

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE OF INDIA

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Institution Website: www.asci.org.in

Programme Website: www.ascipgdscm.in

Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD)

Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Collectives Management (PGD-SCM)

Admissions Open for Batch (2026-2027)

Aspiring for Professional Management Career in Collectives

- ⇒ Food and Agri Business Value Chains
- ⇒ Grassroots Cooperatives, FPOs, Producer Companies
- ⇒ Apex Federations, Promotional Support Organisations



offered in affiliation with

“Tribhuvan” Sahkari University
An Institute of National Importance for Cooperative Excellence
(Formerly Institute of Rural Management Anand –IRMA)

For Registration and Submission of Application online
Visit Program Website: www.ascipgdscm.in

ASCI School of Management @ A GLANCE

Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, established in 1956, is one of India's premier management institutions with a strong legacy in Education, Research, Training, and Consultancy.

The Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Collectives Management (PGD-SCM) is a one-year full-time program affiliated with Tribhuvan Sahkari University. The program is comprehensively designed with industry exposure, field immersion, and practicum-based learning. It is apt for graduates aspiring to build careers in Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives, agribusiness enterprises, NGOs, development organisations, and rural institutions.

Key Highlights

- ✓ TSU-approved 1-year full-time PG Diploma program
- ✓ Focus on Sustainable Collectives, Agribusiness, and Rural Enterprises
- ✓ Experiential learning with field immersion and practicum
- ✓ Industry-oriented curriculum and placement support
- ✓ Placement and career support
- ✓ 23-acre residential campus in Hyderabad

The program specifically prepares management professionals for the following institutional domains:

- ♦ **Grassroots Enterprises:** Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Primary Agricultural Cooperatives (PACs), Dairy Cooperatives, Producer Companies and other community-based enterprises.
- ♦ **Enabling Institutions:** Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs), Incubators, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Research Institutions, Livelihood and MSME Promotion Organizations (including SRLMs, NRLM, SFAC, SIDBI), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), CSR Foundations, State Government agencies and funding institutions.
- ♦ **Apex and Strategic Bodies:** NDDB, NDS, NCDC, NABARD, IFFCO, CII, APEDA and Government of India institutions.

PGD-SCM Programme

The program develops Managerial, Leadership, and Entrepreneurial competencies through classroom learning, field visits, and immersive practicum experiences focused on sustainability-oriented collective enterprises. The programme will be conducted in three trimesters with 72 credits. Details of the course content, subjects, and pedagogy can be accessed at www.ascipgdscm.in

Interactive Learning Terms : Courses Overview

Interactive Learning Term - I (11 Weeks)		
Management Foundation Courses	Sessions	Credits
Managerial Accounting	30	3
Agri & Food Business Value Chains	20	2
Managerial Economics	30	3
Individual & Group Behaviour	30	3
Managerial Analysis & Communication	20	2
Collectives and Communitization	20	2
Data Analysis and Rural Research Methods	30	3
Total	180	18
Interactive Learning Term - II (11 Weeks)		
Functional Management Courses	Sessions	Credits
Financial Management	30	3
Operations Management	20	2
Marketing Management	30	3
Organisation: Development and Dynamics	20	2
Business Analytics	20	2
Collective Enterprises Management	20	2
Work Force Management	20	2
Sustainable Livelihoods & ESG	20	2
Total	180	18
Interactive Learning Term - III (11 Weeks)		
Integrative Management Course	Sessions	Credits
Strategic Management	20	2
Project Management	20	2
Information Systems: MIS, GIS, AI Applications	20	2
Costing, Budgeting & Control Systems	20	2
Values, Ethics and Trusteeship	20	2
Collective Enterprises: Design, Governance, Leadership	20	2
Commodity Trading and Derivatives	20	2
E Commerce and Retail Management	20	2
Legal and Regulatory framework & Compliances	20	2
Total	180	18

Experiential Learning Terms

ELT1: Sustainable Collectives Exploration (6 weeks) -6 Credit

Sustainable Collectives Exploration is a Six-week immersive module designed to provide students with an understanding of cooperatives, producer companies, SHG federations, and farmer collectives. Through case analysis, field exposure, reflective discussions, and participatory research methods, the module examines governance systems, member participation, business models, and enterprise performance. The learning outcomes are further consolidated through collaborative documentation and publication by students and faculty.

