



**IGNOU launches 'PG Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)' in Open and Distance Learning**

**Admissions Open for July 2020 Session**

**Online Admissions Link: <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/>**

IGNOU's School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has launched '**Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare**' (Code: PGDAW) from July 2020 session. The PGDAW programme is meant for animal welfare professionals across India and for graduates / post-graduates interested in pursuing career as an animal welfare professional, informed, Programme Coordinator, Prof. P. V. K. Sasidhar.

Animal welfare education is a multidisciplinary subject which is evolving rapidly with the core components of welfare science, ethics, laws and standards. In general, we are concerned about the welfare of all animals that are managed in some way by humans, and where we have particular responsibilities for their care. In the past, greatest concern about animal welfare has been related to livestock production in agriculture, and thus 'farm animal welfare' has received the most attention. Over time, welfare issues pertaining to working, performing, companion, zoo and lab animals have also received attention. Keeping all this in view, the PGDAW programme has covered welfare science, ethics, laws and standards of all managed animals like cattle and buffaloes; sheep and goat; pigs; poultry; working, performing, pet, zoo and lab animals.

This one year program can be pursued by any graduate having degree in any discipline.

### **Programme Objectives**

- To impart science based animal welfare education through open and distance learning.
- To build capacities of stakeholders in taking socially responsible decisions concerning animal welfare.

### **Programme Structure**

- *Level of Programme:* PG Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)
- *Number of credits :* 32
- *Learning material :* 04 courses of 08 credits each
- *Admission criterion :* Graduation in any discipline
- *Duration:* 1 Year (Admission valid for 3 Years)
- *Fee:* Rs. 5400/-

### Who Can Take Admission?

- Faculty, researchers, technical staff and PG students in universities, research organizations and veterinary colleges.
- Veterinarians in state / central government departments and Remount and Veterinary Corps.
- Members of state /district animal welfare boards / institutional animal ethics committees
- Civil servants, IFS officers and officials working in zoos, wild life institutes, animal house facilities, zoology departments etc.
- Employees / volunteers working in animal welfare organizations / NGOs/ *Gaushalas*
- Animal lovers and pet owners.
- Fresh graduates seeking career as animal welfare professional.

For Further Information, prospective students can contact nearest IGNOU Regional Centre or could reach out to the Programme Coordinator, Prof. P.V.K.Sasidhar through e-mail at [pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in](mailto:pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in) or on mobile / WhatsApp at 9910050413.

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