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Profile of the Centre

The ENVIS Centre 07 at World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF-India) was established on October 27, 1984 under the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Programme of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India. The Centre was assigned the responsibility for being the focal point for information on:

- [NGOs and the Environment](#)
- [Parliament and the Environment](#)
- [Media and the Environment](#)

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From the Desk...

Dear All,

Continuing the theme of the previous issues, the present issue provides relevant information on non-governmental organizations, parliamentary deliberations on environmental issues and important activities carried out in the recent past by various institutes/universities and organizations.

The ENVIS centre has been collecting and compiling information about NGOs working in the field of environment. This issue contains an article on peoples' participation in governance through the support and mobilization activities of NGOs. The various activities and involvement of NGOs as reported in the print media during October-December 2006 has also been highlighted. This information not only helps in gaining an overview of media role and importance in providing information and mobilizing public support but also provides relevant information about the NGOs proactively involved in the field of environmental protection.

The section, Parliamentary discussions on environmental concerns, presents statistical and graphical representations of topic-wise categories of discussions during the Budget and Monsoon sessions (2006) in the Rajya Sabha. The present edition also contains information about workshops/symposia and seminars conducted on environmental issues during October-December 2006. The upcoming events for the period January-March, 2007 are also listed. The significant government initiatives, proposals and decisions as reported by the print media are selectively highlighted as well.

It is hoped that this edition is well received and more importantly will prove to be a useful resource to those interested in environmental conservation.

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People's Participation in Governance - MDS Experience

There is general belief that the common people are mainly responsible for the destruction of natural resources. Bureaucrats are under the impression that the poor who depend on biomass are wholly responsible for the vanishing forests and other natural resources of the country. This belief continues to the present day although there is no available database to support this contention. The attempt to utilize or modify the resources of nature in order to get the maximum production in the agricultural and allied sectors has resulted in the destruction of the environment in several ways. This has led to soil degradation, deforestation, over exploitation and pollution of water sources etc. But man's cultural traditions have always compelled him to show ecological prudence basically making him conservation conscious. The participation of people at large in efforts at eco-restoration or conservation is an attempt on these lines.

Citizens' participation is a process by which the community is able to organize itself and members are involved in identification of the community's needs, share in the design, implementation and evaluation of the participatory action. Thus, there are various elements of participation in decision making at various stages, control and management of funds, share in final produce and ownership. But often the approach of the government projects is "I manage, You participate." This seems to indicate that people's participation has not been expressed in a manner which would establish their rights and responsibilities. People have a role beyond being passive recipients of the benefits of state policies. The involvement of the common man in matters of governance has picked up momentum in the face of increasing destruction of the natural resource base of the country. There are many instances now on record of success stories of peoples' participation and NGO involvement in eco-governance. The Chipko and the Chausar stories are typical examples of this.

People come forward to participate in eco-restoration and governance when they are aware of the issues. Awareness can be self generated or created. NGOs play a critical role in facilitating the awareness creation processes. The knowledge that the common man acquired through the Silent Valley campaign to protect and preserve the Silent Valley rainforest is a very good example of the success of awareness campaigns and proactivism of civil society groups.

An important pre-requisite for awakening people to action is providing people secure rights over the resources

created, for instance, ensuring their access rights and equal share of fodder and tree products from social forestry. Several laws will have to be modified or changed to give the people the right to improve and develop the village natural resource base. NGOs can help in this regard by both playing a watchdog role and supporting the poor in asserting and securing their rights.

The strategy of planning to involve people in development of natural resources and governance should take into account the following:

1. People should be allowed to have a positive role beyond being passive beneficiaries.
2. The first step must be conscientization and mobilization.
3. Local people's indigenous knowledge should be tapped in designing mass action.
4. Wherever local leadership is lacking or too weak to initiate action, the local NGO with established credibility should provide leadership and act as a facilitator.
5. Information on rights, privileges and responsibilities should be made available to the community well in advance and NGOs can bridge the gulf.
6. People should be assured of their legitimate rights of possession and accessibility over resources created.
7. Ideas of conservation have to be delivered in the context of socio-economic and cultural relations. These aspects should be studied thoroughly and various concerns and possibilities identified.
8. The facilitating NGO must have orientation training in human behavior sciences which will offer a wide scope in bringing their attitudinal adjustments in line with a community.
9. Well established and reputed NGOs should be permitted by the Government to associate with government programmes and projects of eco-governance.

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Environmental Education, NGOs and Media

The level of awareness about environmental concerns and the mobilizing of public opinion form the basis for any effective policy on the environment. The three main components of awareness generation are the **direct campaigns for education, involvement of NGOs, and media involvement** in information dissemination. These three components are critically interlinked and greater emphasis in one component naturally impacts the other components. Environmental education places a major emphasis on the critical analysis of environmental issues through collecting, collating and interpreting information. There is a vital need to make the public understand that all policy decisions especially those on environment related issues have a deep impact on their lives and those of future generations. In this context, it is the media which plays a crucial role in educating and fostering an environmentally conscious citizenry. The mass media has a vital role in informing, educating and shaping public opinion in addition to affecting policy decisions. Familiarizing the common man with complex environmental and development related issues through agents like the media will promote proactive and sustained public participation in government conservation policies thereby furthering timely and appropriate action on sustainable development.

The ENVIS Centre has divided the environmental issues into 18 subjects. Each subject has its own area of coverage and the news clippings have been categorized according to these subjects. The list of subjects and areas of coverage is provided below.

SUBJECT	AREA OF COVERAGE
Agriculture	Biofertilizers, Crops Viability, Jhum Cultivation, Soil Fertility, R & D on Agriculture
Alternative Technologies	Renewable Energy, R&D on Alternative Technologies, Application of GIS & Remote Sensing, Eco-friendly Techniques
Biosafety	Gene Revolution, Genetically-Modified Foods and Impacts on Ecology
Climate Change and Meteorology	Debates on Climate Change, Indicators like Glaciers, Temperatures etc, Clean Development Mechanism, Green House Effect, Other Climatic Phenomena
Disaster Management	Natural Calamities, Mitigative Measures, Man-Made Hazards and Safety Procedures, Rehabilitation & Resettlement
Energy Studies	Power, Transmission and Distribution Loss, Sustainable Energy Management
Environment and Forest Trade Issue	Environmental Goods, Forest Certification, Eco-tourism, Sustainable Development
Environmental Conservation	Biodiversity, Environmental Policies and Law, Environment in the Indian Parliament
Environmental Education, NGOs and Media	Awareness Campaign on Environment, Media's Role, Non-formal Education, Funding Schemes, NEAC
EIA	Impacts of the Industries Categorized under the EIA Notification and Other Industries like Tourism with Similar Impacts, Eco-Industries & Cities
Forest Conservation	Forest Fragmentation, Clearances, Timber Smuggling, Forest Policies and Law, Social and Agro-forestry, Tribal Rights, Projects and Funds
Freshwater and Marine Conservation	Riparian Ecology, Reservoirs, Ocean Ecology
Health and Sanitation	Community Health, Disease Control and Eradication, Occupational Hazards
Medicinal Plants	Ethno-Botany, Indigenous Knowledge
Pollution	Chemical Waste, Pollution-cause and abatement, Solid-Waste Management, Waste Utilisation
Water Management	Interlinking of Rivers, Rainwater Harvesting, Watershed Management
Wildlife Management	Poaching, Diplomatic Trade on Wildlife, CITES, TRAFFIC, Condition of Animals in Zoos, Circuses
Miscellaneous	International Conventions like WTO, Intellectual Property Rights/Patents etc.

