

Name of the Centre : **ENVIS Center on Ecotourism**

Host Organisation : **State Council of Science & Technology for Sikkim (SCSTS), Gangtok, Sikkim**

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Year of Establishment : **2001**

About Host Organisation

The ENVIS Centre on Eco-tourism in the State Council of Science and Technology for Sikkim, an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Sikkim was the outcome of the desire expressed by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Pawan Chamling during the meeting on Environmental Information Systems held by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in June 2000 at Gangtok, Sikkim.

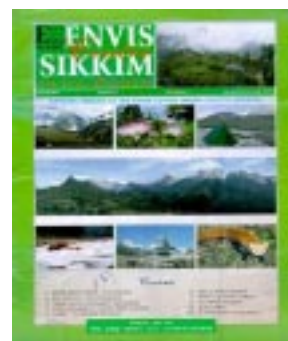
Activities of the Centre

- SCSTS collects, collates, compiles, processes and analyzes information on Ecotourism for the purpose of dissemination. Large number of reports, documents and monographs are collected by the Center. A reference library on the subject of Ecotourism has been developed.

ENVIS Publications

- ENVIS Newsletter

- ENVIS newsletter is being published biannually since 2001 which provides information on ecotourism emphasising current status.



Services

○ **Abstracting Services**

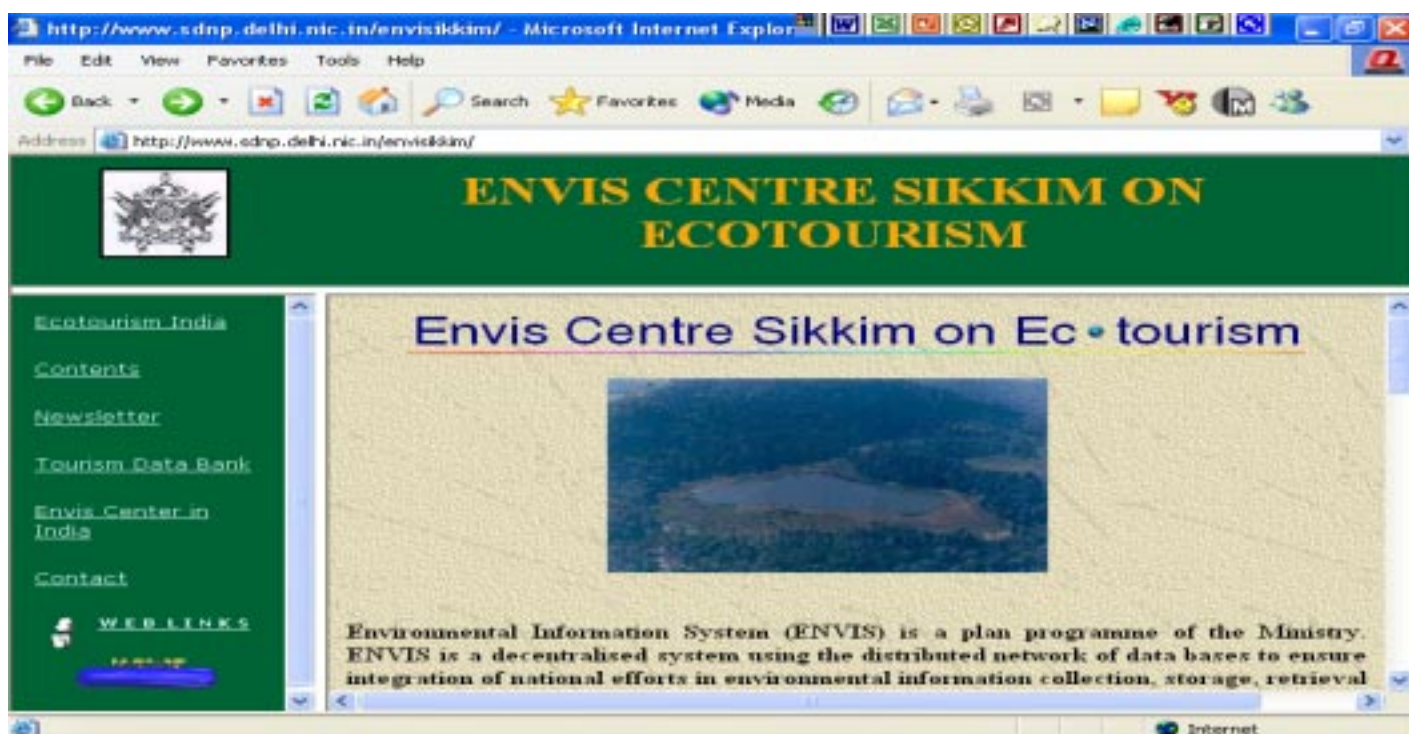
- ◆ The service is being currently provided and will be continued as a printed version. Around 5000 bibliographic references on animal biodiversity and ecology have been stored for catering service to the users.

○ **Query Answer Services**

- ◆ The ENVIS centre responds to various requests for information from several user groups on the subject of “Ecotourism”. During the year, on an average 150 queries are answered.

SCSTS Website (<http://sdnp.delhi.nic.in/envisikkim>)

- SCSTS has developed a comprehensive and interactive website on “Ecotourism” for providing a quick access to its various stakeholders to the information on the theme. The website of the centre on Ecotourism contains information collected from various primary and secondary sources. A databank on tourism is online. This databank gives information on the no. of domestic and foreign tourist visiting Sikkim. The site gives in detail the places of tourist interest in Sikkim and other states of North East India.



Future Plans

- ⦿ The center will continue with ongoing activities.
- ⦿ A website on Ecotourism will be developed in Nepalese language.
- ⦿ A directory on Ecotourism destination will be developed by the Center.
- ⦿ The site would be updated with the following information:
 - ◆ Code of conduct for Eco-tourist
 - ◆ An introduction to Ecotourism
 - ◆ List of Hill resorts, Beaches, protected areas with detailed information regarding ecotourism.