

## **Centre for Forest and Natural Resource Management Studies (CEFNARM)**

As per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.65 EFS & T (For-II) Dept., dated 27.05.2008 an autonomous centre "Centre for Forest and Natural Resource Management Studies" (CEFNARM) was established as part of A.P. Forest Academy, Dulapally, Hyderabad by registering it as a society under A.P. Societies Act, 2001. The society has been got registered with the Registrar of Societies, R.R. District, Hyderabad vide Registration No.953/2008 dated 22.07.2008.

CEFNARM consists of 12 Board of Governors. Eight members from A.P. Forest Department and four nominated members from NGOs, Academic / training institutes under the Chairmanship of Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) A.P., Hyderabad. The Addl. PCCF/Director, APFA, Dulapally is Ex-Officio Secretary and the Dy.Director/ DDO is Ex-officio Joint Secretary.

### **Objective of the CEFNARM are as follows:**

- ❖ To provide opportunities to develop and upgrade and disseminate the knowledge, experience and expertise and to develop "knowledge bank" to cater to the stakeholders in NRM (Natural Resources Management) sector.
- ❖ To assist, collaborate and organize training programmes and action research in various NRM related subjects.
- ❖ To develop and promote reasonably adequate infrastructure to impart and assist more effective trainings, consultancies, research and development programmes, extension activity, monitoring and evaluation of various programmes aimed at alleviating Rural Poverty.
- ❖ To develop and promote special areas of interest in Joint / Community Forest Management, Rural Development, community participation.

- ❖ To develop and promote Information and Technology, especially in the areas of Geomatics, Remote Sensing, use of GPS.

## **Facilities**

The Center has good infrastructural facilities like Audio Visual equipment, Public Address System, LCD Projectors and internet facility.

An Administrative Block (main building), with class/training rooms, 3 hostels (100 double bed rooms), dormitory with officers and staff quarters are available. Outdoor stadium, Play grounds, Gym room, Indoor Stadium cum-Auditorium facilities are also available. A dispensary is also run by engaging qualified medical doctor.

The Center is having modern class room facilities for effective management of trainings viz., 2 Hi-tech class rooms (AC), 1 Conference Hall (AC), 1 Computer lab (AC) equipped with latest 30 computers with LAN facility, four more class rooms for In-service and refresher trainings. Two well equipped conference halls are available. One Library is available which is well equipped with latest magazines, news papers, books on Forestry, Natural resource management, personality development etc. The Academy is having infrastructure and other facilities to conduct 4 training programmes at any point of week.

CEFARM appreciates that improving quality of the key personnel/staff implementing various Natural Resource Management (NRM) activities is of utmost importance in NRM sector. For the purpose, various training tools, techniques & training material are developed. Besides the above, State-of-art physical infrastructure/ training equipment is available in CEFARM's beautiful campus situated in sylvan surroundings of Dulapally Reserve Forest Block (24 KMs from Hyderabad, Medchal Road with left diversion of 3.5 KM from Kompalli cross roads). Faculty members & technical staff are highly qualified. Resource persons from other premier institutions/ organizations are also pressed into service depending on the requirement of the training module.

**The CEFNARM has executed the following activities since its inception.**

- Organized one Study Tour of Forest officers of Guntur Circle to Karnataka State during October 2008
- Coordinated the Conference of Forest Ministers of Southern States during 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- Organized study tour for the officers to Sikkim & Nagaland states during March 2009
- Organized International Exposure Visit for the officers to South Africa, Malaysia & Tanzania during April 2009.
- Organized Study tour for the officers to Kerala and Tamilnadu states during May 2009
- Organized seven training programmes and two workshops under FDA scheme
- Organizing trainings under RAP scheme in Visakhapatnam which are under process.
- Organizing trainings under RIDF scheme at APFA, Dulapally.
- **CEFNARM has trained personnel of Irrigation and CAD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with Society for Social Services Madhya Bharat Chapter, Bhilai and Skill Pro Foundation, Hyderabad.**
- CEFNARM Provides logistics to the other agencies / Departments for conducting their trainings at APFA, Dulapally, subject to payment of Institutional charges.

