

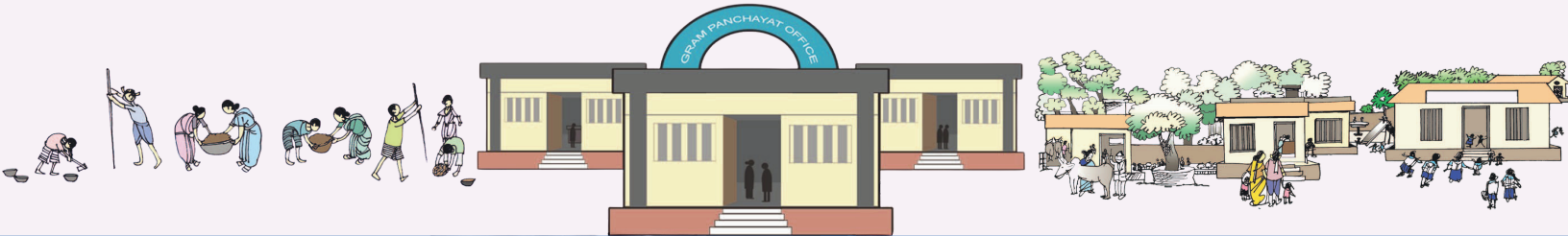


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(Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India)  
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## **Admission Notification for Distance Mode Programme Diploma Programme on Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development (DP-PRGRD) Batch-8 (2026-27)**



### **About the Institute**

**National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)** is a premier national institution under the Ministry of Rural Development, dedicated to advancing rural development through capacity building, research, training, teaching, and consultancy. As a “think tank” for the Ministry, it supports policy formulation, offers knowledge-based solutions, and serves as a repository of expertise. Its contributions are recognized both nationally and internationally.

### **Programme Overview**

NIRD&PR under the “Transforming India” initiatives has launched a significant project “Transforming India through strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) by continuous Training and e-enablement”. The one-year Diploma Programme on “Panchayati Raj Governance and Rural Development” is part of this project and will be offered in coordination with the Centre for Panchayati Raj, NIRD&PR. This programme offers the elected representatives, Panchayat functionaries, and others the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge and skills in rural local governance. The Programme is being offered through distance mode in collaboration with the **University of Hyderabad (UoH)**, Hyderabad.

### **Programme Objectives**

**To prepare competent rural development professionals who will be well equipped with :**

- Bridge the capacity-building gaps of PR functionaries in a time-bound manner.
- Offer the opportunity for any individual to engage with society and pay back through Panchayati Raj (PR).
- Enable the elected representatives (ERs) to acquire additional skills and enhance their reputation and political career.
- Provide an opportunity for the former ERs to acquire a diploma based on their experience.
- Create a competitive ecosystem for the ERs and PR officials to improve performance.
- Create certified ERs who can act as Master Resource Persons.

### **How to Apply:**

- Download the brochure and apply online: [www.nirdpr.org.in](http://www.nirdpr.org.in)
- Application Fee: Rs. 500/- (Gen/OBC/EWS), Rs. 300/- (SC/ST/PH)
- Upload: Attested certificates with the application
- Last Date: 31st July 2026



### **Eligibility :**

Bachelor's degree from a UGC-recognised university



### **Fees:**

General/OBC/EWS: Rs. 15,000/- ; SC/ST/PWD: Rs. 13,000/-  
(Payable in 2 instalments)



Batch 8 (2026-27) | Distance Mode | Duration: 18 Months

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