POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY

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PROSPECTUS FOR DISTANCE AND ONLINE PROGRAMME

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Application form is enclosed towards the end of the prospectus.
Introduction

World Wide Fund for Nature - India (WWF-India)

WWF-India is one of the largest conservation organisations 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 has been propelled forward by the efforts of its founders and associates who volunteered their time and energy to lend momentum to the conservation movement.

Today, it is recognized as a premier international conservation non-governmental organisation in the country dealing with nature conservation, environmental protection and development-related issues. At a time when the Web of Life has come under increasing threats, WWF-India’s attempts have been to find and implement solutions so that human beings can live in harmony with nature, and leave for future generations a world rich in natural resources and natural wonders.

To suit India’s specific ecological and socio-cultural situation, WWF-India articulated its mission in 1987 as follows:

"The promotion of nature conservation and environmental protection as the foundation for sustainable and equitable development."

Centre for Environmental Law (CEL)

The Centre for Environmental Law (CEL) was established in 1993 as an integral part of WWF-India. Apart from handling and furthering WWF-India’s conservation work involving policy analysis, campaigning and legal interventions on environmental issues, CEL serves as a resource centre for teaching environmental law and research in national, regional and international contexts. To implement its programmes CEL is building functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organizations at national and global levels.

One of the principle educational activities of CEL since 1993 has been the Diploma Programme in Environmental Law that has been running for over two decades now. More than fifteen hundred participants have benefited from the Diploma in Environmental Law Certificate issued by WWF India.

To widen the scope and reach of the Course, since September 2013, WWF has partnered with National Law University, Delhi to offer one year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy.
**National Law University, Delhi (NLUD)**

National Law University, Delhi is a premier Law University established in 2008 by the Delhi Government at the initiative of Delhi High Court. It has state of the art infrastructure and facilities for learning and research. The vision of NLUD is to make legal education an instrument of social, political and economic change. It is committed to transform students into lawyers who are professionally competent, technically sound and socially aware.

NLUD has been offering a five year Integrated B.A. LL. B (Hon.) Programme since 2008 and LL.M and Ph. D programmes since 2011. It offered its first Diploma programme on Judging and Court Management in 2010 with the objective of training and skill building of the young legal professionals in the art and craft of judging and court management.

The University also offers several other innovative and specialized diploma programmes both in distance and online modes. These include Patent Law, Competition Law and Policy, Real Estate Law, Labour Rights, Women Studies and Vocational Diploma for Paralegals.

**Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy (PGDELP)**

**Programme Description**

It is essential to minimize the adverse impacts of pollution and ecological degradation through proper environmental management and international cooperation. This can be done by not just raising awareness of environmental values but also strengthening the delivery capacity of environmental professionals so that they are well equipped to face the challenges in their stream of work.

With an aim to provide a better understanding of green law issues poignant worldwide, particularly in the Indian context, NLUD and WWF India will be jointly offering a **One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy**. The exclusive tailor-made programme provides opportunities for law graduates and other professionals working in the field of environment to enrich their understanding of the issues, institutions and initiatives in the field of environmental law and policy.

**Programme Objectives**

The objectives of the programme are to:

- Provide comprehensive knowledge to participants in Environmental Law and Policy
- 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
• Develop practical skills to facilitate effective engagement with Environmental Laws
• Prepare well-informed professionals in Environmental Law and to upgrade the professional competencies by augmenting the Environmental Law awareness
• Promote networking and sharing of experiences among participants to actively contribute towards conservation

Target Group

The programme is useful to students and working professionals from various streams who seek to enhance their skills on legal interventions for environmental protection and also bridge the gap between theory and practice. Law graduates, Legal practitioners, Environmental professionals, Corporate Executives, Government officials, Media and NGO personnel seeking to enrich their professional knowledge are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

Graduation in any stream. Work experience, although not necessary, but of a minimum of two years in the relevant field is desirable. Admission will be granted strictly on merit and at the discretion of a selection panel. In some cases, the Applicant may be required to appear for a telephonic interview.

Duration and Pedagogy

• ‘PG Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy’ is a one-year programme which is divided into two semesters.
• The diploma is offered with English as the only medium of instruction.
• All other aspects such as course content, timelines, course curriculum, examinations and discussion forum remain the same for both the modes.

