

**Report on
The National Interaction-cum-Evaluation Workshop
Organized by
ENVIS, MoEFCC, GoI**

Venue:- WWF, New Delhi

Date:-17-20 February, 2016

The National Interaction-cum-Evaluation Workshop for ENVIS Centers was held on 17-20 February 2016 at WWF, New Delhi. WWF-India, New Delhi organized the Workshop on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt of India.

Dr. Bharat Jain, Member Secretary, GCPC and Envis Coordinator and Ms. Priyanka Joshi, Information Officer, GCPC-ENVIS participated and presented the Activities & Achievements for the year 2014-2015 of GCPC-ENVIS.

Day 1:- 17th February, 2016

Venue: - Hotel ASHOKA, New Delhi.

The programme started with inaugural session. Hon. Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt of India was Chief Guest of the programme. Mr. Ashok Lavasa, IAS, Secretary, MoEF&CC, GoI, Mr. Ravi Singh, Secretary General & CEO WWF India, Dr. Anandi Subramaniam, Senior Advisor, MoEF&CC, GoI were present on dias.





Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the Environment Information System (ENVIS) portal at the Inaugural function. After Launching, the ENVIS Portal, the Minister said that “the challenge before ENVIS is to find out new ways to reach out to people and how to popularize science and sustainable practices”. Shri Javadekar emphasized the need to continuously upgrade each ENVIS centre. He also mentioned that the Government is keen to protect nature and also ensure sustainable development.



The Minister also distributed the award to the best State ENVIS Centre and award for the best Thematic ENVIS centre. The winners were Forests, Environment & Wildlife management Dept, Sikkim and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. On the occasion, Secretary, MoEF&CC, Shri Ashok Lavasa said that people in India have always had a spiritual belief in nature. The Secretary underlined the need to make ENVIS more relevant by providing an analytical database to enable and assist well-informed decision making. Shri Lavasa added that the Ministry wants to create a vibrant network and associate all research organisations, institutions and NGOs working in the field of environment. He also underlined the need to involve more people in environment, particularly in the field of waste management.

Dr. Anandi Subramaniam, Senior Advisor, MoEF&CC, GoI welcomed the participants and gave details of four days programmes.

After this, exhibition of all ENVIS center's publications and posters were inaugurated. Shri Prakash Javadekar with all dignitaries visited individual stall of respective ENVIS centers. Shri Prakash Javadekar asked some questions related to publications and gave suggestions on various Environmental topics. Hon'ble Minister also visited GCPC-ENVIS stall. Hon'ble Minister also asked how many industries have come up willingly to adopt CP. Dr. Bharat Jain, Member Secretary, GCPC & ENVIS Coordinator replied that may be only 1%, industries are convinced, Hon'ble Minister advised that we should work hard for awareness among industries to adopt CP. Dr. Bharat Jain mentioned that, in Gujarat, the demand of this proactive tool of CP is slowly increasing. He briefed the activities of GCPC & GCPC-ENVIS. He also mentioned that the Gujarat Industrial Policy 2015 is providing financial assistance for implementation of Cleaner Production.



This is the first time that the National Workshop of ENVIS was organized in the Capital-New Delhi. Senior Economic Adviser, MoEF&CC, GoI, Ms. Anandi Subramanian and Shri Ravi Singh, Secretary General and CEO, WWF, India addressed the gathering. Shri Abhay Kumar, Deputy Economic Adviser, ENVIS delivered the vote of thanks.

After lunch, Evaluations of the centers were began in three parallel sessions in venue-1, venue-2 and venue-3 from 1.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

The evaluation of GCPC-ENVIS centre began post lunch. Dr. Bharat Jain, Member Secretary, GCPC & ENVIS Coordinator gave brief introduction of the host institution GCPC as an ENVIS centre. He also informed the concept of cleaner production. Ms. Priyanka Joshi, Information Officer, GCPC-ENVIS gave the online demonstration of the GCPC-ENVIS website and briefed each module and segment of the website. Also, latest Newsletter and various publications were shown to the experts. After presentation, experts asked many questions related to data updation and gave suggestions to improve the basic information. The Experts and the officials of the ENVIS Secretariat appreciated the contents and format of the GCPC-ENVIS website.

Following points were suggested by the experts such as:-

- To upload more information on the thematic area in the Hindi or Gujarati language.
- To upload more information in Kid's corner.
- To upload more information on cleaner production and clean technology.

Dr. Bharat Jain assured to improve the content of website.

At the end of the first day Evaluation Session, vote of thanks given by experts.



Day 2 & 3:- 18th – 19th February, 2016.

Venue:- Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

On Second day, the evaluations of the centers were carried out in three parallel sessions in venue-1, venue-2 and venue-3 between 10.00 am to 5.30 pm. Experts pointed some valuable comments and suggestions to ENVIS centres. Also, exhibition demonstrating the publications and posters was on going for second and third day of the event. At the end of the second and third day Evaluation Session, vote of thanks given by experts.



Day 4:-20th February, 2016

Venue: - Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi.

The fourth day started with demonstration of Indian State-level Basic Information Database (ISBEID). Also, “BHARAT MAPS” designed and developed by Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communication & Information Technology and National Informatics Centre (NIC) was demonstrated.

Open discussion - interaction was carried out between all ENVIS centers, Experts and officials of ENVIS secretariat. The Road Map of ENVIS for the year 2016-17 was highlighted by Dr. Anandi Subramaniam, Senior Advisor, MoEF&CC, GoI. The workshop concluded with a thought-provoking session by experts who shared their observations and suggestions followed by

the comments of coordinators of each ENVIS Centers. Shri Kumar Rajnish, ENVIS Secretariat personally thanked all the senior coordinators for spending their valuable time for the workshop.
