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भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

47th

Post-Graduate Diploma Course

IN ADVANCED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

1st September 2026 to 30th June, 2027





WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA

The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, serves as the nation's nodal agency for research and training in wildlife conservation. Recognized as a four-star, top-rated institute by the Capacity Building Commission among all National Civil Service Training Institutes, WII upholds the highest standards of excellence in capacity building. Its core mandate is to generate rigorous scientific knowledge in wildlife science and to strengthen national efforts in biodiversity conservation and management. For over four decades, WII has been at the forefront of building skilled human resources, supporting scientific planning and evidence-based management, and conducting pioneering research on endangered species, habitats, and emerging conservation challenges. Through its academic programs, professional training for forest and wildlife managers, and regional collaborations, the Institute continues to shape conservation leadership across India and South Asia.

COURSE BACKGROUND

The establishment and management of Protected Areas (PAs) is globally recognized as a cornerstone of biodiversity conservation. Effective conservation also requires managing PAs as integral parts of the larger landscape complexes in which they exist. Managing a protected area network thus demands professionals equipped with the knowledge and skills to steward wilderness areas while addressing the complex external factors that influence them. To build a cadre of such professionals, the Wildlife Institute of India launched its Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Wildlife Management in 1977. Forty-six batches have successfully completed the program to date. The 47th course, a 10-month program with an intake of 20 participants, commences on 1st September 2026.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Provide a foundation of modern concepts in wildlife science and practice.
- Provide an understanding of the relevant global, regional, national and state level conservation policies and legislation and enforcement.
- Provide knowledge and first-hand experience of conservation issues and practices under varied ecological, socio-economic, political and administrative situations in the field including the vulnerability of species of wild plants and animals and their protection.
- Provide hands-on experience in using modern scientific methods, techniques and tools that are essential contributors to conservation practices in the field.
- Develop skills of writing scientific documents and making persuasive presentations.
- Develop skills for preparation of an integrated scientific wildlife management plan.
- Prepare the participant for addressing various conservation challenges in managing protected area network.



ELIGIBILITY

The course is meant for in-service Indian Forest Service and State Forest Service Officers of the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF)/Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF), Veterinary Officers and equivalent. Candidates should possess a background of Forestry training with a minimum of Bachelor's degree in any branches of science. It also accommodates officers working in National Parks/Wildlife Sanctuaries and universities of India and Foreign nationals including SAARC countries having minimum of Bachelors Degree in Forestry/Natural Resource Management (NRM) with proficiency in English. Candidates should not be more than 45 years of age as on 01st September, 2026. In exceptional cases, Director, WII may relax the age limit subject to physical fitness.

COURSE ESSENTIALS

Indian Nationals

State Forest Departments may nominate forest officers of the rank of DCF/ACF who meet the eligibility criteria. The curriculum-vitae along with passport details are required to be filled-in the prescribed form attached herewith and sent to Institute with the endorsement of the competent authority in the state government.

Foreign Nationals

The Institute also welcomes nominations of foreign nationals, who may be self-sponsored or sponsored by organizations, research institutes, universities, or other relevant agencies.

Course Component

The duration of the course is 10 months commencing from 1st September 2026 to 30th June 2027. The course is divided into 04 sub-components as follows: -

No.	Sub-component	Period
1.	Conservation Biology	01 st September to 01 st October 2026
2.	Tools and Techniques for Conserving Wildlife	02 nd October 2026 to 01 st January, 2027
3.	Advanced Wildlife Management Practices	02 nd January to 19 th April, 2027
4.	Integrated Wildlife Management Planning	20 th May to 30 th June 2027

The broad outline of the course structure includes the following modules:

1. Conservation Biology- Advanced wildlife ecology and behaviour;
2. Tools and Techniques for Conserving Wildlife- Applied Population Ecology, Wildlife Health Management, Restraint and Immobilization of Wild Animals, Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Wildlife Management, Ecodevelopment Tools, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment;
3. Advanced Wildlife Management Practices- Policies and Laws in Wildlife Management : Prosecution of Wildlife Offences, Management of Wetlands and Coastal Habitats, Captive Management, Principles & Practices of Wildlife and PA Management, Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management and Conflict Resolution, Ecodevelopment Planning for Biodiversity Conservation, Visitor Use Management and Interpretive Planning;
4. Integrated Wildlife Management Planning

Field Tours

(i) Orientation Tour (ii) High Altitude Techniques Tour (iii) Techniques Tour (iv) Wetland Tour (v) Management Tour (vi) Management Term Paper Exercise (vii) Management Plan Exercise

In addition, field visits to nearby Protected Areas/ Institutions/ Organizations/ Zoos are also organized from time to time during the period of training. A study tour to an overseas country will be organized by WII as part of the Management Tour. Indian and foreign nationals joining the course must be in possession of their valid passports.

