



# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)

Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500 030

## ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

### 5<sup>th</sup> POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT (PGDRDM): 2012-13

The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) is a premier national center of excellence in rural development. It builds capacities of the rural development functionaries, elected representatives, academicians and young students through inter-related activities of teaching, training, research, action research and consultancy. The NIRD faculty comprises experienced academicians and development practitioners. For more details about the Institute and the PGDRDM, please visit our Website [www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm](http://www.nird.org.in/pgdrdm). The NIRD announces its fifth fully residential One-year 'Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM)' with an aim to create a committed and competent cadre of Rural Development professionals in the country. The programme seeks to impart management techniques that will enhance the understanding of the paradigm and practice of rural development.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduation in any discipline from a recognised University. Students who are in the final year and expect to complete all the requirements of graduation before **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012** may also apply. Some seats are reserved for the sponsored Indian in-service and international in-service candidates. Indian in-service candidates should possess at least two years of work experience in rural development and allied sectors, and are required to apply through their employers. The international candidates should apply through the Secretariats of AARDO and CIRDAP. The eligibility parameters for international students are placed on the NIRD's website.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Selection of candidates including Indian in-service candidates will be made through a process of All-India Entrance Test which will test the verbal, quantitative and analytical competencies of the students including English Language. Group Discussion and Personal Interviews will be conducted for the short-listed candidates. However, a separate merit list will be prepared for the Indian and International in-service candidates.

**ENTRANCE TEST:** The Entrance Test will be conducted on **05.02.2012** at the following centres: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Kanpur, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi, Patna, Pune, Raipur, Ranchi, Siliguri, Srinagar, Thiruvananthapuram and Udaipur. However, the NIRD reserves the right to cancel any of the centres or add new centres for any administrative reasons and assign any other centre to the applicants.

**TOTAL NO. OF SEATS: 50 (may undergo some change depending upon the availability of infrastructure. Of these, up to 15 seats may be allotted to the Indian and international in-service candidates).**

**PROGRAMME DURATION:** (One year) August 2012 to July, 2013

**COURSE FEE:** Indian Students Rs. 1.80 lakh;  
International Students: US \$ 6500

**BOARD AND LODGING:** The annual board and lodging expenses will be approximately Rs.1,00,000 for Indian students and US \$ 4500 for international students. Accommodation will be given to the students in the NIRD hostel.

**CAUTION DEPOSIT:** A refundable Caution Deposit of Rs. 10,000 for Indian students and US \$ 200 for International students is a requirement.

**SEAT REGISTRATION FEE:** Upon selection, a non-refundable Seat Registration Fee of Rs. 30,000 should be paid by the Indian students. This amount will be adjusted against the first trimester fee.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** *Merit and need based scholarships will be made available to deserving Indian students.* The North Eastern Council, Shillong, has funded the North Eastern students selected for the PGDRDM in the past. Similar financial support to the admitted students domiciled in the North Eastern region is likely for the current year as well. *Study loans from banks may also be facilitated by the NIRD for the needy Indian students.*

**RESERVATION:** Reservations for the students of the SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer) and Persons with Disability (PWD) will be made as per Government of India's policies.

**PLACEMENT:** NIRD will endeavour to make placements on successful completion of the PGDRDM, but does not guarantee. However, all the students of the previous batches of the PGDRDM were placed. The same trend is expected to continue.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Prospectus-cum-application form can be obtained from the Admissions Coordinator, Centre for Post Graduate Studies (CPGS), NIRD, Hyderabad free of cost. Application forms will also be given at NIRD-NERC, Guwahati; NIRD-Eastern Regional Centre, Patna and at NIRD centre at Jaipur. The addresses of these centres can be obtained from our website or through e-mail. Request for Application forms should reach along with self addressed stamped (Rs.13) envelope of size 12" x 10" by **17.12.11**. It can also be downloaded from our website. The filled in application form should be submitted along with the application fee of Rs.500 (Rs.250/- for SC/ST and PWD candidates) through an 'Account Payee' Demand Draft drawn in favour of NIRD, payable at Hyderabad. The filled in application form should be sent to the **Admissions Coordinator, Centre for Post Graduate Studies (CPGS), National Institute of Rural Development, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030 (A.P), India**, so as to reach on or before **09.01.2012**. Last date for receipt of applications from the students of North Eastern States is **16.01.2012** and for international students it is **31.03.2012**. Applications received after the cut off date shall be rejected. NIRD reserves the right to make changes to the Diploma Programme, its design/content and the process of selection, depending upon the exigencies without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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