

# **National Workshop of ENVIS Centres: Summary Evaluation and Roll out of the revamped ENVIS Scheme, 17-18 March 2017, Gandhinagar**

## **17<sup>th</sup> March**

MoEF & CC has organised annual evaluation workshop at Gandhinagar. ENVIS team- Ashoka Ghosh, Milan Soni and Karuna Chauhan participated.

Welcome address was delivered by Shri Yashvir Singh, Economic Adviser, MoEF & CC briefed about present ENVIS scheme. Dr Anandi Subramaniam Senior Economic Adviser started her opening remark with "either perform or perish." She said "Every scheme should have a sunset date and an outcome review - the framework of evaluation for each Scheme would be on 'Input-Output-Outcome-Impact' (IOOI) basis." After the XII Five Year Plan, the medium term framework for schemes and their sunset dates will become coterminous with the Finance Commission Cycles, the first one being the remaining Fourteenth Finance Commission period ending 2020.

Shri S K Chaturvedi additional PCCF and additional secretary Gujarat Ecological Commission (GEC) talked about GEC and ENVIS centre.

Shri Arvind Agarwal additional chief secretary, Forests & Environment Dept informed about role of state government schemes for environment.

Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, secretary, MoEF & CC awarded best thematic ENVIS Centre to Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and ENVIS Centre: Tamil Nadu State of Environment.

Shri Arvind Agarwal released publications/books, CD, and mobile apps of select ENVIS centres. CD of CERC centre on 'An organic food guide for Consumers' and 'Knowledge Product – Seven e-books compiled by CERC-ENVIS centre' is also released by him.

Shri Ajay Narayan Jha delivered inaugural address. He emphasised on the new scheme "Saansad Adarsh Gramin Yojana" launched by PM and asked all centres to involve this yojana with agenda of ENVIS scheme for analysis of the data and more awareness of the scheme. Now ENVIS Secretariat will act as South Asian Environmental Knowledge Hub and all ENVIS centres will assist to develop repository of all environment related information at one platform. ENVIS Secretariat will disseminate information to SAARC countries. He asked all centres to partner in implementation of environmental activities under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and for achieving Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) and Sustainable Development Goals.

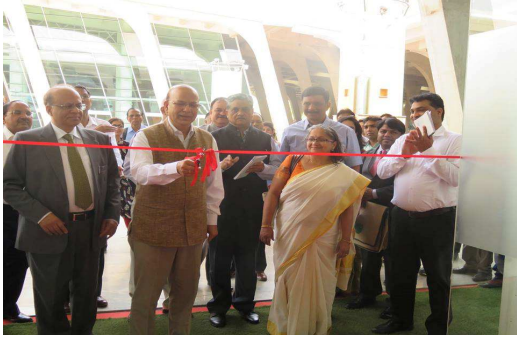
Vote of thanks delivered by Shri Amit Vashishta, Scientist C, MoEF & CC.

**Inauguration of workshop by  
Shri Ajay Narayan Jha  
Secretary, MoEF & CC**



**Launch of CD on 'An organic food guide for Consumers'  
and  
'Knowledge Product': Seven e-books**





**Shri Ajay Narayan Jha inaugurated the exhibition and visited to stall of each centres and interacted with ENVIS members.**



**Annual Activities presented by each centre**



Each centre presented their activities in three slides giving information on activities done during 2016-2017 and annual plan of activities from April, 2017 to March, 2020

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Shri Yashvir Singh, Economic Adviser, MoEF & CC gave presentation on proposed revamping of the ENVIS Scheme.

- There should be a sunset date for each scheme. The year 2016-17 is the last year of XII Five Year Plan. From 2017-18 the scheme will be on project mode. It will be till 2019-2020. It will be coterminous with the Finance Commission Cycles, the first one being the remaining Fourteenth FC period ending 2020. The framework of evaluation for each scheme would be on 'Input-Output-Outcome-Impact' (IOOI) basis.
- It is to be reviewed for the rationalisation of schemes to suit needs of Ministry after three years.
- Presently ENVIS Scheme is under Umbrella Scheme 'Environmental Awareness, Protection and Monitoring'. From 2017-18, ENVIS Scheme is placed under Umbrella Scheme 'Decision Support System for Environmental Policy, Planning and Outcome Evaluation'.
- Now State centres are named as ENVIS PLUS Hubs (E+Hubs) and thematic centres as Resource Partners (ERPs).

### **Mandate for E+Hubs and ERPs**

- Advised to set up in-house independent monitoring mechanism
- Facilitate/Monitor achievement of SDGs/INDCs, other international agreements/negotiations etc.
- Strengthen in-house capabilities
- Expand into new and emerging themes
- Partnering for Green Skill Development

### **Proposed Mandate - ENVIS Resource Partners**

- Repository of Environmental Knowledge: Maintain and update subject-specific database, produce value-added products such as:
  - ❖ Educational-kits on various themes including international protocols/conventions/agreements
  - ❖ Environmental videos, photo bank, mobile Apps, CDs
  - ❖ Case studies, success stories and directories of information on State/regional/National level
  - ❖ Compendium, abstracts and journals, research papers etc.
- Monitor and map districts (divided into grids of 50 km x 50 km) on identified parameters in a phased manner.
- To partner in implementation of environmental activities under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and for achieving INDCs and SDGs.
- To assist ENVIS Secretariat in building South Asian Environmental Knowledge Hub
- Other activities in project mode - value eco-system services and calculate Green GDP at District/State level; estimate carbon generation, carbon sequestration, GHG emissions etc.

**Proposed Funding Pattern (2017-18 to 2019-20) for ENVIS Resource Partners**

- Recurring Grant (for 2017-18 only)
- Provision of one Additional Staff (2017-18)
- Increment in Manpower, Others and Travel Head (2017-18)
- Project Mode (2018-19 & 2019-20)

All proposals are subject to approval of the Steering Committee, headed by Secretary, EF&CC and Integrated Finance Division, Department of Economic Affairs.