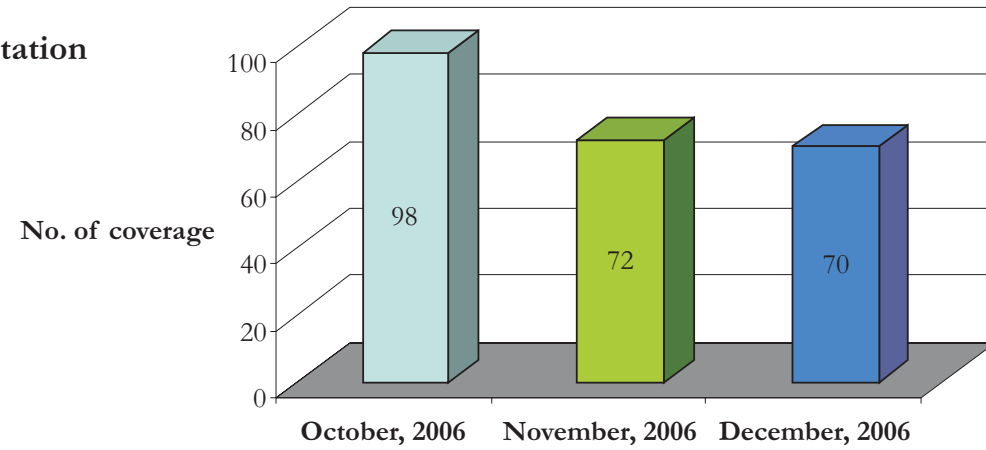
The month of October, November and December saw a large coverage of news under the subject area, Environmental Education, NGOs & Media. The detailed information is available at the ENVIS Centre at WWF-India.

The presentation of the trends of the news for the months of **October-December, 2006** is based on the areas covered by the subject area, Environmental Education, NGOs and Media.

Statistical Information

Months	No. of coverage
October, 2006	98
November, 2006	72
December, 2006	70

Graphical representation



Trends for the month of October, 2006

Date	Name of Publication	Place of Publication	Title
1/10/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Environmental competition
2/10/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	24 turtles rescued in a raid, two arrested
2/10/2006	The Pioneer	Lucknow	Wildlife Week inaugurated
4/10/2006	Hindustan Times	Mumbai	Greenpeace wants state to alter power plans
4/10/2006	Indian Express	Chennai	Educating rural students on environment
4/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Environment film fest
4/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	NGO to implement WB- aided watershed drainage scheme
4/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Children can play key role in biodiversity conservation
4/10/2006	National Herald	New Delhi	Scientists meet in Goa on global warming
4/10/2006	National Herald	New Delhi	NGO patrolling to save turtles
4/10/2006	Greater Kashmir	Srinagar	In Wildlife Week, people beaten for seeking safety of wild animals
5/10/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Govt gears up for disaster management
5/10/2006	Hindustan Times	Jaipur	World Wildlife Week
5/10/2006	National Herald	New Delhi	Wild animals cause Rs. 375 Crore loss
5/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Tree plantation programme by NGO
5/10/2006	Greater Kashmir	Srinagar	Wildlife Week 2006
6/10/2006	Times of India	Ahmedabad	Indian co wins suit against Greenpeace
6/10/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Bio gas
6/10/2006	Greater Kashmir	Srinagar	Paper Animals, Plastic Trees I
6/10/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	Youth for conservation
6/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Environment and wildlife traveling film Festival inaugurated
7/10/2006	The Hitavada	Nagpur	"Vultures' extinction alarming"
7/10/2006	Tehelka	New Delhi	Indian Tiger falls prey to Chinese aggression
7/10/2006	Hindustan Times	Patna	Song, dance contest marks Wildlife Week
7/10/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Film festival to focus on man- environment conflicts
7/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Book on zoo animals to be released soon
7/10/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Need for biodiversity conservation stressed
7/10/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Symposium on wildlife protection
7/10/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Water resource secretary not in Indo- Pak talks
7/10/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	CM's residence offers 'nature trail' for children
8/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Documenting the woes of wildlife
8/10/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Waste management: NGO cries foul over tendering
8/10/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	You too have a role
8/10/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Whale Sharks
8/10/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Champion on tiger conservation
9/10/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Stamps focus on endangered birds
9/10/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Wildlife

9/10/2006	Asian Age	Nai Duniya	Steps taken to protect tiger habitats
9/10/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Conservationists' sigh with relief as forum bans ivory sale in Africa
9/10/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Tracking the fire Cat
11/10/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Camp on 'solid waste management' held
12/10/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	Global Wildlife mafia
13/10/2006	Hindustan Times	Mumbai	ENGAGEMENTS
14/10/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Another move to harvest rainwater in GK- 1
14/10/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	Conserve environment
14/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	NGO bid to create model neem villages
14/10/2006	Daily Excelsior	Jammu	Symposium on environment pollution organized
15/10/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	A treat for wildlife lovers
15/10/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Solar amenities way above sea
15/10/2006	The Hitavada	Nagpur	'Anti- poaching units must to conserve wildlife'
16/10/2006	Indian Express	Mumbai	NGO ropes in teachers, holds 'World Ozone Day'
16/10/2006	The Tribune	Guwahati	Seminar discusses impact of solid waste on ecology
16/10/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Call to give Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary a global identity
16/10/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	Chandigarh is greenest city in India: Report
16/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	A threat to the environment
17/10/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Forest dept made resource agency for awareness campaign
17/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Demonstration to save bird- frequented Satrajaan wetland
17/10/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	8 new tiger reserves
17/10/2006	The statesman	New Delhi	Live life thumb- size
18/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Eye opener for Exnora
18/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Solid waste management project profitable
18/10/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	World Wildlife Day observed
18/10/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Seminar on solid waste management held
18/10/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	Save Tiger: An Exhibition
18/10/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	World congress on environment
19/10/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Rare turtles seized in city
19/10/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	An effort towards a 'Clean' Diwali
19/10/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Birds rescued; two arrested
19/10/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	48 rare turtles rescued from butcher's knife
19/10/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Mission Diwali
19/10/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	Save Tiger, Save forest
20/10/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	India bags two Pandas at Bristol wildlife film fest
20/10/2006	Political & Business Daily	New Delhi	Indians win Green Oscars
20/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Talk on biodiversity values held
21/10/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Notices to Cong, TDP for using animals in rallies
21/10/2006	Indian Express	Mumbai	4 leopard skins recovered
21/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Environment & Wildlife film fest on Nov 24-26
21/10/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	The role of NGOs
22/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Help make Guwahati a cleaner city
23/10/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	Pollution down this Diwali: CPCB
23/10/2006	Financial Express	New Delhi	NGO develops model for 2 nd Green Revolution
23/10/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Trees subjected to vandalism: survey
24/10/2006	Business Standard	New Delhi	In the public good
25/10/2006	Free Press Journal	Mumbai	Greenpeace loses legal battle against chem. cos
25/10/2006	Financial Express	New Delhi	People living far beyond planet's means: WWF report
25/10/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	WWF warns of dire impact of world's over-consumption
25/10/2006	DNA	Mumbai	People power takes on thermal power
26/10/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Greenpeace loses suit against firm
27/10/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Wildlife cell calls animal lovers to turn crime- busters
27/10/2006	Times of India	Ahmedabad	Green activist creates magic in arid land
27/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Canadian NGO for harnessing power without disturbing nature
27/10/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	'Tree plantation a must for ecological balance'
28/10/2006	Indian Express	Mumbai	Greenpeace told to pay Rs 48 lakh damages to 2 Gujarat chemical units
31/10/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	State level Mogli Utsav on wildlife protection from Nov 2
31/10/2006	Indian Express	Chandigarh	Disaster Management lessons for Himachal's special children
31/10/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	OIL to clear doubts on environment
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1/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	ICSSR workshop on flood, river erosion
1/11/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Henkel to contribute 20,000 euros for environment management centre
2/11/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Disaster Management Day observed in Jorhat
2/11/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Organization, NGOs urged to protect Manas National Park
3/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	NEP, Yale & publishers launch online cess to research in the environment
3/11/2006	Indian Express	Mumbai	\$ 100-mn Waste management plan
3/11/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	NGOs: reform Montreal Protocol
4/11/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Film festival on environment begins
4/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Delhi's children to save environment
4/11/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Environment laws workshop for safety managers
4/11/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Students to make lakes 'healthy'
4/11/2006	The Hitavada	Nagpur	Wastechem -06 Seminar Today
5/11/2006	DNA	Mumbai	Police shuffle on hold
5/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	"Natural resources are vanishing"
5/11/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Twins' tryst with films on wildlife
8/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Workshop on State environment today
9/11/2006	Mid Day	New Delhi	Endangered orangutans flee forest fire
9/11/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Panel recommends Capital overhaul underground to improve sewage system
10/11/2006	The Statesman	Kolkata	Buddhadeb inaugurates wildlife week
11/11/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Greenpeace helps destroy GE rice field
11/11/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	Workshop on environmental issues concludes
11/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	City lacks scientific solid waste management system
12/11/2006	Hindustan Times	Mumbai	Indian for progress at green cost
12/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	'Environment be damned'
14/11/2006	Deccan Herald	New Delhi	Ecosystem will collapse if plunder continues
14/11/2006	Political & Business Daily	New Delhi	Eco activist dies in road mishap
14/11/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Notice on new tiger reserve
15/11/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Children's day out with CM
15/11/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Global warming could wipe out birds
16/11/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Birds facing catastrophe: WWF
16/11/2006	Financial Express	Mumbai	Wildlife law adds to woes of tigers
16/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Japan to hunt whales anyway
16/11/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Diesel-run vehicles raise city's pollution levels
16/11/2006	Mid Day	New Delhi	Elephant Polo faces opposition
18/11/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	NGO for withdrawal of clearance
18/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Elephant polo match ignites row
18/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	China draws flak over resuming tiger parts trade
18/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	A smoggy, choking winter ahead
19/11/2006	Hindustan Times	Jaipur	Environmental change lead to rise in diseases: Ganguly
19/11/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Their art beats for the wild
21/11/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Delhi's illegal turtle bay
22/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Painting for the tiger
22/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Children will paint to save the tiger
22/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Workshop on tiger conservation
23/11/2006	Greater Kashmir	Srinagar	Bio-diversity initiatives of BGSBU hailed
23/11/2006	Indian Express	Chennai	WWF to educate students on wildlife conservation
23/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	XBOX
23/11/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	Hang up on Ganga
24/11/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	'Yamuna has only sewage, not water'
24/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Environment film fest from today
25/11/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Water awards announced
25/11/2006	Sahara Time	New Delhi	Three wild elephants electrocuted in Assam
25/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Children come face to-face with live cobra, baby croc
25/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Films highlight environment, wildlife issues
26/11/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Greenpeace to scorch Bengal
26/11/2006	National Herald	New Delhi	Meet to discuss strategy on checking poaching
26/11/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Workshop on sanitation systems
26/11/2006	Greater Kashmir	Srinagar	Dal looking for Life

