delhi.html>

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Delhi Government at the initiative of 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 transform 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.) Programmes 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 specialized diploma programmes only in online mode. These include Patent Law, Competition Law and Policy, Real Estate Law, Labour Rights, Women Studies and Vocational Diploma for Paralegals.

### POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY (PGDELP)

#### Programme Description

It is essential to minimize the adverse impacts of pollution and ecological degradation through proper environmental management and international cooperation. This can be done by not just raising awareness of environmental values but also strengthening the delivery capacity of environmental professionals so that they are well equipped to face the challenges in their stream of work.

With an aim to provide a better understanding of green law issues poignant worldwide, particularly in the Indian context, NLUD and WWF India jointly offer a One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy. The exclusive tailor - made programme provides opportunities for law graduates and other professionals working in the field of environment to enrich their understanding of the issues, institutions and initiatives in the field of environmental law and policy.

#### Programme Objectives

The objectives of the programme are to:

- Provide comprehensive knowledge to participants in Environmental Law and Policy
- Increase understanding on key issues related to national as well as international environmental law & policies

- Develop knowledge on the International Legal & Policy context on thematic issues related to environment
- Develop practical skills to facilitate effective engagement with Environmental Laws
- Prepare well-informed professionals in Environmental Law and to upgrade the professional competencies by augmenting the Environmental Law awareness
- Promote networking and sharing of experiences among participants to actively contribute towards conservation

### **Target Group**

The programme is useful to students and working professionals from various streams who seek to enhance their skills on legal interventions for environmental protection and also bridge the gap between theory and practice.

Law graduates, Legal practitioners, Environmental professionals, Corporate Executives, Government officials, Media and NGO personnel seeking to enrich their professional knowledge are encouraged to apply.

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

### **Duration and Pedagogy**

- Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy is a one-year programme
- The diploma is offered in English as the only medium of instruction.
- All aspects such as course manuals, timelines, examinations and discussion forums will be shared / conducted in the online mode.
- There are no online or Physical classes conducted in the PGDELP course.
- Webinars and online discussions 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 of the study/reading material.

## SYLLABUS AND DETAILED STRUCTURE:

- The PG Diploma comprises of 32 Credits or 500 Marks.
- The course consists of 5 courses out of which four are theoretical courses and one is a practical training course.
- Courses 1 & 4 will be of 6 credits each.
- Course 2 & 3 will be of 8 credits each.
- Practical training course will be of 4 credits.
- All the courses are compulsory. Participants will be issued certificate only on completion of all courses (course submissions).

### COURSE STRUCTURE:\*

#### Semester - I

##### COURSE 1 – INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENT & LAW

[Credits- 6]

Unit 1 – An Introduction to Environment, Nature and Ecosystem

Unit 2 – Origins and Sources of Environmental Law

Unit 3 – Environmental Governance in International and National Context

Unit 4 - Introduction to Climate Change

##### COURSE 2 – MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

[Credits- 8]

Unit 5 – Evolution of Multilateral Environmental Agreements

Unit 6 – Introduction to Trade and Environment

Unit 7 – Right to Environment as Human Right

Unit 8 – Nature and Origin of International Environmental Organisation

Unit 9 – Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms

Unit 10 – Interface between Environment and Health

Online Assessment Examination – Open book exam or take-home exam shall be conducted at the end of Course 1 & Course 2.

## Semester – II

### COURSE 3 – NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

[Credits-8]

Unit 11 – Environmental Law and the Indian Constitution

Unit 12 – Environment and other relevant laws

Unit 13 – National Environment (Pollution) Laws

Unit 14 – National Environment (Conservation) Laws

Unit 15 – Climate Change Policy in India

Unit 16 – Urbanisation and Environment

Unit 17 – Tourism and Environment

### COURSE 4 – ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MECHANISMS

[Credits- 6]

Unit 18 – Introduction to Public Interest Litigation

Unit 19 – Right to Information Act, 2005

Unit 20 – Introduction to Environmental Tribunals

Unit 21 – Restoration, Compensation, Rehabilitation and Liability

### COURSE 5 – PRACTICAL TRAINING

[Credits- 4]

Preparation and submission of Project Report

Online Assessment Examination – Open book exam or take-home exam shall be conducted at the end of Course 3 & Course 4.

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

### Evaluation System

- The evaluation is a continuous process through out the course and participants will be evaluated on the basis of discussion forums, examinations, and term end paper/project report.

- Participants are required to submit a Project Report (Term End Paper), which is a part of the 'Practical Training' component under Course V.

**Discussion Forum**– Participants will have to actively contribute to discussion forums created and managed by Course Coordinators. A topic for discussion will be posted, and the participants are required to share their views on the topic. Discussion Forum is a good platform for sharing of knowledge and ideas. The Discussion Forums will carry 30% weightage of total assessment for each theory course.

**Examination** – After the end of each Course, the participants have to appear for an 'open book examination or take-home examination', which will be a subjective and / or analytical question paper. The participant will be free to refer to books and study material for solving the paper. The examination will carry 70% weightage of total assessment for each theory course.

**Project Report (Term End Paper)** – The Project Report component includes a Final Term End Paper paper, where participants are required to work on a topic of their choice. Practical Training (Course V) carries 4 credits or 100 marks. Submission of the Project Report compulsory for completion of the Diploma.

### Final Marking

Final evaluation break up is as follows:

**Course I to IV - 30% for Discussion Forums and 70% for Examinations**

**Course V - 100% for Project Report**

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Interested applicants are requested to submit soft copies of the duly filled Admission Form (Annexure 1) along with their curriculum vitae, copies of certificates of qualification (Graduation Degree or final semester marksheet) and statement of purpose.

The application will not be accepted without the submission of the documents which are listed above within the stipulated date.

- 1) Application form is enclosed towards the end of the prospectus. Please refer to Annexure - 1.
- 2) The Applicant must email us the application form along with the documents at the below mentioned Email id:  
[submissionscel@wwfindia.net](mailto:submissionscel@wwfindia.net)
- 3) Last date for submission of application is **25th April 2025**.
- 4) The applicants may note that they should first try to submit the application form only through the online mode.
- 5) In an extraordinary circumstance, if somebody is located in remote area and is unable to upload the documents on the above-mentioned link or is unable to send an email, then the applicant may send the hard copy of the application along with the documents to the following address:



**The Course Coordinator  
Centre for Environmental Law  
WWF-INDIA  
172-B, Lodi Estate  
New Delhi – 110 003  
Ph: 011-4150 4771**



## Fee details

1. Fees for PGDELP is Rs. 16,000 (Rupees Sixteen Thousand Only).
2. Fees will only be accepted once admission has been confirmed.
3. Please DO NOT send in fees along with the application form (through any mode).
4. 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.
5. 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)
6. The fees once paid will not be refunded.
7. 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.

*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](mailto:submissionscel@wwfindia.net) or call on 8076302658 between 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs on weekdays.*



Annexure 1 – ELP/July/2025-2026

**APPLICATION FOR DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY  
(JULY 2025-2026 )**

**1. Name of the Applicant** (In capital letters, kindly fill in your name exactly as you would like it to appear on your certificate.)

**2. Parent/Guardian/Spouse's Name:**

**3. Complete Address with Pin Code:**

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Id:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Filling of all above fields is mandatory)

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

**5. Educational Qualification:** (Attach scanned copies of Graduation Degree or recent mark sheet or provisional certificate)

**6. Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM/YY)

**7. Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Female/ Male/ Other)

**8. Nationality:** Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ if other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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photograph (4cm x 5  
cm) duly attested by  
you

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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