

Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)-ENVIS

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About GSDP

Most vocational training programmes focus on mechanical/technical skills rather than 'soft' or 'green' skills. Green skills contribute to preserving or restoring environmental quality for sustainable future and include jobs that protect ecosystems and biodiversity, reduce energy and minimize waste and pollution. In line with the Skill India Mission of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) utilising the vast network and expertise of ENVIS Hubs/RPs, has taken up an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and/or self-employment, called the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP). The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development, which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs), as well as Waste Management Rules (2016).

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Background

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Opportunities

The candidates completing the Course(s) may be employed gainfully in the zoos/wildlife sanctuaries/national parks/ biosphere reserves/ Botanical Gardens/Nurseries/wetland sites/ State Biodiversity Boards/Biodiversity Management Committees/Wildlife Crime Control Bureau; industries (involved in production/ manufacturing of green products, as ETP operator); tourism (as Nature/Eco-tourist Guides), agriculture (as organic farmers/ green practitioners), education & research sectors as well as engage in waste management (in Municipal Corporations/ Councils/Urban Local bodies to advise on how to improve sewage, sanitation, land use services/ tackle pollution), water management, construction related areas, etc. Some of the courses enable the candidates to become self-employed.

Achievements

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Glimpses of Launch of GSDP-ENVIS Mobile App under ENVIS Scheme held on Monday, 14th May, 2018 at 12 noon by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi.





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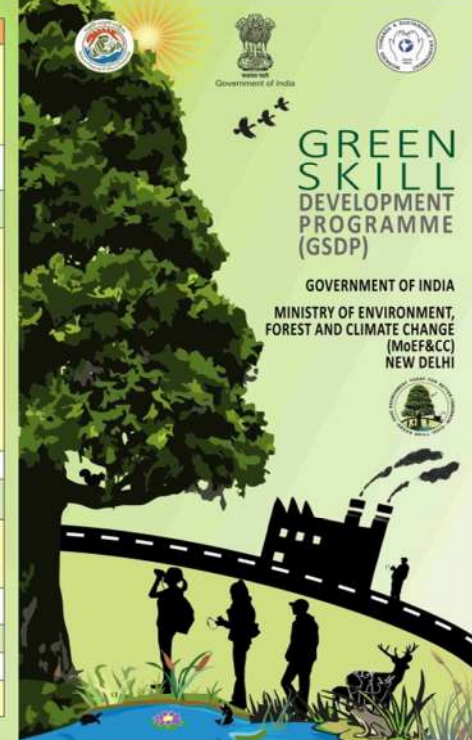
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Proposed Certificate Courses/Training programmes under GSDP for Master Trainers (MTs)/ Specialists to commence in July, 2018