Mode of study

• There are two modes of instruction- ‘Distance’ mode and ‘Online’ mode. Participants can opt for any one of the two instructional modes for pursuing the programme at the time of admission.
• Participants who opt for the ‘Distance’ mode will receive hard copies of the study material, while students who opt for ‘Online’ mode will have access to only soft copies of the study material.
• Distance mode students will have to incur printing and postal charges of Rs. 1,500 in addition to the course fee.

We at WWF encourage participants to apply for ‘Online Mode’ and contribute to saving Paper!
The focal points of the Diploma programme are as follow:

- Programme shall focus on legal and policy matters pertaining to environmental management for sustainability
- Both global and local level practices/perspectives will be covered through case studies
- Extensive study material will be provided

**Syllabus and Detailed Structure:**

- The PG Diploma comprises of 34 Credits or 700 Marks.
- The course is divided into two semesters (Semester I and Semester II).
- The course consists of 7 courses out of which six are theoretical courses and one is a practical training course.
- Courses 1, 2, 4 and 7 will be of 4 credits each.
- Course 3, 5, and 6 will be of 6 credits each.
- All the courses are compulsory.

**Course Structure:**

**Semester I**

**COURSE 1 - INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENT & LAW [Credits- 4]**

I - Overview of Environment & Law  
Unit 1 - Environment, Nature and Ecosystem  
Unit 2 - Origin of Environmental Law  

II - Introduction to Environmental Law  
Unit 3 - Concept of Law & Policy  
Unit 4 - Environment and Governance  
Unit 5 - Sustainable Development and Environment  
Unit 6 - Understanding Climate Change and its processes – CDP, CDMs and Carbon Off Setting

**COURSE 2 - INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY [Credits- 4]**

I - Overview of International Environmental Laws  
Unit 1 - Emergence of International Environmental Law  
Unit 2 - Fundamental Principles and Application of International Environmental Law  
Unit 3 - Introduction to Trade & Environment  

II - Major International Environmental laws  
Unit 4 - Right to Environment as Human Right  
Unit 5 - International Humanitarian Law and Environment  
Unit 6 - Environment and Conflict Management  
Unit 7 - UNFCCC & Kyoto Protocol  
Unit 8 - Treaty on Antarctic & Polar Regions - 1961  
Unit 9 - UN Convention of Law of the Sea and Regional Seas Convention  
Unit 10 - Law on International Watercourses
### COURSE 3 - INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY II (Credits- 6)

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Online Assessment Examination - Open book exam shall be conducted at the end of I Semester.

### Semester II

### COURSE 4- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY (Credits- 4)

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### COURSE 5- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY II (Credits- 6)

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### COURSE 6 - ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MECHANISMS (Credits- 6)

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<td>Unit 5 – The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010</td>
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**COURSE 7 - PRACTICAL TRAINING [Credits: 4]**

Preparation and submission of Synopsis and Term End Paper

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**Online Assessment Examination - Open book exam shall be conducted at the end of II Semester**

*While developing the study material, depending on the unit length and issues covered some titles of the units may change.*

**Evaluation System**

- The evaluation is a continuous process throughout the course and participants will be evaluated on the basis of assignments, discussions, term end paper/project work and semester end examinations.
- The course is divided into two semesters; each semester has three theory courses. Participants must submit a total of six assignments, one for each theory course.
- Additionally, participants are required to submit a Synopsis and a Project Report (Term End Paper), both of which are a part of the ‘Practical Training’ component under Course VII.
- Both for distance and online mode participants, participation in discussion forum is mandatory.

**Assignments** - The main purpose of assignment is to test the participant’s comprehension of the study material provided and general interpretation of concepts keeping in view the current scenario. The assignments will account for 50% of total assessment. Submission of all assignments is compulsory.

**Semester end examination** - After end of each semester, the participants have to appear for an ‘open book examination’, analytical problem will be shared with participants which needs to be solved keeping the practical case study in mind. The participant will be free to refer to books and study material for solving the paper. Semester end examination will carry 50% weightage of total assessment.

