

# An Indo-Israel Initiative



## ABIDAT Admission Notification for 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch

**Learn from the best, learn from the people who have converted the desert into a source of food for their people and peoples of other countries!**

Announcing admissions for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Batch** of a one-of-a-kind **PGCDS (PG Certificate in Dryland Studies) Program** conducted by Professors, Scientists and Experts from the **Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel (BGU)** – <https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/bidr/Pages/default.aspx>

The Certificate is offered by BGU, Israel. The On-Campus & Off Campus Certificate Program is being conducted respectively in ABIDAT, Chennai or via fully 'On-line mode'. For the On-Campus program Students (including **In-Service Candidates**) are required to be in Chennai for the duration of the **2 (two) semesters Certificate Program**. Students opting for the 'Off Campus' (fully 'On-line mode') can attend classes online from anywhere, however they will be required to participate in the Internship program physically in Tamil Nadu &/or any place the same is scheduled, in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the PGCDS program. Participation in Trials-cum-Exercises during the Summer Break between the 2 Semesters &/or at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will entitle Students to an additional Certificate.

### WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY?

Students who possess degrees (UG & above) in **Agriculture & allied disciplines** (including Horticulture, Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Dairy, Agricultural Engineering, Water Technology, etc); besides, graduates in Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Biotechnology and allied **Life Sciences**, with a minimum of 50% Aggregate Score. **Applicants expecting to complete their graduation by 2023 are eligible.** Besides, those who are "In-Service Employees" in various public and private sector organisations involved in Agriculture and allied fields, are also encouraged to apply.

### WHY APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

The PGCDS program will benefit all those interested to learn in-depth multidisciplinary approaches to dryland ecosystems management, including rainfed, semi-arid, arid ecologies and allied ecosystems. **Credits earned in the program will be considered as a partial fulfillment for future studies in obtaining a M.Sc. degree in Desert Studies** offered by the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies (<https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/akis/Pages/default.aspx>) in the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) at **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, with a possibility of grant of Fellowship (Benefits equivalent to INR 1.0 Lac per Month for upto 2 Years), as obtained by 100% of the 1<sup>st</sup> Batch (2022-23).**

### VALUE PROPOSITION:

- The PGCDS program is an excellent, futuristic program addressing the imminent crises of Climate Change, Water Scarcity, Drylands, Desertification, Degradation, etc through a multi-disciplinary scientific approach towards future global sustainability;
- Since it is an International Education Program, with the Academic Credits earned being valuable, it has an equivalency to any of the World Class Universities;
- Access to hundreds of US\$ worth of State of the Art GIS Software and learning to use it Hands-On is just 1 of the 12 Courses students will be taught;
- Furthermore, the possibility of being admitted to BGU, Israel, literally at Zero Cost, the following Year, for a full-PG Degree wherein all 30 Credits earned here in India at ABIDAT being considered for the Master's Degree.
- In short, 1 Year of Time & the Capital investment is a direct gain for 3 years; Of course, the lifetime dividends are enormous.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Interested candidates can register at the **ABIDAT website ([www.abidat.in](http://www.abidat.in))**, fill the Online Application by uploading required documents and paying the **Online Entrance Test (OET) Fees of ₹950/- only**. Candidates will then be required to undertake an online examination (**OET**) from the comfort of their homes on the stipulated **time and date**. The performance in the OET will rank the candidates for selection. 'Counseling-cum-Interview', and screening according to Merit will lead to the final selection, **enrolment etc for the Fall Semester 2023.**

**The Online Application is OPEN for 2023 ADMISSIONS!**  
**Limited Scholarship is available for exceptionally Meritorious students**

### FEATURES:

All students of the PG Certificate Program will be enrolled in the BGU Student Register, with BGU Student ID card, BGU Email ID and full online access to the BGU Library and digital assets.

The Fees for the 1 Year PG Certificate Program (2 semesters) may be payable in 2 to 4 instalments.

**Formalities for claiming Educational Loans will be Supported.**

### FOR ENQUIRY:

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