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(Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500 030

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Admission Notification for Distance Mode Programme **Post Graduate Diploma in Geospatial Technology Applications in** **Rural Development (PGD-GARD) Batch-II (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

A Geo-spatial Information System (GIS) plays a vital role in rural development by integrating data on the present, past, and future scenarios of rural areas. It empowers local communities by enhancing planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of development projects. As an affordable e-governance tool, GIS enables real-time, participatory decision-making through G-Governance at all levels.

To build capacity in this area, NIRDPR offers an 18-month Post Graduate Diploma in Geo-spatial Technology Applications in Rural Development (PGD-GARD) in distance mode. This programme is designed for development professionals across sectors such as health, education, agriculture, infrastructure, ICT, disaster management and for officials managing rural projects funded by organisations like the World Bank, UNDP, FAO, and IFAD, both in India and abroad.

How to Apply:

- Download the brochure and apply online: 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

Programme Objectives

The Programme would broadly cover the tools and application techniques of GIS, Remote Sensing, GPS and details of related software and data products specific to spatial data mining, planning, monitoring, decision making and modelling of various programmes and projects in rural development sector. The operating methodologies would be taught and various in-built features would be covered, so as to aim at them to use in Geospatial technology in local level planning and decision making.:

- To expose to students the Geospatial Technology
- To expose various application potential of Geospatial technology in Rural Development.
- To give a Hands-on experience to various processes of Geospatial technology
- To familiarize the Geospatial technology related Software, tools, technology and applications in Rural Development.



Eligibility :

Bachelor's degree from a UGC-recognised university



Fees:

General/OBC/EWS: Rs. 21,800/- ; SC/ST/PWD: Rs. 18,200/-
(Payable in 2 instalments)



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

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