26/11/2006	Deccan Chronicle	Hyderabad	Greenpeace takes aim at TN
27/11/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Rs. 1.35 crore for animal welfare
27/11/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Chipko Movement to save 155-year-old building trees
28/11/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Expo on environment education
28/11/2006	Deccan Chronicle	Hyderabad	Green activists see red in N- plant
28/11/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	Evergreen School gets CSE award
29/11/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Call of the world
29/11/2006	Indian Express	Chandigarh	Mini-micro hydel projects a threat to biodiversity?
29/11/2006	Mid Day	New Delhi	Quizzing for nature's sake
30/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	PCBA training on biomedical waste handling organised
30/11/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	CEE workshop lays stress on tiger conservation
30/11/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Warming Panda
30/11/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	Pollution on the rise in Delhi: CSE

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1/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Children are environment ambassadors: Sheila
1/12/2006	The Tribune	New Delhi	Sheila urges youth to help protect environment
1/12/2006	Hindustan Times	Mumbai	Indonesian villages versus wild elephants
2/12/2006	Sahara Time	New Delhi	Green/ Ground Scan
3/12/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Drive to clean up Dal, Nigeen lake environ
4/12/2006	Indian Express	Chandigarh	Largest pesticide firm fights environmental groups using cash, clout and cartoons
5/12/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Nature therapy
5/12/2006	Economic Times	New Delhi	Teri to sell Oil Zapper through US-based co
6/12/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	Ecocity: A mirage that needs life
6/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Chhattisgarh rediscovered for you
6/12/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Self-Styled NGO encroaches on wildlife sanctuary for gypsum extraction
7/12/2006	Mumbai Mirror	Mumbai	Greenpeace arm-twists Taj into reviewing power usage
8/12/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	'Earth Heroes' bag ABN- Amro awards
8/12/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	Green ink
8/12/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Films
8/12/2006	DNA	Mumbai	Earth heroes take a bow
10/12/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Workshop on "Disaster management in museums." JU
10/12/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	Nature park brings hope to some of China's endangered species
11/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Nod for report on environment
13/12/2006	Political & Business Daily	New Delhi	WWF trains youth to become guides
13/12/2006	The Statesman	New Delhi	The evolution of complexity
13/12/2006	Indian Express	Chandigarh	Environmental activists turn heat on firm, police
13/12/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	WWF distributes uniforms to Van Vihar workers
14/12/2006	Political & Business Daily	New Delhi	Is it Green X'mas in Europe?
14/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Court seeks response to sewer project
15/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Bhopal gas victims getting sub-standard drugs: NGOs
15/12/2006	Times of India	New Delhi	Screening
16/12/2006	Indian Express	Chennai	Business Brief
17/12/2006	Deccan Herald	Bangalore	'We need rational targeted subsidies'
17/12/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	To revive a dying art, charmers bring songs of the snakes to Capital
17/12/2006	The Sentinel	Guwahati	CM releases SoE report
17/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	A Lifeline for Villagers
18/12/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Meet on 'Environment and community'
18/12/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	Rapid industrialization threatening Cuddalore's ecology, warns NGO
18/12/2006	Assam Tribune	Guwahati	Disaster management workshop held at Jorhat RRL
18/12/2006	Today	New Delhi	Fashionable Defenders
18/12/2006	Economic Times	New Delhi	Environmental Education, NGOs and Media
18/12/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Don't let the drop drop
18/12/2006	National Herald	New Delhi	IFFCO wins three energy conservation awards
18/12/2006	The Hitavada	Nagpur	MOIL bags first prize in energy conservation
19/12/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Designs for the endangered ones
19/12/2006	Daily Excelsior	Jammu	WWF apprehensive about impact of Tribal Rights Bill

20/12/2006	Times of India	Ahmedabad	'Old Turkey Buzzard'
20/12/2006	Business Line	New Delhi	Pesticides body ties up with NGOs
20/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	52 new species discovered on Borneo Island
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20/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	WWF finds 52 new species in Borneo
20/12/2006	DNA	Mumbai	52 new species discovered
20/12/2006	The Hindu	Chennai	A species bonanza from Borneo
20/12/2006	Daily Excelsior	Jammu	Forest Deptt formulates two mega project for resource management
21/12/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Energy conservation: Easy way to bridge the gap
21/12/2006	Asian Age	New Delhi	Wildlife conservation gets glitzy makeover
21/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Bio-drains to reduce pollutants
21/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Dress up for a wild cause
21/12/2006	The Pioneer	Lucknow	Designs for the endangered ones
22/12/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	Environmental quiz contest today
22/12/2006	Indian Express	New Delhi	India, China team up to study glaciers
22/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	On the banks of the Yamuna
23/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	The way artists have responded to climate change
23/12/2006	Sahara Time	New Delhi	Changing their lives
24/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Madhya Pradesh tribals protest against Wildlife Protection Act
24/12/2006	The Pioneer	New Delhi	Cola-teral damage
24/12/2006	Central Chronicle	Bhopal	'Stop use of polythene for environment sake'
28/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Kalam's appeal to young scientists: Save the environment
29/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	Maharashtra 'outsources' toxic e-waste to Delhi
29/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	New Discoveries
29/12/2006	The Hindu	New Delhi	Capturing wildlife
29/12/2006	Kashmir Times	Jammu	Quake relief; NGOs make quick money
30/12/2006	Hindustan Times	New Delhi	We need our Greens
30/12/2006	Daily Excelsior	Jammu	WWF celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity

Further details about the news items presented above may be obtained from the ENVIS Centre.

