

Savitribai Phule Pune University

Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Sustainable Development

Certificate Course in Sustainable Forest Management and Evaluation (Basic)

- Eligibility** : Minimum XIIth and above.
- (a) Forest officers and personnel of all ranks,
 - (b) Members of village-level joint forest management committees(JFMCs),
 - (c) Members of village panchayat bodies,
 - (d) Elected representatives in Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samitis and other elected bodies at District Level.
 - (e) Members of self-help groups(SHG),
 - (f) Representatives of non-government organizations, academic institutions and government departments with direct involvement in joint forest management and other forest management activities, and
 - (g) Representatives of rural cooperatives and trusts with direct involvement in biodiversity and forest management, conservation and environmental awareness.

Objectives :

1. To train forest officials and personnel, members of joint forest management committees (JFMCs), elected representatives and other stakeholders about nature conservation, forestry and forest management and evaluation of related projects.

2. To provide awareness of biodiversity conservation, importance of village level eco-development and habitat management.
3. To train all participants and stakeholders in evaluation methods for forest management, reporting processes and transparency.

Admission Process : The targeted studentship is for Government Offices, elected bodies NGOs etc. Open to all interested candidates. In case of teaching institution, the UoP norms will be followed.

Duration of Course : 15 hours.

Students Intake : 30 students

Medium of Instruction : English/ Marathi

Course Fees : Rs.1,000/-

Course Structure : One credit equivalent course. Fulltime or part time.

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Syllabus :

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Unit- 1. Forests and forest management	-(L2)
Unit- 2. Biodiversity and nature conservation	-(L2)
Unit- 3. Joint forest management (JFM)	-(L2)
Unit- 4. JFM village-level committee	-(L1)
Unit- 5. Village-level ecocodevelopment	-(L2)
Unit- 6. Eco-tourism and its management	-(L1)
Unit- 7. Tree plantation projects and species selection	- (L2)
Unit- 8. Nursery management	-(L1)
Unit- 9. Evaluation of joint forest management	-(L2)

Total - 15 classroom lectures of 1 hour duration

Methodology : The 15 one-hour duration lectures are entirely classroom based because the trainees would be selected from the concerned project catchment regions and would be aware of field-level situations prior to joining the courses.

Assessment : Classroom seminars and presentations (100 Marks) will be conducted to assess participation and understand learning abilities. Assessments would be essentially encourage the participants to initiate forest management projects and evaluate them.

Essentials in field assignments

The field assignments would need to be necessarily conducted in villages with joint forest management committees that have been in existence for at least twelve months before their selection for such studies through these courses.

Essentials for faculty

The faculty would need to necessarily be with any of the following agencies or expertise – Government administrative training institutes, university-linked academic institutions, non-governmental organizations with proven experience in forestry and forest management projects, cooperative bodies, chartered accountants or auditors, forest and rural development departments, elected representatives and /or individuals with proven expertise in relevant subject-areas as may be approved by the institution offering the programme.

Essentials for training institutions and local study referees

The training institutions offering these programmes should have proven and extensive expertise in training government officials and personnel, elected representatives and local stakeholders in forestry, forest management and nature conservation programmes.

The institutions should have and provide access to adequate classrooms, library facilities, residential infrastructure, including lodging and boarding (if so required) and have current and previous linkages to government institutions, departments and field-level cadre(s).

Certificate : All the students passing the examination will be given certificate with grade. Those failing will be given certificate of attendance.

Reference Book list

Relevant laws, guidelines to implementation, government resolutions, available publications and specially prepared training material including audio+video and e-publication collections.