ELT 2 : Sustainable Collectives Management Practicum (11 weeks) -12 Credits

The Collectives Management Practicum is a credit-bearing experiential learning module designed to develop managerial and leadership competencies through supervised engagement with cooperatives, producer organisations, and social enterprises. The practicum provides hands-on exposure to organisational analysis, governance, marketing, operations, finance, and human resource management within participatory institutional settings. It also strengthens professional competencies such as communication, teamwork, facilitation, ethical conduct, transparency, and stakeholder engagement.

Pedagogy:

The program adopts an integrated learning approach based on UNESCO's Four Pillars -Learning to Know, Learning to Do, Learning to Live Together, and Learning to Be -combined with the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Initiative by UNDP Global Compact. It emphasizes experiential learning, reflection, and real-world application through an integral framework that builds Cognitive, Social, and Leadership competencies, preparing students for responsible and impactful roles. Designed to make learning meaningful, the framework promotes active engagement, iteration, supportive social interaction, and a sense of joy and well-being.

Facilities

Digital Library: ASCI has a well-equipped hybrid library with over 1,00,000 books, journals, audio-visual materials, e-journals, databases, newspapers etc. The library also provides research support, circulation, online catalogue, document delivery, database training, and current awareness services.

Faculty: A multidisciplinary team of faculty members with expertise and substantial experience in collectives management leads the program.

Learning Aids: The campus has full-fledged, well-equipped air-conditioned conference / Lecture rooms equipped with facilities like computers, Internet, Audio-Visual facilities and Office-Automation aids, etc.

Computer based Business Simulation Lab: Well-equipped high-end terminals for conducting business simulation and analytics labs using the latest software tools.

Internet: The campus has a good computer network, dedicated High-Speed Internet connectivity and it is fully Wi-Fi enabled.

Campus Visit

Certificate Verification: During the campus visit, candidates are required to carry all eligibility-related documents, including valid Common Admission Test scores, 10th and 12th certificates, graduation-related documents, Transfer Certificate, Aadhaar Card, and two passport-size photographs.

Admission Kit Collection: Upon completion of the certificate verification process, candidates will be provided with the Admission Kit and the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) PGD-SCM Handbook.

Scholarship Support

Participants in the PGD-SCM program may be eligible for scholarship support based on their academic performance in each Interactive Learning and Experiential Term. The scholarship is intended to encourage consistent academic excellence throughout the program.

This academic support is available only to students who clear all subjects in their first attempt without any backlogs.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program are well-equipped to pursue careers across diverse sectors, including development organizations, agribusiness enterprises, cooperatives, and government agencies. They can take up roles such as management trainees, project managers, operations managers, research analysts, and program coordinators. The program prepares students to contribute effectively to both corporate and social sectors.

Placement Support

ASCI provides structured placement support through its dedicated placement cell, which maintains strong linkages with industry and institutional partners. Students receive guidance in resume building, interview preparation, and career planning. Regular interactions with industry professionals and recruiters ensure that students are well-prepared for employment opportunities. The institution has a track record of facilitating placements across diverse sectors.

Accommodation

Hostel: The campus provides on-site hostel facilities with double occupancy, non-air-conditioned rooms. Separate accommodations are available for female students, ensuring privacy and security.

Dining: The campus features comprehensive dining services, offering breakfast, lunch, and dinner at designated hours. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options are available, catering to diverse dietary preferences. Non-residential students can also avail themselves of these dining facilities on a payment basis.

Clubs & committee

Startup' club: Students will gain exposure to entrepreneurial eco-systems startups and encouraging innovation and idea generation.

Media club: Media Club ensures coverage of all academic and cultural events on the campus and outside.

CSR club: CSR Club aims to inculcate social responsibility among individuals for the benefit of the society.

Cultural and sports club: This Club strives to ensure maintaining the rich diversity of the student community by organizing various cultural and sports events.

Admission Eligibility

Who Can Apply

- Recent Graduates aspiring to build careers in Collective Enterprises, Cooperatives, FPOs, Agri-business, and Rural Development.
- Sponsored Graduates supported by Government, Non-Government, Development, or Community-based Organisations.
- 15% seats reserved for the Armed Forces Personnel and their wards with 5% Rebate on the Tuition Fee.
- Sponsored Employee Graduates currently working in Collective Enterprises, Cooperatives, NGOs, Producer Companies, or Promotional Agencies seeking professional advancement.

Essential

- * Graduates from any discipline are eligible.
- * Preference will be given to graduates from Agriculture and Allied sectors.
- * Minimum CGPA of 5.00/10.00 or 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent).
- * Valid score for admission to PG management education for the batch 2026-27 in any one of the following common entrance exams: CAT, MAT, CMAT, ATMA, GMAT, or XAT or those conducted by respective State Governments.