Activities carried out by various Environmental NGOs during the period October-December, 2006

The information about NGOs' activities has been gleaned from clippings on environment from 70 national and regional newspapers and 40 magazines across the country. These clippings are documented and classified according to identified subjects for easy and quick accessibility.

Activities during October, 2006

Name of the NGO	Activity(s)	Place	Source of Information (s)*
People's empowerment mission	Drive to clean up Dal Lake	Srinagar	The Asian Age
Society For Wildlife and Nature (SWAN)	Awareness programmes in rural schools	Bangalore	Deccan Herald
Greenpeace	Greenpeace activists push Taj hotel into reviewing power usage	Mumbai	Mumbai Mirror
WWF	WWF trained youths to become guides	Pong Dam (H.P)	Political and Business Daily
Himalayan Niti Abhiyan Samiti (HNAS), Jan Jagran Morcha	Debate with Government over SEZ	Shimla	Indian Express
WWF	WWF Distributed uniforms to Van Vihar workers	Bhopal	Central Chronicle
Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Stationary Karamchari Sangh, Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Purush Sangarsh Morcha, Bhopal Group For Information and Action, Bhopal Ki Awaaz	NGOs claim gas victims getting sub-standard drugs	Bhopal	The Hindu
Greenpeace	Greenpeace activist demonstrated outside Apple store in Manhattan	Manhattan	Business Standard
WWF INDIA	WWF organized fashion show with Satya Paul to raise funds	New Delhi	Today, The Times Of India, Hindustan Times, Asian Age
GEER Foundation	Vulture survey	Ahmedabad	The Times Of India

WWF	52 new species discovered in Borneo islands	Borneo	Hindustan Times (Next), The Hindu, Indian Express
The Society for Child Development and Swachha We for Change Foundation (We for Yamuna)	Worked with school children to clean Yamuna	New Delhi	The Hindu
Assam Metal Guild Association	Disaster risk management programme at Sarthebari	Guwahati	Assam Tribune
Centre for Integrated Development	Providing Environment education in rural areas	Bhopal	Sahara Time
Kisan Adivasi Sangathan, Samajwadi Jan Parishad	Protested against the Wildlife Protection Act	Bhopal	The Hindu
International Resources Group WWF	Conducted study on toxic e-waste for Maharashtra Pollution Control Board WWF celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity	Maharashtra Jammu	Hindustan Times Daily Excelsior

Activities during November, 2006

Manas Maozigendri Eco-tourism Society	NGO urged to protect Manas National Park	Tezpur	The Sentinel
WWF INDIA Greenpeace ENVIRON WWF INDIA	Report on vanishing natural resources Greenpeace helped destroy GE rice field Compiled statistics on solid waste management School children spent day with CM under WWF's Green Education Programme	New Delhi Coimbatore Guwahati New Delhi	The Hindu, Deccan Herald Asian Age Assam Tribune The Times of India
WWF Greenpeace Centre for Science and Environment	Climate change to wipe out 72% of bird species Campaign against whale hunting Report on the rise of air pollution in Delhi Environment	New Delhi Tokyo New Delhi	The Times of India, The Statesman Hindustan Times National Herald
PETA, GSPCA, Ranjith for Animals	Protested against elephant polo match	Jaipur	The Hindu
PFA Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) CEE North East WWF Chennai Chapter	Raided slums in search of smuggled wildlife Conducted awareness program for children Workshop on Tiger Conservation Awareness program for school children on wildlife conservation	New Delhi New Delhi Guwahati Chennai	The Pioneer Hindustan Times (NEXT) Assam Tribune Indian Express
Greenpeace	Protested from Hugli Bridge on impact of human-induced climate change	Kolkata	Indian Express
Greenpeace	Intensified its campaign against GM crops	Coimbatore	Deccan Chronicle

Activities during December, 2006

PFA Greenpeace WWF	Raided slums in search of smuggled wildlife Promoted CFL lamps for energy conservation Trained NSS volunteers on environment education	New Delhi Mumbai Chennai	Hindustan Times Hindustan Times Indian Express
The Sipajhar Diamond club Community Centre Theeram Nature Care Society (TNCS)	Plan to implement watershed drainage scheme with World Bank Patrolled Kolavippalam beach to save turtles	Sipajhar Kozhikode	Assam Tribune National Herald
Udeepana Sangha Bombay Natural History Society	Planted 250 trees in Singadaria village Released stamps of endangered bird species	Bokakhat Mumbai	Assam Tribune Asian Age
WWF Apakshya Exnora International PFA & Wildlife SOS CLEAN India Aasra	Sponsored camp on solid waste management Mass plantation of neem trees Tree plantation programmes Seized 48 turtles from the capital Campaign for eco-friendly Diwali Filed petition against using animals in political rallies	Jammu Guwahati Chennai New Delhi New Delhi Hyderabad	Kashmir Times Assam Tribune The Hindu The Times of India, Hindustan Times The Hindu The Tribune
Wildlife SOS National Agro Foundation (NAF)	Seized four leopard skins Developed model for 2 nd green revolution	Andhra Pradesh Chennai	Indian Express Financial Express
NIZHAL Greenpeace	Survey on avenue trees Lost legal battle against United Phosphorus Ltd	Chennai Vapi	The Hindu Free Press Journal

Statistical & Graphical Representation

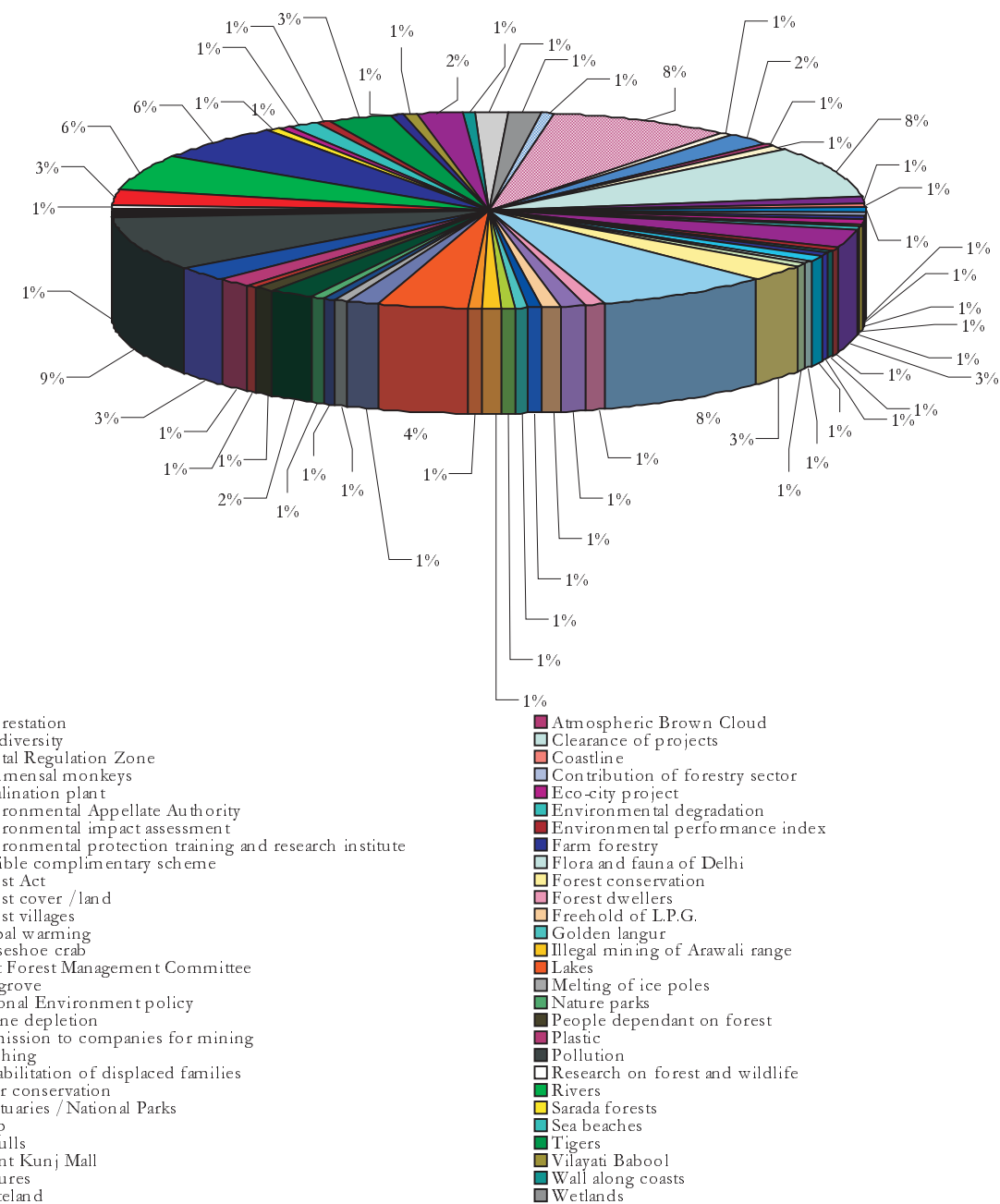
Statistical information on questions addressed in the Rajya Sabha, Budget Session 2006 (20th February, 2006 to 23rd May, 2006) Ministry of Environment and Forests