Sl No.	Title of Certificate Course with required Minimum Qualification	ENVIS Hubs/RPs and Institutions/Entities concerned	Prospective Employment Opportunities in
1.	Value addition & marketing of NTFPs (Plant Origin) (a) Lantana Furniture and Crafts (b) Coconut Shells & Fibre Handicrafts (c) Bamboo Crafts (d) NTFP Products / Medicinal Plants (i.e. b, c) / No minimum qualification, (d) Class 12th Pass)	1. AFRI, Jodhpur (d) 2. BNHS, Mumbai (c) 3. CSF, AVV, Coimbatore (a,d) 4. DoE&F, Ranigar (c,d) 5. DoE&F, Kavayati (b) 6. FRI, Dehradun (c,d) 7. F&ED, Ranchi (c)	Self-employment / Master Trainer
2.	Community based conservation of Mangroves Ecosystem (Class 10th Dropout)	1. CASMB, Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu 2. GEC, Gandhinagar 3. BSI, Pune	Govt./Nurseries/Forest Departments
3.	Value addition & marketing of NTFPs (Animal Origin) (a) Wild Bee Keeping and Processing (b) Lac & Tassar Cultivation (Class 10th Pass)	1. ASTEC, Guwahati (a) 2. IFR, Ranchi (b)	Self-employment / Master Trainer
4.	Nature Conservation & Livelihood (a) River based - Ganga Prashat (b) Nature Interpretation (c) Eco-tourism (d) Scuba Diving for marine life conservation # (Class 10th pass)	1. WII, Dehradun (a, b) 2. DoE&F, Kavayati (d) 3. GBPNHESD, Almora 4. SCSTS, Gangtok (c)	Self-employment / Master Trainer
5.	Quality Planting Material Producer (Class 10th pass)	IFGTB, Coimbatore	Self-employment / Master Trainer
6.	Sustain and Enhance Technical Knowledge in Solar Energy Systems (Class 12th dropout)	1. EPTRI, Hyderabad 4. DoE&RS, J&K 2. TERI, Patna 3. Department of Environment - Chandigarh	Self-employment / Private Firms / Govt. bodies
7.	Propagation and Management of Bamboo (Class 12th Pass)	1. FRI, Dehradun 5. KSCSTE, Thiruvananthapuram 2. HFR, Shimla 6. RFR, Jorhat 3. IFR, Ranchi 7. FRRI, Jabalpur 4. WST, Bangalore 8. F&ED, Ranchi	Self-employment / Nurseries / Botanical Gardens / Master Trainer
8.	Management of Small Botanical Gardens (Class 12th Pass)	1. CPRI&C, Chennai 4. AFRI, Jodhpur 2. FRI, Dehradun 5. YFR, Jabalpur 3. F&ED, Ranchi 6. KSCSTE, Thiruvananthapuram	Self-employment/Nurseries/ Botanical Gardens/Household/ Corporates/ Govt./University campuses
9.	Plantation Techniques and Utilization of Renewable Energy in Arid Zone (Class 12th pass)	ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur	Self Employment / Research Institutions related to the theme
10.	Forest Fire Management (Class 12th pass)	DMI, Bhopal	Forest Departments
11.	River Dolphin Conservation (Class 12th pass)	ZSI, Patna	ZSI / Research Institutions related to the theme
12.	Forest Entomology & Pest Control (Graduate)	1. FRI, Dehradun 3. FRRI, Jabalpur 2. KSCSTE, Thiruvananthapuram	Pest Control Agencies/ Companies/ Forest Departments/ Research Institutions
13.	Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Green GDP (Graduate)	1. BNHS, Mumbai 3. IISc, Bangalore 2. EPTRI, Hyderabad 4. KSCSTE, Thiruvananthapuram	GRIDS/ Research Institutions etc.
14.	Water Budgeting & Auditing (Graduate)	1. ADRI, Patna 2. EPTRI, Hyderabad	Urban local bodies/ Panchayats in rural areas/ Industries/ Water treatment plants/ Research Institutions etc.
15.	Paralegal Practices (a) Forestry Acts and Policy (b) Environmental Law (Graduate)	1. ICFRE, Dehradun (a) 3. NLIU, Bengaluru (b) 2. NEHU, Shillong (b)	Facilitation Centres in State Forest Department/ Law Firms
16.	ETP/STP/CETP Operation and Maintenance (Science Graduate)	1. CEGB, Raipur 3. EPRI, Hyderabad 2. CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur 4. GPCP, Gandhinagar	ETP/STP/CETP Plants in Industries/Municipal Corporations/ Councils/Boards

