

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 6th October, 2015 released the 10th edition of the Directory of "Environmental NGOs in India- 2015", at a function organized by the MoEF&CC at Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Directory of Environmental NGOs in India, now in its 10th edition, contains a list of NGOs in all the States and Union Territories working towards environmental protection, conservation and awareness. It has been compiled by Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Centre, WWF-India on behalf of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). The database covers all relevant and useful information catalogued under various appropriate heads including minute details like the total strength of the permanent as well as part-time staff, number of members and geographical coverage in addition to the general information comprising the Name, Address, Status (registered/ Non-registered, Trust/ Society/ Group), and the commencement of activities. In view of the size involved, the full publication including the entire state-wise table is being brought out in electronic format on a CD and the same is also uploaded on the ENVIS Centre website www.wwfenvis.nic.in for wider accessibility.

MoEFCC is the nodal agency in the administrative structure of the Central Government for the planning, promotion, co-ordination and overseeing the implementation of India's environmental, forest and climate change policies and programmes.

The main concerns of the Ministry are implementation of policies and programmes relating to conservation of the country's natural resources including its lakes and rivers, its biodiversity, forests and wildlife, ensuring the welfare of animals, and the prevention and abatement of pollution. While implementing these policies and programmes, the Ministry is guided by the principle of sustainable development and enhancement of human well-being. We believe that this principle could only be achieved if all stakeholders participate actively in its implementation. Community based organisations including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) play an important role in supplementing the efforts of the Government in achieving all round environment protection & Sustainable development.

NGO Cell has been set up in the Ministry to handle various matters relating to NGO's work in diverse field of environment. The basic functions of the Cell are:

- Collection and dissemination of information to various NGOs.
- Liaison with the NITI Aayog and other Government Ministries to create a database of various NGO's working in the field of environment and the associated areas.

The scope of coverage has increased with every edition. The directory would find good use with voluntary groups, government agencies, libraries, researchers, aid agencies, the media and educational institutions.