Source: <http://164.100.24.167/question/qstat/207/page1.htm#FORESTS>

Questions raised in the Rajya Sabha covered a wide range of issues concerning the environment. The highest number of questions was asked on pollution issues during the Budget Session. Other issues recording significant focus pertained to clearance of projects, forest cover and wildlife.

Sl. No.	Subject	No. of Questions asked	No. of Questions orally answered	No. of Supplementaries asked
1.	Afforestation	3	-	-
2.	Atmospheric Brown Cloud	1	1	3
3.	Bio-diversity	1	-	-
4.	Clearance of projects	13	-	-
5.	Coastal Regulation Zone	2	-	-
6.	Coastline	1	-	-
7.	Commensal monkeys	1	-	-
8.	Contribution of forestry sector	1	-	-
9.	Desalination plant	1	-	-
10.	Eco-city project	1	-	-
11.	Environmental Appellate Authority	1	-	-
12.	Environmental degradation	1	-	-
13.	Environmental impact assessment	4	-	-
14.	Environmental performance index	1	-	-
15.	Environmental protection training and research institute	1	-	-
16.	Farm forestry	1	-	-
17.	Flexible complementary scheme	1	-	-
18.	Flora and fauna of Delhi	1	-	-
19.	Forest Act	1	-	-
20.	Forest conservation	4	-	-
21.	Forest cover /land	12	1	4
22.	Forest dwellers	1	-	-
23.	Forest villages	2	-	-
24.	Freehold of L.P.G.	1	-	-
25.	Global warming	1	-	-
26.	Golden langur	1	-	-
27.	Horseshoe crab	1	-	-
28.	Illegal mining of Arawali range	1	-	-
29.	Joint Forest Management Committee	1	-	-
30.	Lakes	6	-	-
31.	Mangrove	2	-	-
32.	Melting of ice poles	1	-	-
33.	National Environment Policy	1	-	-
34.	Nature parks	1	-	-
35.	Ozone depletion	3	-	-
36.	People dependant on forest	1	-	-
37.	Permission to companies for mining	1	-	-
38.	Plastic	2	-	-
39.	Poaching	4	-	-
40.	Pollution	14	-	-
41.	Rehabilitation of displaced families	2	-	-
42.	Research on forest and wildlife	1	-	-
43.	River conservation	4	1	5
44.	Rivers	9	-	-
45.	Sanctuaries /National Parks	9	1	3
46.	Sarada forests	1	-	-
47.	Scrap	1	-	-
48.	Sea beaches	2	-	-
49.	Seagulls	1	-	-
50.	Tigers	4	-	-
51.	Vasant Kunj Mall	1	-	-
52.	Vilayati Babool/precipus juliflora	1	-	-

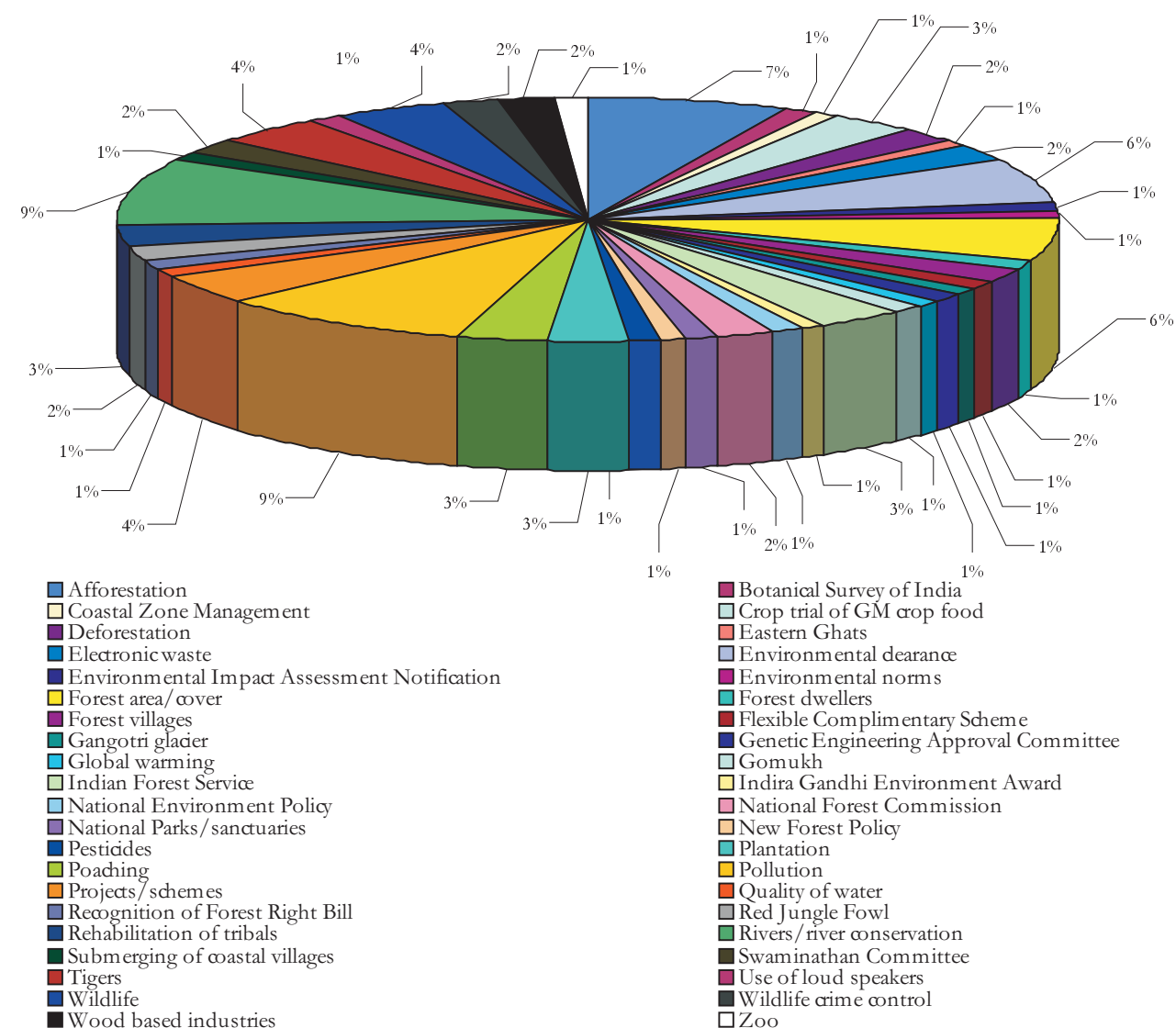
53.	Vultures	3	-	-
54.	Wall along coasts	1	-	-
55.	Wasteland	2	-	-
56.	Wetlands	2	-	-
57.	Whale	1	-	-
58.	Wildlife	12	-	-
59.	Wildlife laws	1	-	-
	TOTAL	156	4	15