Attendance

Participation in all components of the course, tours, excursions, lectures, practical sessions, examinations, group discussions and symposia etc is compulsory. In addition, trainees are required to successfully complete the term paper and management plan exercises for award of Diploma. In the event of non-participation in any of the above-mentioned activities, award of Diploma to the concerned candidate may be withheld till completion of the assignment in the subsequent Diploma Course.

AWARD OF DIPLOMA

The Diploma will be awarded only to those candidates who secure a minimum of 50% marks in each of the modules. Honours Diploma will be awarded to those who secure an aggregate average of 75% or more marks. Those who fail to qualify for the award of the Diploma will be given a Certificate of Attendance only.

TRAINING COSTS

Indian candidates

This is paid course and cost of the Indian trainees is Rs. 14.85 lakh (Rupees Fourteen lakh eighty-five thousand only) /sponsoring agency/per person. The expenses will include boarding and lodging for the entire duration of the course, to and fro travel (between place of posting to WII and back only), cost towards field tours, field equipment, camping gear, resource material, etc. For the duration of the training, medical bill reimbursement will be made by the respective State Governments, as per prevailing State rules.

Foreign candidates

Cost of training for foreign candidates will be US \$ 30,000/- excluding training allowance and travel expenses. The training and/or out of pocket allowance and to & fro travel for this course would be borne by the Sponsoring Agency. The Sponsoring Agencies are advised to ensure sponsored candidates are insured comprehensively for any medical treatment for the duration of the training. Boarding & lodging for the entire duration of the course is included in the training cost. Traveling and camping, field gear/equipment, stationery, books/study material and hostel accommodation will be provided to all participants.

SAARC Countries Candidates

Cost of training will be Rs 16.39 lakh (Rupees Sixteen lakh thirty-nine thousand only) which includes tuition fee, boarding and lodging during the course as well as field tours, field equipment, camping gears, resource materials etc. The training and/or out of pocket allowance and to & fro travel for this course (between place of posting to WII and back) would be borne by the Sponsoring Agency.

A bank draft of the above amount should be sent in the favour of the Director, Wildlife Institute of India payable at Dehra Dun at the time of admission by the sponsored candidate. The course fee can also be remitted by bank transfer.



BOARDING/LODGING

Boarding and lodging facilities in the hostel will be provided by the Institute. Officer trainees would be actively involved in managing the mess.



DEADLINE

The nominations of the foreign and Indian candidates duly completed in all respects should be addressed to Dr. Parag Nigam, Scientist-G, Course Director (email: nigamp@wii.gov.in) with a copy to Dr. Ruchi Badola, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science (email: dean@wii.gov.in) latest by 31st July, 2026.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT

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APPLICATION FORM
XLVII POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA COURSE IN ADVANCED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
(01.9.2026 TO 30.6.2027)

Full Name (Block letters)
Father's Name (Block letters)
Designation Cadre Year Officer's Code
(For Indian candidates only)
Nationality Date of Birth
Brief description of current post & duties
Highest academic qualification
Professional qualification
Postal address
Tel : Fax :
E-mail

Proficiency in English language

	Fair	Good	Excellent
Reading			
Writing			
Speaking/Understanding			

For all candidates (copy of the passport to be annexed)

Passport No. Issued By
Date of Issue Valid Upto (validity should be upto Dec 27).....

For Foreign nationals (copies of the passport and visa to be annexed)

Passport No. Issued By
Date of Issue Valid Upto
Visa No. Issued By
Date of Issue Valid Upto

Name & Address of nominating/sponsoring Govt/Agency -
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Ph: Fax:
E-mail

Forwarding Remarks by the nominating/sponsoring authority:

Mr./Ms. is nominated/sponsored for the XLVII P.G. Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management organized by the Wildlife Institute of India from 01st September 2026 to 30th June 2027.

Place :

Dated:

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Signature