

**Name of the Centre** : ENVIS Centre on “Eastern Ghats Ecology”

**Host Organisation** : Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

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**Year of Establishment** : 1994

## About Host Organisation

The Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI) was setup in 1982 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with the support of Government of India and technical collaboration from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency - SIDA to extend training, consultancy and applied research services in the area of environment protection to industry, regulatory bodies, government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) etc. ENVIS center was established at EPTRI in 1994 on Eastern Ghats Ecology. This is one of the most environmentally threatened regions in India with its unique flora, fauna, microbes, water, soil, geology, the tribal population, etc



## Activities of the Centre

The main activity of EPTRI-ENVIS is to collect, store and disseminate information on Eastern Ghats that may be of interest to the line departments, scientists, researchers, industries, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders.

- Update the bibliographic database on Eastern Ghats.
- A list of experts on ecology of the Eastern Ghats on Ecology was prepared and database on the same was developed.
- A resources database is under preparation covering a range of about 1500 parameters of the recommended UNEP GRID Format.
- Three issues of the Newsletter “The Eastern Ghats” were released .
- As a follow up action on the charter for Eastern Ghats Conservation, a proposal entitled “Strengthen the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Activities for the Eastern Ghats of India” through EPTRI was prepared and submitted to UNEP for UNEP-EPTRI joint project of capacity building.
- At EPTRI a National Seminar on Conservation of Eastern Ghats was held on March 24-26, 2002 at Tirupati as a sequel to the Seminar held in 1998 at Visakhapatnam.
- A website was launched (<http://www.envis-eptri.org>) for ENVIS - EPTRI that was uploaded on January, 2002.
- The repository of information is thus being continuously strengthened and acts as a referral Centre.

## ENVIS Publications

- **ENVIS Newsletter**

- ◆ The center publishes newsletter – The Eastern Ghats.

- **Publications**

- ◆ **Reports**

- ◆ National Seminar on Conservation of Eastern Ghats
- ◆ Tirupati Statement on the Charter for Conservation of Eastern Ghats (In the International Year of the Mountains)
- ◆ Report on Training Programme “Web-based Systems Development & Database Management” 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Novemebr 2002, Hyderabad

- ◆ **Monographs**

- ◆ The center published a monograph on the basis of 125 abstracts received for National Seminar on Conservation of Eastern Ghats (held on March 24-26, 2002 at Tirupati)

- ◆ **Other Publications**

- ◆ The proceedings of the National Seminar on Conservation of Eastern Ghats held on March 24-26, 2002 at Tirupati along with the ‘Tirupati Statement’ has been published in a volume comprising about 650 pages duly made available on a CD.



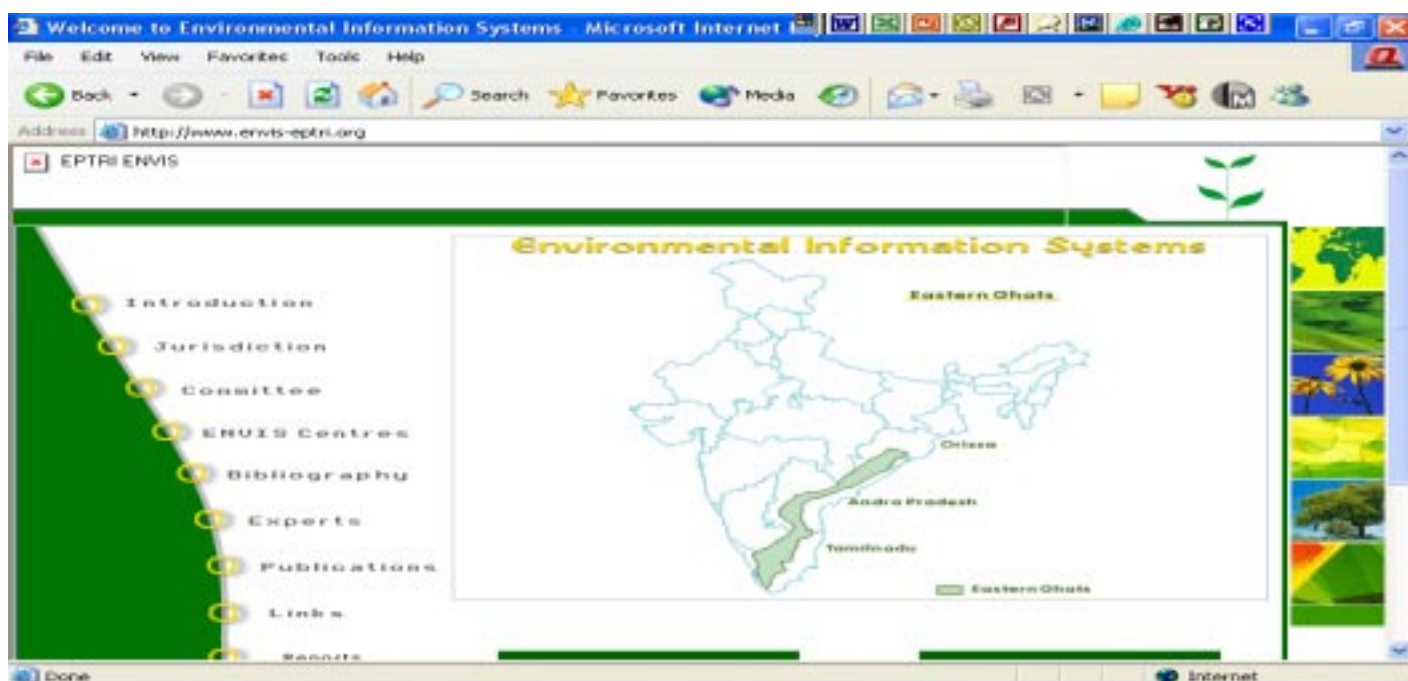
## Services

### ○ Query Answer Services

- ◇ EPTRI responds to requests for information from several user groups on the subject of 'The Eastern Ghats'. Queries received by the center are both national and international which are answered by the experts. Average no. of queries answered by the Center in a year are 400.

### EPTRI Website (<http://www.envis-eptri.org>)

- EPTRI has developed a comprehensive and interactive website on "The Eastern Ghats" for providing a quick access to its various stakeholders to the information on the theme. The Website contains information on jurisdiction, ENVIS Coordination Committee, uplink for ENVIS Centres is also provided. Bibliographic database and database on experts is also available online with search facility by title, author, year etc. Current Newsletter is accessible. Links to other website on the assigned subject area is also given.



## Future Plan

- Compendium of articles on fauna, flora and medicinal flora of Eastern Ghats to be brought out as a priced publication or in installments through the Newsletter
- Newsletter will focus on microbial, meteorological, other ecological biodiversity of Eastern Ghats. It must include articles of classical/historical importance, emphasis will be laid on news-based rather than article based inputs and introduction of an editorial committee to monitor inputs

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- Select & summarise a list out of the approximately 1500 UNEP GRID parameters for Resource Database
  - Create links with the website of the Ministry, AP Pollution Control Board, ERNET and NIC Portal of the Government
  - Advertise the website through 'ENVIRO NEWS' & 'PARYAVARAN ABSTRACTS'