### **Conducting Workshops and Seminars**

- Conducted one training programme to the officers of Maldives under Food And Organization (FAO) on “Fundamentals in Forest Management”
- Conducted National Workshop on “Gender Main streaming to Forest Frontline staff” on 09-10 January 2008.

- Conducted Southern State Forest Ministers Conference on 25-26 October, 2008 for the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala. (165 participants).
- Workshop on Value addition to NTFP – Indian case studies.
- Organized Capacity Building and Entrepreneurship in Medicinal plants in collaboration with National Medicinal Plantation Board in December 2008.
- Workshop on Forest Related Problems common to the State of Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh for IFS Officers (66 participants) on 19-20 Feb, 2009.
- Workshop on the All India Service (Performance appraisal report) Rules 2007 – Introduction of PAR to IFS Officers (28 participants) on 24-25 Feb, 2009.
- Workshop on Expert Group Review on Forestry Schemes sponsored by Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi, India. (45 participants).
- Work shop for office subordinate Staff on Etiquette on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009. (106 Participants).
- Workshop on MGNREGS to Forest Department officers on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009 (74 participants).
- Workshop on MGNREGS to Rural Development and Forest Department officers on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009. (115 participants).
- Workshop on Datum's and projections on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 for Forest Department Staff (104 participants).
- Workshop on **MGNREGS** for forest department staff on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009. (45 participants).
- Workshop on Forest Awareness to other departmental officers on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- Organized 2 day conference on Green growth in collaboration with ICFAI in December 2009.
- **Workshop on Optimum Forest Cover – Strategies for Achieving the National Goal sponsored by MOEF, New Delhi on 22 – 23 February 2010 for IFS officers of various states. (37 participants).**
- Workshop on "All India Tiger Estimation 2010 – Estimation of Tiger Co-predators to data entry operators working in the wildlife wing of AP Forest Department on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 .
- Under **Forest Development Agency (FDA)** Scheme 14 training programs were conducted on the themes related to Plantation Models, Forest Protection and Management, Micro Enterprises and Value Addition, Modern Nursery Techniques and Management of

Plantations to 440 Frontline Staff and community members during April 2009 – March 2010. (440 participants)

- Under FDA Scheme, 3 Workshop / Seminars were conducted for the officers of the rank of Forest Range Officers, Assistant Conservator of Forests, District Forest Officers, Conservator of Forests and Chief Conservator of Forests during the years 2008 – 09. (191 participants).
- Under **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** scheme, seminars were conducted for the Frontline staff and community members on the importance of Bio-Diesel plantations and Soil Moisture Conservation Techniques during the years 2008 – 09. (59 participants)
- Under **National Bamboo Mission**, Workshop was conducted to Frontline Forest Staff in the year 2008 – 09.
- Under the Wildlife Development Schemes, Laboratory Assistants and compounders were trained in the year 2008 – 09. (35 participants).
- Under the **World Bank Assisted Poverty alleviation through Forestry Schemes, Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)** (Identification of alternate livelihoods for poverty alleviation) was conducted in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh Forest Divisions.
- **One week compulsory training to IFS officers** on “Livelihood Enhancement Strategies in Forest Fringe Villages” sponsored by MOEF, GOI, New Delhi. April 2008 – March 2009. ).
- **Conducting 2 weeks Refresher courses** to the Frontline staff (4 training programmes per annum) sponsored by MOEF, GOI, New Delhi. In the last 5 to 6 years.
- Midterm Evaluation of FDAs in Janaram, Nirmal, Mahbubnagar, Karimnager East & West, Khammam, Kothagudem, Kakinada, Paderu, Narsipatnam from June to August 2011.

### **Special Initiative:**

In collaboration with HSBC and Center for Media Studies, New Delhi, we have taken up an innovative project on campus to transform an old quarry site into a recreation spot. HSBC provided with a financial support of Rs.1,25,000 for one year to take care of 350 seedlings that have been planted. Employees from HSBC participated along with FSO trainees in planting these seedlings in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September 2011. HSBC promised to extend the support for maintaining the seedlings for 3 years after reviewing the survival at the end of year one. From our side we have planted another 400 seedlings, apart from raising 27 varieties of medicinal plants and creating a pond ecosystem.