Rajya Sabha, Monsoon Session 2006 (24th July, 2006 to 25th August, 2006)
Ministry of Environment and Forests

A wide range of environment-related issues was covered during the Monsoon Session. The subject of pollution and river/river conservation received the highest number of queries. A comparatively high number of questions were also asked about afforestation, forest area/cover and environmental clearance.

Sl. No.	Subject	No. of Questions asked	No. of Questions orally answered	No. of Supplementaries asked
1.	Afforestation	7	-	-
2.	Botanical Survey of India	1	-	-
3.	Coastal Zone Management	1	-	-
4.	Crop trial of GM crop food	3	-	-
5.	Deforestation	2	-	-
6.	Eastern Ghats	1	-	-
7.	Electronic waste	2	-	-
8.	Environmental clearance	6	-	-
9.	Environmental Impact Assessment Notification	1	-	-
10.	Environmental norms	1	-	-
11.	Forest area/cover	6	-	-
12.	Forest dwellers	1	-	-
13.	Forest villages	2	-	-
14.	Flexible Complimentary Scheme	1	-	-
15.	Gangotri glacier	1	-	-
16.	Genetic Engineering Approval Committee	1	-	-
17.	Global warming	1	-	-
18.	Gomukh	1	-	-
19.	Indian Forest Service	3	-	-
20.	Indira Gandhi Environment Award	1	-	-
21.	National Environment Policy	1	-	-
22.	National Forest Commission	2	-	-
23.	National Parks/sanctuaries	1	-	-
24.	New Forest Policy	1	-	-
25.	Pesticides	1	-	-
26.	Plantation	3	-	-
27.	Poaching	3	-	-
28.	Pollution	9	-	-
29.	Projects/schemes	4	-	-
30.	Quality of water	1	-	-
31.	Recognition of Forest Rights Bill	1	-	-
32.	Red Jungle Fowl	2	-	-
33.	Rehabilitation of tribals	3	-	-
34.	Rivers/river conservation	9	-	-
35.	Submergence of coastal villages	1	-	-
36.	Swaminathan Committee/coastal protection	2	-	-
37.	Tigers	4	-	-
38.	Use of loudspeakers	1	-	-
39.	Wildlife	4	-	-
40.	Wildlife crime control	2	-	-
41.	Wood based industries	2	-	-
42.	Zoo	1	-	-
	TOTAL	101	-	-



Events on Environment

Workshops/Symposia/Seminars related to Environment organized by different organizations/institutions/universities across the country for the period, October-December, 2006

October, 2006

Title: **Rural Development through Integration of Agro-forestry and Wood-based Industries**
 Date: 11th & 12th October, 2006
 Venue: New Delhi
 Organized by: Mr. C. N. Pandey, Director, **Indian Plywood Industries Research & Training Institute (IPIRTI)**, P.B.- 2273, Tumkur Road, Bangalore 560 022, Karnataka.

Title: **Capacity Building of Community Organization in Bio-diversity Conservation and Monitoring**
 Date: 11th to 13th October, 2006
 Venue: Vill.- Mehli, Mashobra Block, Distt.- Shimla, H.P.
 Organized by: Mr. Varaj Sharma, Director **Organization for Social Environmental and Rural Development (SERD)**, C/o Rana Cottage, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-2, Himachal Pradesh.

Title: **Bio-Fuels Vision 2015**
 Date: 13th to 15th October, 2006
 Venue: Engineering College, Bikaner
 Organized by: Prof. M. P. Poonia, Principal, **Engineering College**, Karni Industrial Area, Pugal Road, Bikaner-334004, Rajasthan

Title **National Seminar on Wildlife Biodiversity Conservation**
Date 13th-15th October, 2007
Venue Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University
Organized by Prof Vikram Reddy, Department of Ecology & Environmental Sciences, School of Life Sciences, **Pondicherry University**, Pondicherry 605014. Tel: 0413-2655991-98 ext.485. M: 09443377987.
Email: mallapureddymv@yahoo.com

Title **Conservation of Ecological Diversity and its Sustainable Use for Grama Panchayat Bodies, Women's Self-Help Groups Members and Farmers**
Date 25th to 28th October, 2006
Venue Devadanapatty, Periyakulam Tk. Distt- Theni
Organized by Mr. P. Pandiammal, Managing Trustee, **IDEAL TRUST**, 3/37, Main Road, Post G. Kallupatty, Periyakulam T.k. District-Theni, Tamil Nadu

November, 2006

Title **International Symposium on Advances in Environment Friendly Technology in Mineral Processing and Metal Extraction**
Date 1st to 3rd November, 2006
Venue Bhubaneswar, India
Organized by Mr. Satyajeet Jena, Executive Director, **Institute of Advance Technology & Environmental Studies (IATES)**, 80A-81A, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar 751 002, Orissa

Title **International Seminar on Forests, Forest Products and Services, Research, Development and Challenge Ahead**
Date 1st to 3rd November, 2006
Venue HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal, UA
Organized by Prof. N. P. Todaria, Head, Department of Forestry, **H.N.B. Garhwal University**, Srinagar, Garhwal - 246 174, Uttaranchal

Title **Natural Products and Biodiversity Chemistry and Utilization**
Date 2nd & 3rd November, 2006
Venue FRI Dehradun
Organized by Dr. Rameshwar Dayal, Organizing Secretary, **Forest Research Institute**, P.O.- New Forest, Dehradun 248 006, Uttaranchal

Title **2nd World Ayurveda Congress & Expo 2006**
Date 5th to 12th November, 2006
Venue University of Pune, Pune, Maharashtra
Organized by Dr. V.V. Doiphode, Chief Convenor, **University of Pune**, Department of Ayurved, Ganeshkhind Road, Pune 411 007, Maharashtra

Title **Efficient Use and Management of Solid Wastes**
Date 10th to 12th November, 2006
Venue St. Andrews Inter College, Gorakhpur
Organized by Mr. Arun Kumar Srivastava, Secretary, **Siddarth Environmental Society**, 259-R, South Batiahata, P.O.- New Shivpuri Colony, Gorakhpur-273016, U.P.

Title **International Conference on the River Ganga**
Date 13th-15th November, 2006
Venue Patna University
Organized by Prof. R. K. Sinha, Zoology Department, **Patna University**, Patna 800 005; **J. Lorimer**. Fax: +1 905-634-3516.
Email: lorimerj@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; **D. K. Kedia** (Patna University). Fax:+91 612 2688801.
Email: dilip.kedia@rediffmail.com

Title **National Symposium on Acoustics (NSA 2006) and Workshop on Noise Control Measures for DG Sets**
Date 15th to 17th November, 2006
Venue National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi
Organized by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, **National Physical Laboratory**, Dr. K. S. Krishnan Road, New Delhi 110012

Title **National Conference on Environmental Management NCEM 2006**
Date 16th to 18th November, 2006
Venue JNTU, Hyderabad, A.P
Organized by Dr. M. Anji Reddy, Director, **Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University**, Institute of Science and Technology, Kukatpally, Hyderabad 500072. A.P.

