



POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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PROSPECTUS FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE PROGRAMME



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Introduction

Indira Gandhi National Open University

IGNOU was established in 1985 by an Act of Indian Parliament to democratize higher education. The University provides cost-effective quality education to large sections of Indian population. It adopts a learner-centric approach with a policy of openness and flexibility in terms of entry qualifications, duration, pace and place of learning for successful completion of programme.

The University currently offers 141 programmes of study to over 1.5 million students in India and 35 countries abroad making it the largest single University in the world. These programmes are offered in widely diverse areas and at different levels, Doctorate, Masters. Bachelor degrees including Diplomas, Certificates and awareness Programmes. IGNOU has established a network of 55 Regional Centres, 5 sub regional centres and 1804 study centres all over the country with 41 overseas centres. The academic programmes of the University have multi-media support with state of art facilities for the production of audio/video programmes and their dissemination through radio and television. The University also uses interactive radio counseling as well as tele-conferencing to provide interactivity in the teaching-learning process. The University has 24 hours educational TV channel and educational satellite, EDUSAT.

WWF-India

WWF-India is one of the largest conservation organization engaged in wildlife and nature conservation in the country. Established as a Charitable Trust on November 27, 1969, it has an experience of over four decades in the field. From a modest beginning, the organisation propelled forward by the efforts of its founders and associates who volunteered their time and energy to lend momentum to this movement. A part of WWF International, the organisation has made its presence felt through a sustained effort not only towards nature and wildlife conservation, but sensitising people by creating awareness through capacity building and enviro-legal activism. A challenging, constructive, science-based organisation WWF addresses issues like the survival of species and habitats, wetland conservation, climate change and environmental education.

School of Law

The school strives to ensure high quality education and research through innovative, multi-media learning teaching packages with a focus on learning practical aspects of law, acquiring legal skills and scholarship. Recognising the importance of legal education and demand for the programmes in Law, IGNOU constituted a five member Committee in 1994 under Chairmanship of Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon an eminent legal educationist. Prof. Menon's Committee suggested developing professional programmes in law including programmes in paralegal education, court administration, law office management, legal aid administration, occupation based and management oriented legal education for middle and top-level personnel in government and industry. The UGC Curriculum Development Centre in Law (CDC) setup in 1990 under the leadership of Prof. Upendra Baxi, an eminent jurist also underscored the importance of Distance Education in Law as inclusive legal education for wider participation in legal profession, judicial appointments and government law offices. The school of law organised a Brainstorming Session in June, 2007 to prepare a road map for legal education in India. The important recommendations of the Brainstorming session enabled the School of Law to plan and develop a range of programmes in law.



Centre for Environmental Law

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), established in 1993 as a legal arm of WWF-India, in the field of environment is a unique institution, combining research, education, training initiative with legal activism. It is the only institution of its kind in the country and in the region, supported by the Government of India and various national and international organisations including multilateral funding agencies. Apart from handling and furthering WWF-India's conservation work involving policy analysis, campaigns and legal interventions on environmental issues, CEL serves as a resource centre for environmental law teaching and research in the national, regional and international environmental law and aims to fulfill a larger role for rule of law.

Course Description

IGNOU and WWF-India together will launch Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law in July 2010. Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), WWF-India and School of Law (SoL), IGNOU will be coordinating the programme.

An important feature of SoL and CEL's educational activities will be the Post-Graduate Diploma Programme in Environmental Laws. It is being introduced to provide an in-depth exposure to participants on issues, institutions and initiatives in the field of environmental law and policy. SoL & CEL will be conducting the programme for a better understanding of green law issues poignant worldwide, particularly in the Indian context.

The hallmark of the PG Diploma programme will be convenient, quick environmental law for those who are seeking to enrich their professional knowledge. Owing to the requirements of students/professionals from different fields, we will be making the programme available through 'distance mode' & 'online mode'.

Course Objective:

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Enhancing skills on legal interventions for environment protection
- ◆ Promote networking and sharing of experiences among participants to actively contribute towards conservation

Participants:

The diploma program provides opportunities for law graduates and professionals working in the field of environment to enrich their understanding of environmental law. Law graduates, Legal practitioners, Environmental professionals, Media and NGO personnel seeking to enrich their professional knowledge are encouraged to apply.



Instructional system:

The course includes multi-media approach, that is, self-instructional print material, audio-video programmes, assignments, on-line counseling, contact programmes, teleconferencing and interactive radio counseling.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law programme is of 32 Credits (one credit is equivalent to 30 student hours). It consists of 7 courses - 6 theory courses, where Course I, II, IV, V and VI are of 4 credits each. Course III is of 5 Credits and Course VII is of 7 Credits. All the courses are compulsory.