**Term End Paper (TEP)** - TEP component includes Synopsis and a Final paper. The TEP (Course VII) carries 4 credits or 100 marks; out of which synopsis would carry 20% weightage and TEP will carry 80% weightage. Submission of both Synopsis and TEP is compulsory for completion of the Diploma.

**Discussion Forum** - Participants will have to actively contribute to discussion forum created and managed by Course Coordinators. Once every month a topic for discussion will be posted, participants should share their views on the topic. Discussion Forum is a good platform for sharing of knowledge and ideas.

**Final Marking**

Final evaluation break up is as follows:
- **Course I to VI** - 50% for Assignments and 50% for Semester end examinations
- **Course VII** - 20% for Synopsis and 80% for Project Report
Admission Procedure and Fee details

Interested applicants are requested to submit **soft copies** of the duly filled Admission Form (Annexure 1) along with their **curriculum vitae, copies of certificates of qualification** (Graduation Degree or final semester marksheet) and statement of purpose.

The application will not be accepted without the documents listed above. Please submit before the stipulated date to the following email address: submissionscel@wwfindia.net

**Hard copies of applications DO NOT need to be sent in.** However, if you cannot send your application by soft copy for any reason, you may then send hard copies to the following address:

The Course Coordinator  
Centre for Environmental Law  
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PH: 011-4150 4771

- Last date for submission of application is **31st May 2020.**
- Fees for PG Delp is Rs. 13,000 (Rupees Thirteen Thousand Only).  
- **Fees will only be accepted once admission has been confirmed.**
- Please **DO NOT** send in fees along with the application form (though any mode).
- After the offer of admission is made to the participant (i.e., the participant is selected), the applicant may proceed to pay the fees via ‘**Online Transfer**’ to confirm admission.
- If an applicant is unable to pay via ‘Online Transfer’, the applicant may issue a DemandDraft drawn in favor of ‘**World Wide Fund for Nature - India**’ payable at New Delhi (Candidates name and phone number to be appended behind Demand Draft)
- **The fees once paid will not be refunded.**
- **Special note for applicants residing outside India:** at the time of transfer of fees, kindly verify the exchange rate as on the day of transfer, as well as any additional charges or levies that may be applicable on this transfer by your bank. Kindly ensure that the full fee amount is credited to WWF-INDIA after clearing all additional dues that such a transfer may attract.

Please go through the FAQs provided on the website. For any additional clarifications on prospectus and filling of application form, please contact Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Course Data Manager, CEL at submissionscel@wwfindia.net or call on 09868185605, 8802481174 between 1100 hrs to 1700 hrs on weekdays.
APPLICATION FOR PG DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
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1. Name of the Applicant (In capital letters, kindly fill in your name exactly as you would like it to appear on your certificate.)

2. Parent/Guardian/Spouse’s Name:

3. Complete Address with Pin Code:

4. Telephone: ____________________ Mobile: ____________________

5. Email Id: ____________________ (Filling of all above fields is mandatory)

6. Fee details will be provided once admission has been confirmed. Do not pay the fees now in any form.

7. Mode of Study: Distance Mode: ___________ Online Mode: ___________

8. Educational Qualification: (Attach scanned copies of Graduation Degree or recent mark sheet or provisional certificate)

9. Date of Birth: ____/_____/____ (DD/MM/YY) Gender: ___________ (Female/ Male/ Other)

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the conditions of eligibility for the programme for which I seek admission. I fulfil 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 will be cancelled by WWF-India at any time and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to WWF-India.

Date: ____________________ Signature of Applicant

NOTE: Distance mode students will have to incur additional printing and postal charges, refer to prospectus Pg 3, Mode of Study.
Checklist:

i. Statement of Purpose explaining your motivation behind applying for this course.

ii. Certificates in support of your recent Educational Qualification(s). Include copies of your recent academic accomplishments only i.e. Bachelor’s Degree or any higher qualifications (Masters, M.Phil, Ph.D etc.)

iii. Completed Application Form. Kindly note that it is compulsory to fill in your name EXACTLY as you would like it to appear on your certificate. Please double check your form before submission as spelling changes will not be entertained at a later date.

iv. Curriculum Vitae.