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Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU)

Tiruchirapalli - 620 027

In collaboration with

Bay of Bengal Programme

Inter-Governmental Organisation

Chennai - 600 018

Post Graduate Diploma in Fisheries Law and Policy (PGDFLP)

First of its kind Programme in India

(Offered in Hybrid Mode)

Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU)

TNNLU is one of the National Law Universities in India. It was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu by an Act of State Legislature (Act No. 9 of 2012) to provide quality legal education at the global level. TNNLU is located near the District and Sessions Court and other Sub-ordinate Courts, thus facilitating easy and effective interaction between the TNNLU and the Bar. TNNLU aims to advance and disseminate knowledge of the law and legal processes and their role in national development; develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve society in the eld of law by developing skills with regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms. University Grand Commission (UGC) has included TNNLU under section 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956. TNNLU is an empanelled institution with the Competition Commission of India. TNNLU is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI), and the Indian Academy of Social Sciences.

Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOPO-IGO)

The BOBP-IGO, set up in 2003, is a regional fisheries body with Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka as its members. The Organisation evolved from the erstwhile Bay of Bengal Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) founded in 1979. The mandate of BOBP-IGO is to enhance co-operation among member-countries as well as other countries and organisations in the Bay of Bengal region and provide technical and management advisory services for sustainable marine fisheries development and management. BOBP-IGO strives to increase awareness and enhance skills through training and education; facilitate knowledge sharing and establish regional information networking.

About the Programme

At present, there is a critical need for comprehensive fisheries education that integrates legal and policy training alongside fisheries science. Many professionals, including development officers, academics, researchers, and civil society members, significantly influence fisheries governance but often lack formal training in legal frameworks. Additionally, the absence of systematic documentation of fisheries laws and policies hinders knowledge sharing and policy development. Addressing these gaps through specialized education programmes would equip professionals with the necessary skills to navigate the complex national, regional, and international fisheries governance challenges effectively.

Unique Features of the Programme

- NEP-2020-Fit: The proposed programme resonates with the ethos of India's New Education Policy, emphasizing future-oriented, innovative and globally connected education.
- Light but Tight Regulations: This part-time programme is designed with adequate flexibility to enable the participation of practicing of officers & practisers from different walks of life with ease; while the evaluation parameters shall be robust enough to keep the academic rigour and quality.
- Diverse Clientele: Mid-career officials, academicians and researchers involved directly or indirectly in fisheries management and policy making; Citizens associated with policy advocacy in the field of fisheries; and those planning to take up a career in the above sectors.
- Progressive Certification: Candidates registered for the Programme will be awarded a Certificate on completion of major courses and Post Graduate Diploma in Fisheries Law and Policy on completion of all credit requirements.
- Hybrid Delivery: The programme will be offered in a hybrid mode to cater to the interests of the potential in-service candidates.

Programme Objectives

The programme is designed to meet the pressing needs of our time, providing individuals with a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted aspects of fisheries law and policy. It empowers students to become key pillars in their respective organizations, equipped with the expertise to drive sustainable practices and informed decision-making.

The programme would serve as a platform to generate a stream of knowledge through critical research by practitioners.

Further, the students would be able to

- understand the international legal framework governing fisheries and aquaculture and the principles and conventions that guide international cooperation in this field.
- dissect and interpret international agreements and treaties pivotal to fisheries.
- explore the dynamics of international cooperation in fisheries management, including the role of regional fisheries bodies, and intergovernmental organizations.
- acquire critical thinking and problem-solving prowess to tackle complex fisheries challenges such as overfishing, habitat destruction, and the impacts of climate change.

Admission Process

- TNNLU will manage the admissions, examinations and award of the degree.
- BOBP-IGO will serve as Knowledge Partner and a Research Centre for the TNNLU.
- BOBP-IGO will coordinate the student course work and research, as per the University Guidelines, in alignment with the MoU signed between TNNLU and BOBP-IGO.

Courses Taught in PGDFLP

- Introduction to Law and Legal Systems
- International Fisheries Laws, Agreements and Organizations
- Fisheries Laws and Policies in the Bay of Bengal Region
- Human Rights, Labour Laws and Negotiations
- International Environment and Biodiversity Law

Eligibility

- A degree in life sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, management, law, or humanities from a recognized university in India or abroad.
- There shall be no restriction as to age, nationality, gender, or employment status.

Fee Structure of the Programme (2025-26)

Fee Head	Candidates from India (INR)	Candidates from BOBP Countries (USD)	Candidates from Other Countries (USD)
Application Fee	500	10	15
Admission Fee	1,000	20	30
Tuition Fee	20,000	320	600
Examination Fee	3,500	60	105
Sub-total	25,000	410	750
Provisional Certificate	500	10	20
Convocation Fee	2,000	30	80
Total	27,500	450	850

The fee shall be paid through online mode only at the link provided on the official website of TNNLU i.e., www.tnnlu.ac.in

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/9MeY4oEE7Gv9muPQ6>

Important Dates

Application Open
01.03.2025

Last Date
20.06.2025

Intimation and Payment of Fee
20.07.2025

Programme Commences
01.08.2025

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