Medium of instruction would be 'English' only.

PG Diploma in Environmental Law will be offered through 'Distance' and 'Online' mode.

Following model will be followed in 'Distance Mode'

- ✓ Induction in study centres/Regional centres
- ✓ Distribution of course material
- ✓ Counseling/Contact Programme
- ✓ Internal Assessment
- ✓ Examination

Following model will be followed in 'Online Mode':

- ✓ Online Induction
- ✓ Online posting of course material
- ✓ Online Counseling (a good internet connectivity is a must)
- ✓ Internal Assessment
- ✓ On-line Term End Examination

Course Syllabus:

Course I – Introduction to Environment -----4 Credits

- a) Understanding Environment
- b) Historical Perspective
- c) Environment Management
- d) Environment and Sustainable Development

Course II – Induction to Environmental Law and Policy -----4 Credits

- a) Emergence of Environmental Law
- b) Environmental Justice & Governance
- c) International Environmental Law
- d) International Environmental Organisations and Negotiations

Course III – International Environmental Law and Policy -----5 Credits

- a) Major International Environmental Laws – I
- b) Major International Environmental Laws – II
- c) Biodiversity Related Conventions – I
- d) Biodiversity Related Conventions – II
- e) Regulatory Mechanisms



Course IV – National Environmental Law and Policy -----4 Credits

- a) Tenure and Property Rights
- b) Law and Policy Frameworks related to Forest
- c) Law and Policy Frameworks related to Wildlife
- d) Displacement and Rehabilitation

Course V – National Legal Frameworks and Processes -----4 Credits

- a) National Environmental Laws
- b) Environment Impact & Policy
- c) Waste Management & Policy
- d) Environmental Disasters

Course VI – Environment Protection Mechanisms -----4 Credits

- a) Judicial Trends & Public Interest Initiatives
- b) Tribunals & Committees
- c) Environmental Public Hearing
- d) Environment & Community Initiatives

Course VII – Project & Practical Training -----7 Credits

- a) Legal Research (2 Credits)
- b) Drafting PIL (1 Credit)
- c) Project Submission (4 Credits)

Eligibility:

Graduates from any discipline can apply. Preference would be given to those who are working in the field of Environment or want to make a career in the field of environment.

Course Duration:

The PG Diploma in Environmental Law will commence in the month of July 2010 and will end in the month of July 2011. The one year programme will be held through ‘distance and online mode’. Each course will have the following evaluation pattern:

30% - Internal Assessment

70% - Term End Examination to be held in July 2011. Examinations will be conducted in specified IGNOU centres for proper monitoring.

Course Fees:

The course fee of Rupees 10,000/- should be sent through ***demand draft*** in favour of “**IGNOU-Delhi**” payable at New Delhi along with application form. This covers tuition fee, cost of course material.

Last Date for Receiving Applications:

Interested candidates should apply in the prescribed form available along with the prospectus and submit to **Director, School of Law, IGNOU, Block – G, Zakir Hussain Bhawan, Academic Complex, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110068** on or before **30 June 2010**. Envelop should clearly indicate ‘***Application for PGDENLW-2010-2011***’.



**APPLICATION FOR PG DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (PGDENLW)
2010-2011**

1. Name of the Student (in capital letters): _____

2. Father's/Mother's Name: _____

3. Complete Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email Id: _____

State: _____ PinCode: _____

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

4. Demand Draft Details:

a) Name of the bank: _____ Place: _____

b) Bank Draft No. _____ Dated: _____

c) Total Amount Rs. _____ Towards: Distance Mode: _____ Online Mode: _____

(Ones selected the candidate cannot change mode of study, please tick any one)

5. Educational Qualification: (Attach photocopies of the mark sheet and provisional certificate)

6. Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (DD/MM/Year) 7. Gender: Male _____ Female _____

8. Marital Status: Married _____ Unmarried _____ 9. Category: SC _____ ST _____ OBC _____

10. Nationality: Indian _____ Others _____ If other, please specify: _____

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the conditions of eligibility for the programme for which I seek admission. I fulfill 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 shall be liable to cancellation by the University at any time and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to the University.

Date: _____

Signature of the Student

Checklist:

- i. Demand Draft towards programme fee.
- ii. Certificates in support of your Educational Qualification (s).
- iii. Category certificate for SC/ST/OBC/PH

Send the filled-in application form along with fee to: **Director, School of Law, IGNOU, Block –
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