

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION, AWARENESS, CAPACITY BUILDING AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME (EIACP)



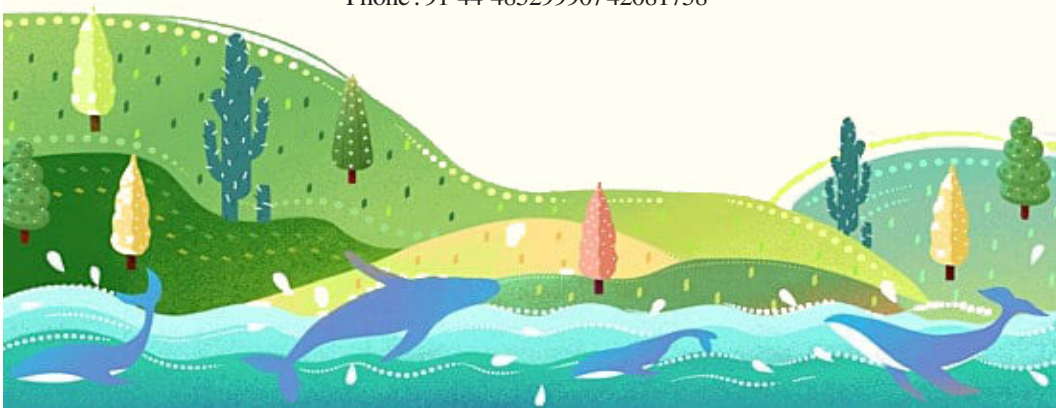
C.P.R. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE CPREEC - EIACP PC RP ON “CONSERVATION OF ECOLOGICAL HERITAGE AND SACRED SITES OF INDIA”

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C.P.R. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (CPREEC)

is a Centre of Excellence in Environmental Education is jointly established by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and the C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation, Chennai.

The Centre has been set up to increase consciousness and knowledge about the environment and the major environmental problems facing the country today. It has been conducting a variety of programmes to spread awareness and interest among teachers, women and youth, on all aspects of the environment and ecology, with the purpose of promoting conservation of nature and natural resources.

Introduction

The ENVIS Centre at CPREEC was established in April 2004 by the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India and assigned the responsibility for being the focal point for the thematic area of **Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India**.

The Environmental Information System (ENVIS) came into existence as a plan programme in 1983. ENVIS has been subsumed within the revamped scheme of Environment Education, Awareness, Research and Skill Development. ENVIS is renamed as EIACP (Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme).



ENVIS Centre at CPREEC was awarded as the best ENVIS Centre in 2006 and won the Second prize at National level EIACP Evaluation in 2025.

Objectives

The Objective of setting up a centre on the Ecological Traditions of India is to :

- ❖ Collect information on the various components of India's ecological traditions.
- ❖ Collect the published materials in the form of books, booklets, research papers, etc. on the ecological traditions
- ❖ Develop a database of ecological traditions on selected parameters
- ❖ Updation information online on website
- ❖ Disseminate this information to the whole world

Areas of Emphasis

The EIACP Centre at CPREEC focuses on the thematic area of "Conservation of Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India".

The following aspects of ecological heritage are emphasized :

- ❖ Sacred Animals
- ❖ Sacred Plants
- ❖ Sacred Gardens
- ❖ Sacred Forests
- ❖ Sacred Mountains
- ❖ Sacred Rivers
- ❖ Sacred Cities/Sites
- ❖ Sacred Seeds
- ❖ Sacred Caves
- ❖ Sacred Waterbodies
- ❖ Green Pilgrimage



CPREEC EIACP PC – RP has already published books on the *Ecological Traditions of the sixteen (16) states of India*, The Centre has, over the years, promoted and encouraged communities to adopt local traditions, practices and rituals that possess ecological significance.

The Centre also focuses on eco-restoration, conservation, creation of environmental assets and advocates the sustainable use of natural resources. The Centre has restored several degraded sacred groves in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

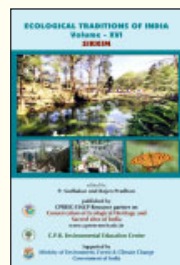
The Centre has also documented sacred groves/ forests (10,470), sacred gardens (64), sacred plants (94), sacred animals (57), sacred rivers (33), sacred water bodies (365), sacred mountains (203), sacred cities/sites (234), sacred seeds (10), sacred caves (209) and green pilgrimages (20), traditional ecological knowledge (44) and UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India (40) till date.

Publications

- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Assam
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Andhra Pradesh
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Goa
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Gujarat
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Jharkhand
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Karnataka
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Kerala
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Maharashtra
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Meghalaya



- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Odisha
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Punjab
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Rajasthan
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of Sikkim
- ❖ Ecological Traditions of West Bengal
- ❖ Sacred Plants of India (Penguin India)
- ❖ Sacred Animals of India (Penguin India)
- ❖ Sacred Groves of India - a Compendium
- ❖ Sacred Tanks of South India
- ❖ Temple Tanks of Chennai
- ❖ Sacred Trees of Tamil Nadu
- ❖ Sacred Groves of Tamil Nadu



EIACP Newsletter

The EIACP Centre brings out a quarterly newsletter called ECOHERITAGE.COM containing information on the various topics, book-reviews and surveys.



GREEN SKILL DEVELOPEMENT PROGRAMME (GSDP)

GSDP Courses conducted by CPREEC EIACP :

- ❖ **Micro-Entrepreneur – NTFP (Non Timber Forest Produce) Plant Origin: Coconut Shell and Fibre Handicrafts**



- ❖ **Micro-Entrepreneurship—NTFP (Non-Timber Forest Produce) Bamboo Crafts Training**



Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment

Mission LiFE is to nudge individuals to undertake simple acts in their daily lives that can contribute significantly to climate change when embraced across the world.



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