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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
(Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

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To,

1. All Professional Councils of India  
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2. State Animal Welfare Boards of all States/UTs
3. Societies for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of all States/ UTs
4. All Animal Welfare Organization / Gaushala recognized with the AWBI
5. Honorary Animal Welfare Officers / Animal Lovers / Animal Activist

**Subject: Endorsement by AWBI for IGNOU's PG Diploma in Animal Welfare (Open and Distance Learning) – regarding.**

With reference to the above cited subject, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched a "Post – Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW) in open and Distance Learning. The programme is designed to impart science based animal welfare education through open and distance learning and to build capacities of stake holders in taking socially responsible decisions concerning animal welfare.

2. The course will cover 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 in 85 modules. The course will also include the many forms of animal use in different settings such as homes, farming, transportation and slaughter, laboratories, zoos and various entertainment locales and will cover applied aspects of principles of animal welfare and how animal protection and ethics reflects in Indian laws and public policies.

3. This unique post-graduate course will help working professionals keep the interests of animals in the centre of all their decision making and will critically reflect upon contemporary uses of animals.

4. Animal Welfare Board of India hereby endorses this course for its wider recognition in the animal welfare sector. You are requested to promote this course in your relevant professional platforms. A brochure for the course is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Yours sincerely

  
(Dr. O.P. Chaudhary)

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Admissions are Open for  
**Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)**  
(Open and Distance Learning Mode)

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

Animal welfare education is a multidisciplinary subject 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, '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. 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.

**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.

**Eligibility:** Graduation in any discipline  
**Medium:** English  
**Duration:** Minimum 1 year & Maximum 3 years  
**Fee:** Rs.5400  
**Admission :** January & July sessions

**Programme Details:**

Code	Title of the Course	Credits
MAW-001	Animal Welfare Science and Ethics	8
MAW-002	Animal Welfare Issues	8
MAW-003	Animal Welfare Laws, Policies and Organizations	8
MAW-004	Animal Welfare Practices, Economics and Livelihood	8
Total		32

**Who Can Take Admission?**

- Faculty, Researchers, Technical Staff & PG / PhD Students in Universities, Research Organizations and Veterinary Colleges.
- Veterinarians / Para-veterinarians in State / Central Government / RVC & Para-Military Forces.
- Members of State Animal Welfare Boards / SPCAs.
- Members of CPCSEA / Institutional Animal Ethics Committees / Animal House Facilities.
- Civil Servants, Officials and Researchers Working in Forest Departments, Zoos and Wild Life Institutes
- Faculty and Research Scholars under Zoological Survey of India and Zoology Departments.
- Law Professionals dealing with Animal Welfare Laws.
- Employees & Volunteers Working in Animal Welfare Organizations / NGOs / *Gaushalas*.
- Animal Lovers, Pet Owners & Graduates Seeking Career as Animal Welfare Professionals.

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