For Final-Year Students

- ◆ Candidates in the final year of their Bachelor's degree should provide GPA/Percentage of Marks obtained at least up to the Third Year (in case of a four-year program) and the Second Year (in case of a three-year program).
- ◆ Candidates in the final year may apply, provided they furnish evidence of meeting the minimum eligibility criteria by September 2026.
- ◆ Final-year candidates should have completed all graduation requirements before the commencement of the program in July 2026.

Academic Diversity

PGD SCM program encourages academic diversity and prefers candidates with a background education and/or work experience in:

- Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied sectors
- Dairy Science, Dairy Technology, Veterinary Sciences
- Food Sciences and Food Technology
- Science, Engineering, Commerce
- Arts and Social Sciences

Please Note:

If selected, candidates failing to meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be required to withdraw from the program.

The fees paid by such candidates will be forfeited unless Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) fills the vacant seats through new admissions.

Selection Criteria

Component	Weightage (%)
Common Admission Test Score (CAT/MAT/CMAT/ATMA/GMAT)	40
Minimum CGPA of 5.00/10.00 or 50% aggregate marks (or equivalent) in graduation	30
SCM Aptitude Test / Group Processes	15
Admission Interview	15
Total	100

The PGD-SCM program will have multiple rounds of selection based on the pool of applicants. The above criteria will be applied for each round. A separate merit list will be prepared for each round of selection.

Admission Process

Step 1: Registration and Payment of Application Fee

Fill out the online registration form using the link - <https://forms.gle/Wse5Li5impccTxqE7>

Step 2: SCM Aptitude Test

The SCM Aptitude Test will be conducted online after successful registration.

Step 3: Admission Interview

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an Admission Interview, either in person or online, along with additional group processes, if any.

Step 4: Selection

Provisional admission will be granted to selected candidates. The offer letter will be sent via email and post.

Step 5: Commitment Fee

Selected candidates are required to pay a Commitment Fee of Rs. 50,000 to confirm provisional admission.

Program Fee

The PGP-SCM program is designed to be accessible and inclusive, particularly for candidates committed to working in the sustainable collective enterprises ecosystem.

Fee Structure and Instalment Plan

Component	Amount (₹)	Timeline
Admission Fee	50,000	To be paid Within 7 days of admission confirmation
1st Instalment	1,00,000	At the beginning of Term I
2nd Instalment	1,50,000	At the beginning of Term II
3rd Instalment	1,00,000	At the beginning of Term III
Total Program Fee	4,00,000 (INR)	

The hostel charges for residential students are Rs. 1,80,000 and are additional to the program fee for double occupancy. The charges are inclusive of catering and food provision while on campus and are to be paid along with the fee instalments.

Notes:

- Selection and admission of the candidates is subject to fulfillment of eligibility criteria and conditions. The Fees paid by such candidates who failed to meet the eligibility criteria and conditions will be forfeited.
- All fee and charges paid are non- refundable.

Fees can be paid by: Scanner / UPI ID / Account Transfer.

UPI ID: ADMINISTRATIVESTAFFCOLLEGE@SBI

Bank Account Deatils

Account Number: 62090698675

Beneficiary Name: Administrative Staff College of India

IFSC Code: SBIN0020063

Bank Name: State Bank of India

Branch Address: Bella vista Branch, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500082

All online transaction details shall be sent as an email to card@asci.org.in



Important Dates

Activity	Date
Admissions Open	31-May-26
Last Date for Applications	30-July-26
Admissions Processes	15 June 2026 - 30 July 2026
1 st Installment Program Fees	On or Before 30 July 2026
1 st Installment Hostel Charges	On or Before 30 July 2026
PG Diploma in Sustainable Collectives Management Program	
Induction and Remedial	27 July 2026 - 31 July 2026
Interactive Learning Term-1	03 Aug 2026 - 17 October 2026
Vacation	18 October 2026 - 25 October 2026
Experiential Learning Term -1	26 October 2026 - 20 November 2026
Interactive Learning Term -2	22 November 2026 - 09 January 2027
Vacation	10 January 2027 - 17 January 2027
Interactive Learning Term -2 contd.....	18 January 2027 - 26 February 2027
2nd Installment Program Fees	On or Before 31 January 2027
2nd Installment Hostel Charges	On or Before 31 January 2027
Experiential Learning Term -2	01 March 2027 - 30 April 2027
Interactive Learning Term -3	03 May 2026 - 10 July 2027



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