

Name of the Centre : ENVIS Centre on “Non-Government Organisations, Media and Parliament matter related to Environment”

Host Organisation : World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF), New Delhi

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About Host Organisation

WWF-India was established as a charitable Trust in 1969. It is the largest and one of the most experienced conservation organizations in the country. It is not only the country's largest voluntary body in the field of conservation, it has also grown into a network with a countrywide presence. It has taken on diverse activities in the field of nature protection-ranging from education and capacity building, to field projects in biodiversity, to enviro-legal action, to policy studies and advocacy, to even areas such as religion and conservation.



Activities of the Centre

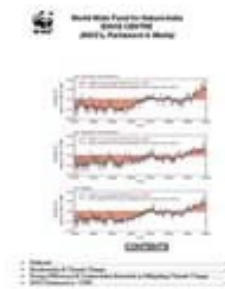
The Centre has compiled information on the Environmental NGO's in India, Audiovisuals on the Environment, Expertise in the Environmental Sciences, Pollution Monitoring Facilities & Campaign support Services available with NGO's & Environment in the Indian Parliament. Data relating to environmental

NGOs, Parliamentary questions and media clippings are stored in computerized databases. The parliamentary questions from both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha related to environmental matters for the calendar year 2000-2001 have been compiled subject wise and are stored in the computerized database. Apart from this, the data for the year 2002 is also being compiled. Under Media and Environment, the Centre is continuing the monitoring & classification of environment related news & feature items in the print media. The task of revising the Environmental NGOs database was stored in early 2002. Questionnaires were prepared for distribution to NGOs across the country. A digital map of Delhi was prepared which was integrated with a database of 270 NGOs in using GIS technology.

ENVIS Publications

○ ENVIS Newsletter

- ◆ The Centre publishes its newsletter on “Non-government Organisations, media and Parliament matter related to Environment” since 2002 on quarterly basis.



○ Publications

- ◆ List of Publications brought out so far
 - ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament (1980-83): An Analysis
 - ◆ Wildlife in the Media (1983)
 - ◆ Energy in the Media (1983)
 - ◆ Pollution in the Media (1983)
 - ◆ Bhopal in the Media (1983) (December 4, 1984 to February 28, 1985)
 - ◆ Forests in the Media (1984)
 - ◆ Wildlife in the Media (1984)
 - ◆ Energy in the Media (1984)
 - ◆ Pollution in the Media (1984)
 - ◆ Environment in the Print Media (1984)
 - ◆ Environment Coverage on AIR and Doordarshan: A Survey of English Programmes Broadcast/Telecast from Delhi (1984)
 - ◆ Environment in the Media (January to June 1985)
 - ◆ Activities and Progress of Environmental NGOs in the USA

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- ◆ Wastelands in the Media (1985)
 - ◆ Media Perceptions on Environment
 - ◆ Pesticides and the Environment: A Bibliography for NGO Activists
 - ◆ Alternate Media for Environmental Communication: A Workshop Report
 - ◆ Environmental Services Group, World Wildlife Fund-India: Reference Books and Documents (April 1986)
 - ◆ Directory of Environmental NGOs in India
 - ◆ Selected Advertisements on Environment from Indian Newspapers/Magazines
 - ◆ Directory of Audio-visuals on Forests and Forestry
 - ◆ Professional Profiles in Social Forestry: A Limited Survey
 - ◆ Wetlands - Status and Management in India: An Overview
 - ◆ Directory of Audio-visuals on the Environment
 - ◆ Directory of European Environmental NGOs
 - ◆ Environment in the Print Media
 - ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament: Lok Sabha (1984)
 - ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament: Rajya Sabha (1984)
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 - ◆ Directory of Indian Expertise in the Environmental Sciences
 - ◆ Directory of NGOs Working on Pollution Monitoring and Control
 - ◆ Directory of Indian Expertise in the Environmental Sciences
 - ◆ Environmental NGOs in India: A Directory (1992)
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- ◆ Audio-visuals on the Environment: A Directory
- ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament (1980-89): An Analysis
- ◆ NGOs and the Narmada - A Study of the Campaign Against the Dam
- ◆ Environmental NGOs in India: A Directory (1994)
- ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament: Lok Sabha (1990)
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- ◆ Environmental NGOs in India: A Directory (1999)
- ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament: Lok Sabha (2000-2001)
- ◆ Environment in the Indian Parliament: Rajya Sabha
- ◆ ENVIS Centre activities in WWF-India – vol. 1 No. 1 (October-December 2002)
- ◆ Some important NGO's in the field of Environment GIS in India vol. 1 No. 2 (January-March, 2003)
- ◆ Global Warming vol. 1 No. 3 (April-June, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 1 (May, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 2 (June, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 3 (July, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 4 (August, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 5 (September, 2003)
- ◆ Environment in the Print Media - vol.1 No. 6 (October, 2003)

Services

○ **Query Answer Services**

- ◆ The center with the help of WWF-India Communication Division provide information support to media professionals on specific environmental issues. The Centre makes regular responses to various national and international queries on the subject area. Average number of queries handled per year are 350.

WWF Website (<http://www.wwfenvis.org>)

- The ENVIS Centre site on Non-Government Organisations Media and Parliament Matter Related to Environment features the introduction and objective of the Centre. The News items are collated from different sources. Gist of different cases pertaining to environment have been called out from national level newspapers and put up under the Case Studies section. It also features cases pending with different courts and summaries of landmark cases in environment. Media reports on different aspects of environment have also been put up as a different section. The Event section lists all the environment-related events happening in India and abroad. The Newsletter is also made online. The site has database on list of NGOs working on environment, nature protection and sustainable development and on questions raised in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on environment and sustainable development issues.



Future Plans

- Production of a monthly media reports newsletter
- Subject wise detailed database and State specific Case Studies/issues relevant for Indian Parliament to be uploaded in the website
- Information dissemination on Parliaments of the world and role of environment
- Production of CD-ROMs of NGO Directory and Query based database on NGOs and Parliament based questions (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha) subjectwise.
- A proposal to develop digital maps of selected areas of the country linked with a NGO database will be submitted for future work to the MoEF.