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17.	Pollution Monitoring : Air and Water Pollution (Science Graduate/ Diploma in Engg.)	1. ADRI, Patna 9. TSPCB, Agartala 2. CPRI, Chennai 10. UPSPCB, Dehradun 3. EPTRI, Hyderabad 11. CPCE-RO, Bhopal 4. ITIIM, Bengaluru 12. CPCE-RO, Bengaluru 5. ITM, Pune 13. CPCE-RO, Kolkata 6. MPCEB, Aizawl 14. CPCE-RO, Lucknow 7. NPCB, Dimaapur 15. CPCE-RO, Shillong 8. Purbuheri PCC 16. CPCE-RO, Vadodra 17. NBRI, Lucknow	CPCEB/SPCB/ Municipal Corporations/ Councils
18.	Laboratory Technicians / Technical Assistants for electrical testing for environmental criteria (ITI (Electrician/Wireman)/ Diploma/Degree (Electrician/Wireman))	CERC, Gujarat	Private firms/Govt. certifying institutions/bodies
19.	Emission Inventory (Graduate / Post Graduate / Engineering background)	ITM, Pune	CPCEB/SPCB/ Municipal Corporations/ Councils
20.	Para-Taxonomy (Including Peoples Bio-diversity Register (PBR)) (Science Graduate only (with Bio Science))	1. ASTEC, Guwahati 15. DoE, Imphal 2. BNHS, Mumbai 16. DoE&F, Ranigar 3. BSI, Kolkata 17. EPTRI, Hyderabad 4. BSI, Allahabad 18. GBPNHESD, Almora 5. BSI, Coimbatore 19. GEC, Chandigarh 6. BSI, Dehradun 20. HIMCOSTE, Shimla 7. BSI, Gangtok 21. IOM, Chennai 8. BSI, Ranigar 22. SACON, Coimbatore 9. BSI, Jodhpur 23. ZSI, Kolkata 10. BSI, Port Blair 24. ZSI, Dehradun 11. BSI, Pune 25. ZSI, Ranigar 12. CASMB, Parangipettai, Tamil Nadu 26. ZSI, Jodhpur 13. CSF, Shubanswar 27. ZSI, Kozhikode 14. DESKU, Nadia, W.B. 28. ZSI, Port Blair 29. ZSI, Pune	GRIDS/ BSI / ZSI / FRI / ICFRE / SACON / Zoos / wildlife sanctuaries/ national parks / biosphere reserves / Botanical Gardens/ Bird Sanctuaries/ Nurseries/ wetland sites/VGCDB Regional Offices/ State Biodiversity Boards/ Biodiversity Management Committees
21.	Bird Identification and basic ornithology (Class 10th Dropout)	1. BNHS, Mumbai 2. SACON, Coimbatore	
22.	Bird Migration and Migration study techniques (Graduate with basic knowledge of birds)	BNHS, Mumbai	
23.	Waste Management using Geospatial Techniques (Science Graduate)	WWF, Delhi	
24.	Monitoring Ecosystem Health using Invertebrates (Science Graduate (Zoology / life sciences))	ZSI, Chennai	ZSI / Research Institutions related to the theme
25.	Plant Tissue Culture Techniques and its Applications (Science Graduate)	1. BSI, Dehradun 5. EPTRI, Hyderabad 2. BSI, Shillong 6. KSCSTE, Tvm 3. BSI, Vengal 7. FRRI, Jabalpur 4. DESKU, Nadia, W. Bengal	Research Institutions related to the theme
26.	Waste Management (Solid Waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic Waste, E-Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste) (Science Graduate)	1. AFRI, Jodhpur 8. F&ED, Ranchi 2. CPRI, Chennai 9. IISc, Bangalore 3. CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur 10. KSCSTE, Tvm 4. DESKU, Nadia, W. Bengal 11. NEHU, Shillong 5. DUJ, Chennai 12. TCE, Madurai 6. EPTRI, Hyderabad 13. FRRI, Jabalpur 7. FRI, Dehradun 14. TSPCB, Agartala	Municipal Corporations/ Councils
27.	Laboratory Assistant for Eco-friendly Food testing (Science Graduate)	1. CERC, Gujarat 2. NIOH, Gujarat	Eco-friendly Food Testing Labs
28.	Cleaner Production Assessment (Science Graduate)	GCPC, Gujarat	Industries
29.	Greenbelt Development for Industries (Science Graduate)	NBRI, Lucknow	Self-employment / Private Firms / Govt. bodies
30.	City Environmental Surveyor (Science Graduate/ B.Tech (Env. Engg.) / B.Planning)	SPA, Delhi	Environmental Cell in States/ UTs/Development Authorities/ Municipal Corporations/ Councils