Title **National Workshop on Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Issues in Industries**
Date 17th & 18th November, 2006
Venue GCCI Chamber, Panaji, Goa
Organized by Mr. S. P. Borkar, Principal, **Government Polytechnic**, Mayem, Bicholim, Goa 403 504

Title **Environment Changes and Geomorphic Hazards**
Date 20th to 22nd November, 2006
Venue North Eastern Hill University
Organized by Prof. Surendra Singh, Convener, **North Eastern Hill University**, (Department of Geography) Shillong 793 022, Meghalaya

December, 2006

Title: **Depletion of Neem Trees and its Impact on Socio Economic Life of Rural Populations in Nayagarh District of Orissa**
Date 5th December, 2006
Venue Odagaon Block of Nayagarh District, Orissa
Organized by Mr. Achutananda Behera, Director, Organisation for Rural Development and Energy Research (ORDER), MB-58, GGP Colony, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar 751 010, Orissa

Title **National Seminar on Plant Resources of Western Ghats**
Date 7th-8th December, 2006
Venue Bangalore
Organized by Dr. Sathyanarayana Bhat, KBB, Vanavikas, 18th Cross, Malleswara, Bangalore 560003, Karnataka. Tel: 080-23448783. Fax: 23440535. Email: kbb.kar@gmail.com

Title **8th Asian Academic Network for Environmental Safety and Waste Management (AANESWM)**
Date 10th 13th December, 2006
Venue Anna University, Sardar Patel Road, Chennai - 600025
Organized by Anna University, Chennai-600025

Title **Biology, Ecology and Management of World's Worst Plant Invasive Species**
Date 10th to 14th December, 2006
Venue University of Delhi, Delhi
Organized by Prof. Inderjit Singh, Director, Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems, School of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007

Title **Joint Forest Management and Tribal awakening**
Date 15th and 16th December, 2006
Venue Govt. College Bansware(Raj), Rajasthan-327001
Organized by Govt. College Bansware(Raj) ,Dungarpur Road Banswara, Rajasthan-327001

Title **Regional Conference on Natural Resource Conservation, Use and Sustainability in Drylands**
Date 18th-20th December, 2006
Venue Drylands in Bhuj
Organized by **GIDE**, PO Box, 83, Opp. Changleshwar Temple, Mudra Road, Kachch 370001, Gujarat. Tel: 02832-329408 / 290334. Fax: 290335. Email: secy@drylandconference.in

Title **Emerging Trends in Medicinal Plants and Their Biotechnological Advances**
Date 22nd & 23rd December, 2006
Venue Nagpur, Maharashtra
Organized by Dr. R. Krishnakumar, Principal, Dr. Ambedkar College, Deeksha Bhoomi, Nagpur, Maharashtra

Title **Lake 2006 Environment Education and Ecosystem Conservation Symposium**
Date 28th-30th December, 2006
Venue Bangalore
Organized by Dr. T.V. Ramachandra, Energy & Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore 560012. Tel: 080 2360 0985 ext 215/232 Email: lake2006@ces.iisc.ernet.in

Title **Bio-diversity Assessment Conservation & Ecoplanning**
Date 30th & 31st December, 2006
Venue Department of Botany, Iswar Saran Degree College, University of Allahabad, Allahabad
Organized by Dr. H. P. Pandey, Convener, Iswar Saran Degree College, University of Allahabad, Allahabad 211004, U.P

Upcoming Events (January, 2007 to March, 2007)

January, 2007

Title	International Conference on Cleaner Technologies and Environmental Management
Date	4 th to 6 th January, 2007
Venue	Auditorium Complex, Pondicherry Engineering College, Pondicherry
Organized by	Prof. T.G. Palanivelu, Principal, Pondicherry Engineering College, Pillaichvady, Pondicherry 605 014
Title	94th Indian Science Congress
Date	3 rd to 7 th January, 2007
Venue	Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu
Organized by	Annamalai University and Indian Science Congress Association
Title	Biodiversity and Conservation
Date	January 4-5, 2007
Venue	Department of Biochemistry, Karpagam Arts and Science College Eachanari (po), Coimbatore 641021, Tamilnadu
Organized by	Dr. G. Sekar, Principal, Department of Biochemistry Karpagam Arts and Science College, Coimbatore 21
Title	Third International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability
Date	4 th -7 th January, 2007
Venue	University of Madras, Chennai, India
Organized by	University of Madras, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, Tamil Nadu, South India ,Telephone: 91-44-25361074 (Off), Fax: 91-44-25367654 http://s07.cgpublisher.com/welcome.html
Title	Conference on "Solid Waste Management in Urban Areas"
Date	22 nd -23 rd January, 2007
Venue	Hotel Ambassador, New Delhi 110 003
Organized by	Indian Environmental Society, U-112, 3rd Floor, Vikas Marg, Shakarpur, New Delhi - 110 092, Ph: (91-11) 22450749 , 2204682/24 Fax: 22523311 E-mail: iesenro@vsnl.com , deshbandhu@iesglobal.org , Website: http://www.environmentevents.org/solid-waste-management.htm
Title	Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2007
Date	22 nd -24 th January, 2007
Venue	TERI, New Delhi
Organized by	Summit Secretariat, TERI IHC Complex, Lodhi Road New Delhi-110003, India. Tel: +91-11-24682100 ext 2524 Fax: +91-11-24682144/45 Email: dsds@teri.res.in

February, 2007

Title	National Seminar on Water Availability, Contamination and its Impacts on Health
Date	3 rd February, 2007
Venue	India International Centre, 40 Lodi Estate, New Delhi
Organized by	Mr. Satya Prabha, President, Jan Utthan Sangh 1537, Sector- A, Pocket- B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi
Title	Third International Groundwater Conference (IGC-2007) on Water, Environment and Agriculture, Present Problems and Future Challenges
Date	7 th -10 th February, 2007
Venue	Tamil Nadu, India
Organized by	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-641003, Tamil Nadu, India , Telephone: 91-422-6611316, 6611213 , Fax: 91-422 6611416, Email: directorsems@tnau.ac.in , Website: http://tnau.ac.in/spl/train.html
Title	Need for Forest Conservation towards Strengthening Livelihood of Local Inhabitants of Teloki & Chatagaon Forest Region of Orissa
Date	10 th February, 2007
Venue	Keonjhar, Orissa
Organized by	Mr. Dilip Kumar Pattnail, Chairman, The Cactus Group, At& Post- Mondua, Dist-Keonjhar, Orissa
Title	International Conference on Environmental Problems in Coastal Zone: Vulnerability, Adaptation and Beyond
Date	12 th - 15 th February, 2007
Venue	Engineering College, Bikaner

Organized by	Mr. AL Ramanathan, Associate Professor, School of Environmental Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067
Title	International Conference on Coastal Zone Environment and Sustainable Development -Vulnerability, Adaptation and Beyond
Date	February 12-14th, 2007
Venue	School of Environmental Sciences, JNU, New Delhi-110067 (in collaboration with UNESCO, New Delhi, AIMS and Charles Darwin
Organized by	University, Australia and KTH, Sweden-and ENVIS Centre in Biogeochemistry, JNU- tentative collaborators)
Title	"National Environmental Policy 2006-Objectives, Strategies and Missing Links"
Date	15 th -16 th February, 2007
Venue	Dept of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia
Organized by	Prof. M.S. Bhatt, Head, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
Title	Decentralization, Women's Participation and Environmental Conservation
Date	15-16 th February, 2007
Venue	Sundargarh
Organized by	Mr. Adhir Nayak, Secretary,Yuba Shakti At. Dengibhadi Po. Dengibhadi, Dist. Sundargarh, Orissa.
Title	Creating Markets for Sustainable Waste Management
Date	20 th and 21 st February, 2007
Venue	Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi - 110001
Organized by	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI), Federation House, 1 Tansen Marg, New Delhi-110001
Title	National Forest Policy - Its Impact and Forest Management in North East India
Date	22 nd to 24 th February,2007
Venue	Imphal, Manipur
Organized by	Mr. Khamchinpau Zou, President, All India Tribal Students' Association, Delhi 1/33 A, Vijay Nagar, Delhi-9
Title	Modern Trends in Bio-diversity Conservation and Environmental Assessments
Date	25 th to 27 th February 2007
Venue	Conference Hall, Art, Commerce and D.R. Science Collage, Akole-422601, Distt. Ahmednagar
Organized by	Mr. Rameshchandra Khandge, Principal, Arts, Commerce and D.R. Science College, Akole-422601 Tal. Akole, Distt. Ahmednagar (MS)
Title	Workshop on Environmental Degradation and its Impacts on Health and Wellbeing
Date	26 th February, 2007
Venue	Bhubeneswar
Organized by	Mr. Manoranjan Panda, Director, Association for Women & Rural Development (AWARD) Plot No.-576, Lingaraj Niwas, Dumduma- A, Jagamara, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa

