



ENVIS Center Sikkim

(On Status of Environment and Related Issues of Sikkim)

Forest, Environment, Wildlife Management
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Introduction

Realizing the importance of Environmental Information, the Government of India, in December, 1982, established an Environmental Information System (ENVIS) as a plan programme. The focus of ENVIS since inception has been on providing environmental information to decision makers, policy planners, scientists and engineers, research workers, etc. all over the country.

Since environment is a broad-ranging, multi-disciplinary subject, a comprehensive information system on environment would necessarily involve effective participation of concerned institutions/ organizations in the country that are actively engaged in work relating to different subject areas of environment. ENVIS has, therefore, developed itself with a network of such participating institutions/organizations for the programme to be meaningful. A large number of nodes, known as ENVIS Centers, have been established in the network to cover the broad subject areas of environment with a Focal Point in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

What is ENVIS

ENVIS is a decentralized system with a network of distributed subject oriented Centers ensuring integration of national efforts in environmental information collection, collation, storage, retrieval and dissemination to all concerned. Presently the ENVIS network consists of Focal Point at the Ministry of Environment and Forest and ENVIS Centers setup in different organizations/establishments in the country in selected areas of environment. These Centers have been set up in the areas of pollution control, toxic chemicals, central and offshore ecology, environmentally sound and

appropriate technology, bio-degradation of wastes and environment management, etc. ENVIS focal point ensures integration of national efforts in environmental information collection, collation, storage, retrieval and dissemination to all concerned.

Objectives of ENVIS Centers

1. Long-term objectives :

- to build up a repository and dissemination centre in Environmental Science and Engineering;
- to gear up the modern technologies of acquisition, processing, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information of environmental nature; and
- to support and promote research, development and innovation in environmental information technology.

2. Short-term objectives.

- to provide national environmental information service relevant to present needs and capable of development to meet the future needs of the users, originators, processors and disseminators of information;
- to build up storage, retrieval and dissemination capabilities with the ultimate objectives of disseminating information speedily to the users;
- to promote, national and international cooperation and liaison for exchange of environment related information;
- to promote, support and assist education and personnel training programmes designed to enhance environmental information processing and utilization capabilities;
- to promote exchange of information amongst developing countries.

Responsibilities of ENVIS Centers:

- building up a good collection of books, reports and journals in the particular subject area of environment;

- establishment of linkages with all information sources in the particular subject area of environment;
- responding to user queries;
- establishment of a data bank on some selected parameters relating to the subject area;
- coordination with the Focal Point for supplying relevant, adequate and timely information to the users;
- helping the Focal Point in gradually up an inventory of information material available at the Centre; identification of information gaps in the specified subject areas and action to fill these gaps;
- bringing out newsletters/publications in their subject area for wide dissemination.

The ENVIS Sikkim Center

This center is functioning under Forest, Environment and wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim.

Subject Area

“Status of Environment and Related Issues of Sikkim.”

Location

The Center has been established at the Ground Floor of the Annex- III, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok 737 102.

Administration

The center is functioning under the over all administration of the PCCF-cum-Secretary, Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department, with the supervision and guidance of Additional PCCF, Conservator of Forests of Environment sector. The day to day affairs of the ENVIS center are being managed by Divisional Forest Officer, Environment and Pollution Control Division, who is also the Programme coordinator for ENVIS Sikkim Center. There are two project staff working under the center to look after the needs of

collection, compilation, database development, updating of information on the database and in websites, etc.,

Web site:

The ENVIS Sikkim center has launched a website with the domain name of www.sikkimenvis.org. The website contains information on environment related issues including, forest and forestry, status of environment , land and water, wildlife, biodiversity, ecotourism, sericulture, etc., . The web site also contains various reports and publications in addition to the legislations on forest and environment. Various programmes relating to forest and environment implemented in the state of Sikkim also being included.

New Letter

There is proposal to publish a news letter from the ENVIS center on the latest happenings on environment.

Library

A department library has been transferred under ENVIS contains some of the older collections of books, reports and pamphlets. It is proposed to strengthen this library to cater to the needs of information.

For More Details Contact

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