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C.P.R. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (CPREEC) is a Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, established jointly by the Ministry 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, NGOs, women and youth, on all aspects of the environment and ecology, with the purpose of promoting conservation of nature and natural resources.

Introduction

Environmental Information System (ENVIS) is a decentralized system with a network of subject-oriented centres ensuring integration of national efforts in environmental information collection, collation, storage, retrieval and dissemination to all concerned. The principal target groups of ENVIS are decision makers, policy planners, scientists and engineers, research workers, and students. It was established by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India in December 1982 with an aim of providing easy access to environment related information.

In keeping with this aim, C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC), Chennai has been identified as network partner. The ENVIS CENTRE at CPREEC was established in April 2004. The centre functioned as an ENVIS node between 2002-2004.

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 ENVIS 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 Gardens
- ◆ Sacred Forests
- ◆ Sacred Mountains
- ◆ Sacred Rivers
- ◆ Sacred Waterbodies
- ◆ Sacred Plants
- ◆ Sacred Cities/Sites
- ◆ Sacred Seeds
- ◆ Sacred Caves
- ◆ Green Pilgrimage

Resources

- ◆ The C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre library has over 6000 books relating to various environmental subjects.
- ◆ The ENVIS CENTRE has a collection of 615 articles from various books, journals, newspapers and magazines on the different components of Ecological Traditions of India.
- ◆ There are nearly 70 books on the Ecological Traditions of India.
- ◆ There is a fair collection of audio and video cassettes.
- ◆ These are supported by State of the art IT equipment.

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 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



Newsletter

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

Website



The website on Conservation of Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India provides a decentralized system using a network of database to ensure integration of national efforts in information relating to the subject. Database have been created on the different subtopics.

The Website can be browsed at
www.cpreecnvis.nic.in