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The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme titled ENVIS since 1982-83. ENVIS, by providing scientific, technical and semi- technical information on various environmental issues, has served in facilitating policy formulation and environment management at all levels of Government as well as in decision-making aimed at environment protection and its improvement for sustaining good quality of life for all living beings. ENVIS is a decentralized network of 66 centres of which 31 Centres dealing with "State of the Environment and Related Issues" are hosted by State Government /UT Administrations, called ENVIS Hubs and remaining 35 Centres are hosted by environment-related governmental and non-governmental organisations/ institutes of professional excellence, with varied thematic mandates pertaining to environment, called the ENVIS Resource Partners (RPs).

Utilising the vast network and expertise of ENVIS Hubs/RPs, the Ministry for the first time, has taken up an initiative for skill development in the environment and forest sector to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and/or self employment, called the **Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)**. The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development, which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs), as well as Waste Management Rules (2016).

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Green skilling is crucial for making a transition from energy and emissions – intensive economy to cleaner and greener production and service patterns. It also prepares people for green

jobs that contribute to preserving or restoring the quality of the environment, while improving human well-being and social equity. Hence activities under GSDP include process-based green skills such as, monitoring and managing activities such as waste, energy efficiency, impact minimization and assessment, etc. Facilitating the employment/self-employment of the skilled manpower is major goal of GSDP.

Realizing the demand for green skilled youth, the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) has been conceptualised and developed in MoEF&CC in consultation with the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), the nodal agency for synergizing skill development initiatives in the country, under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). All skilling modules would be NSQF compliant. For more information on National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) and Common Norms please follow the link: <http://www.nsda.gov.in/nsqf.html>

2. Present Status: The first GSDP course was formulated for skilling Biodiversity Conservationists (**Basic Course: 3 months-Completed**) and Para-taxonomists (**Advanced Course: 3 months-Ongoing**) and is running on pilot basis in ten select districts (covering nine bio-geographic regions). The pilot course has received positive feedback from all stakeholders. For more information on Training Module and Success stories please follow the link: <https://goo.gl/PzUTvy>

3. Way Forward: With the success of the pilot programme, the next step is to take the skilling programme to an all India level and for all the courses to commence in July, 2018.

List of courses currently offered along with the prospective employment opportunities and ENVIS Hubs/RPs and Institutions/ Entities imparting the courses is given overleaf. The list is not finite and will be increased depending on the demand for the same.

Master Trainers/Specialists:

The list of the courses indicated above would be carried out by the respective ENVIS Hubs/RPs and Institutions/Entities. To expand the skill development programme at a larger scale, there is a requirement to train a pool of **Master Trainers/ Specialists** who can further train youth across the country. Hence, the Ministry would initially create a pool of master trainers in each of the above mentioned courses. As per the requirement of the skilling programme, Graduates in Science/Arts and even drop-outs would be trained to become master trainers.

These courses would commence from July, 2018 across India. These Master Trainers/Specialists would in turn help in training participants in various States/UTs. These Master Trainers would form the backbone of the entire programme in the years to come. The frequency of conducting each programme in a year would depend on the total duration of each course which would vary from course to course and accordingly the number of skilled persons would increase. Duration of these courses ranges from 80 to 560 hours.

Project Mode: Skilling in Air/Water/Soil Pollution monitoring and management of STP / ETP / CETP operation and maintenance and waste management will be undertaken in project mode in specific stretches of rivers.

Collaborations:

The Ministry has held deliberations with various stakeholders and welcomes any collaboration/ participation/ partnership in the programme from national and international organisations/ institutes/ agencies etc. to build a strong network which can be utilised for green skilling under GSDP for sustainable conservation and management of our natural resources.

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