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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 Sustainable Rural Development (PGDSRD) Batch-18 (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

Sustainable rural development aims to meet the needs of the present rural population without compromising the ability of future generations. It involves continuous efforts to improve the quality of life in rural areas. In India and other developing countries, major initiatives are underway to bridge the urban-rural divide by promoting resource development and skill enhancement. This requires a large pool of capable human resources to act as change agents. The P.G. Diploma Programme is designed to build such professionals by offering access to high-quality learning resources and training in managing rural development projects. The programme has received a positive response from students and professionals across the country.

Programme Objectives

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

- Concepts, approaches and opportunities of sustainable development
- Knowledge about the human and natural / non-natural resources and their sustainable use
- Knowledge about policies and programmes of the central and state governments pertaining to rural development
- Best practices in institutional arrangements for sustainable development in developing countries
- High skills to develop and implement projects for the application of sustainability concepts to accelerate rural development efforts in India and other developing countries.

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



Eligibility :

Bachelor's degree from a UGC-recognised university



Fees:

General/OBC/EWS: Rs. 18,200/-; SC/ST/PWD: Rs. 16,400/- (Payable in 2 equal instalments)



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

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