March, 2007

Title	Protecting Forests: Better Conservation & Management Imperative
Date	1 st March, 2007
Venue	Conference Hall, District Central Co-Operative Bank, Keonjhar
Organized by	Mr. Bibhuti Bhusan Tripathy, President, Association for Development Initiative, Lower Ground Floor, Room No-28, H-60, South Extension Part 1, New Delhi, Mining Road, New Colony, Keonjhar, Orissa
Title	Three days State Level Seminar on Environmental Health and Sanitation in Rural Area of Manipur
Date	5 th -7 th March, 2007
Venue	Poiroukhongjin Community Hall
Organized by	Mr. P. Chaoba Singh,Secretary, Allied Sciences & Social Development Organization, Poiroukhongjin, Imphal east distt. Manipur
Title	Conference "Averting Biodiversity Meltdown in the Asian Tropics"
Date	6 th -8 th March, 2007
Venue	Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu
Organized by	Dr. Priya Davidar, Convenor, ATBC Asia Conference, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Pondicherry University, Kalapet, Pondicherry-605014, Tel: 0413-2654322. Email: pdavidar@gmail.com ; atbc_asia@yahoo.com ; atbcasia@gmail.com Web: www.atbio.org

Title **Conference on Medicinal Plants and their Sustainable Utilization**
Date 12th -14th March, 2007
Venue Srikrishnavihar At- Gahirgadia Po- Puinchia Dist- Cuttack, (Orissa)
Organized by Mr. Suresh Ch. Pattanaik, Secretary,
National Institute for Community & Child Development (NICCD)

Title **“Role of Women in Solid Waste Management”**
Date 25-26th March, 2007
Venue Government Junior College, Conference Hall, Bijapur
Organized by Smt. R. Mallika, President, Jayanthi Gram Woman and Children Welfare Association, “Shiva Krupa Niwas”
FG Halakatti Road, Bijapur, Karnataka

Significant Government Initiatives/Decisions/Proposals on Environmental Matters Reported by the Media during October December 2006

Punjab Told by the Centre to Seize Shabtoosh Shawls, Wildlife Items: The Directorate of Forestry and Wildlife of the Union government issued an order requiring the Punjab Forest and Wildlife Department to confiscate illegally retained wildlife stock, including tiger skins, ivory statues, spotted deer heads and black buck and sambar heads.

Courtesy: The Tribune, 5th October 2006, New Delhi

Conservation Strategy Discussed by Forest Ministers: Forest Ministers of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka met to discuss the development of a common strategy for the conservation of the forest resources of the region. The Ministers decided to set up a joint mechanism of the States for checking the smuggling by exchanging information on smugglers and conducting raids where necessary. The Karnataka Forest Minister said protecting the forest cover has great significance in conserving the water resources of the region.

Courtesy: The Hindu, 4th November 2006, New Delhi

Watermills to be Revived in Uttaranchal: Watermills, locally known as gharats, are being revived by the Uttaranchal government. Initially, the government would develop 11 model watermills as multi-purpose resource centres to enhance the living standards of rural communities as well as to decrease forest degradation.

Courtesy: Business Standard, 10th November 2006, New Delhi

Forest Policy Announced by Haryana: The first ever forest policy of Haryana announced by the Minister of State for Forests, aims at increasing the area under forest and tree cover in the state from 6.6 percent to 10 percent by 2010, and eventually to 20 percent through massive afforestation and social forestry programmes. The government plans, among other things, to set up an agro-forestry research centre and constitute tree grower societies.

Courtesy: The Tribune, 24th November 2006, New Delhi

Courts to Settle Environment Cases Proposed by the Centre: The Centre sent for Cabinet approval the “Environment Tribunal Bill” proposing the setting up of a national environment court and four regional level courts. This Bill was formulated with the objective of speeding up the disposal of disputes relating to environment and forests. The new courts will have the power to adjudicate on the disputes.

Courtesy: Indian Express, 28th November 2006, Chennai

MOU to Set up Water Institute Signed by Rajasthan and CII: The Rajasthan government signed a memorandum of understanding with the Confederation of Indian Industry to set up a water institute in Jaipur. The Institute would be a one-stop solution provider on water management and would facilitate rainwater harvesting as well as industry and community participation in integrated water resources management.

Courtesy: Business Standard, 5th December 2006, New Delhi

Officials Told by Kalam to Replant Cut Trees: The President, unhappy about the cutting down of trees on Marine Drive in Kochi to make way for his helicopter, asked officials to plant 10 times the number of trees cut. It was the environmental activists and ordinary citizens who had sent emails to the President expressing concerns about the felling of trees.

Courtesy: Asian Age, 16th December, New Delhi

Assam Hill Land and Ecological Sites Bill Passed: The State Assembly passed the Bill by voice vote. The Bill is directed at the prevention of indiscriminate hill cutting and filling up of water bodies in the city, which had led to serious ecological problems in the city. Courtesy: Assam Tribune, 16th December, Guwahati

Private Entity Fund Sought by the Ministry of Environment and Forests: In a move to attract venture capitalists into forestry, the Ministry of Environment and Forests sought funding by private entities for the forest development agencies (FDAs). A proposal on these lines was submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Courtesy: Economic Times, 18th December, Kolkata

Two Mega Projects for Resource Management Formulated by Forest Department: The Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department prepared two mega projects, 'Integrated Forest Resource Management' and 'Natural Resource Management Capacity Building Project' in order to address the state's growing forest-related problems.

Courtesy: Daily Excelsior, 20th December, Jammu

Useful Links

Links you might like to check out...

Action For Agricultural Renewal in Maharashtra

<http://www.afarm.org/>

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

<http://www.atree.org/>

Agakhan Foundation

<http://www.akdn.org/agency/akf.html>

Arab Office for Youth and Environment (AOYE)

<http://www.aoye.org/about.htm>

Actionaid India

(<http://www.actionaidindia.org/contact.htm>)

Academy of Environmental Science

<http://www.environmental-school.org/mission.html>

Baif Development Research Foundation

http://www.baif.org.in/aspx_pages/index.asp

Bombay Natural History Society

http://www.baif.org.in/aspx_pages/visitors.asp

Centre for Media Studies

<http://www.cmsindia.org/cms/index.html>

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

<http://www.cseindia.org/>

C.P.R. Environnemental Education Centre

<http://cpreec.org/>

Central and East European Network of Environmental NGOs

<http://www.fns.uniba.sk/zp/greenway/26/nu26.htm>

Development Alternatives (DA)

<http://www.devalt.org/>

Greenpeace India

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/>

Indian National Science Academy (INSA)

<http://www.insa.ac.in/html/home.asp>

International NGO activities

http://www.strategyguide.org/ngo_acti.html

IUCN The World Conservation Union

<http://www.iucn.org/>

M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation

<http://www.mssrf.org/>

WWF-India, New Delhi

<http://www.wfindia.org/>