



POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA  
IN  
URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT AND LAW

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APPLICATION FORM IS ENCLOSED TOWARDS THE END OF THE PROSPECTUS

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# INTRODUCTION

## 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 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 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 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.) 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 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 URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LAW (PGDUEML)**

### **Programme Description**

The Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law (PGDUEML) is a specialized 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, by-laws 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 bye-laws are already moving towards incorporating environmental clearances and conditions within them and it is likely that these lines will be further blurred in the future.

Keeping these developments in mind, the course is intended towards the training and capacity building of all those persons concerned with and involved in improving living conditions and quality of life for urban citizens in various capacities by providing them with policy prescriptions, innovations for better urban governance, information and training inputs. It aims to strengthen the human resource pool by creating efficient urban managers.



## **PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the programme are to:

- Provide background knowledge as well as practical tools for addressing crucial urban problems at both policy and implementations level.
- 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 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/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 a selection panel. 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' is a one-year programme which is divided into two semesters.
- The diploma is offered in English as the only medium of instruction.
- There are no online or physical classes conducted in the PGD course.
- All aspects such as course manuals, timelines, examinations and discussion forums will be shared / conducted in the online mode.
- Webinars and online discussions will be organised 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:**

PGDUEML comprises of 32 Credits or 500 Marks. It consists of 5 courses - 4 theory courses and 1 project work. Courses I and IV will be of 6 credits each. Course II and III will be 8 credits each. The Practical training course shall carry 4 credits. **All courses are compulsory.**

### **COURSE STRUCTURE:\***

#### **Semester I**

##### **COURSE I: INTRODUCTION TO URBANISATION 6 CREDITS/100 MARKS**

**Unit 1:** Theories and Concepts

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**Unit 2:** Urbanisation Trends

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**Unit 3:** Correlation between Environment and Urbanisation

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##### **COURSE II: ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND POLICIES PERTAINING TO URBANISATION 8 CREDITS/100 MARKS**

**Unit 4:** Introduction to Environmental Law

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**Unit 5:** International Environmental Law and Policies

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**Unit 6:** National Environment (Pollution) Laws in Urban Context

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**Unit 7:** National Environment (Conservation) Laws in Urban Context

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**Unit 8:** Disaster Management and Adaptation

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**Unit 9:** Climate Change and Urban Policy

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**Unit 10:** Judiciary on Environment and Urban Development

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

## Semester II

### COURSE III: URBAN GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT 8 CREDITS/100 MARKS

**Unit 11:** Introduction to Urban Environmental Management

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**Unit 12:** Land Use Management

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**Unit 13:** Urban Services

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**Unit 14:** Urban Development Laws and Policies

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**Unit 15:** Urban Planning Methods and Tools

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**Unit 16:** Citizens Action

### COURSE IV: GLOBAL AND NATIONAL INNOVATIVE PRACTICES 6 CREDITS/100 MARKS

**Unit 17:** Urban Biodiversity and Rewilding

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**Unit 18:** Urban Heat Island

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**Unit 19:** Infrastructure Networks

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**Unit 20:** Water Management

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**Unit 21:** Waste Management

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**Unit 22:** Urban Mobility

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**Unit 23:** Energy

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**Unit 24:** Urban Finance (Green Finance)

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### COURSE V – PRACTICAL TRAINING 4 CREDITS/100 MARKS

**Final Project Report**

**(100 Marks)**

**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 throughout the course and participants will be evaluated on the basis of discussion forums, examinations, and term end paper/project report.
- Participants must submit a total of four examinations, one for each theory Course.

- Additionally, 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 Forum will carry 30% weightage of total assessment for each 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 is 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/Term and Paper

## **ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND FEE DETAILS**

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@wvfindia.net](mailto:submissionscel@wvfindia.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.*



**APPLICATION FOR PGD IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LAW  
(PGDUEML) (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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