

**MINUTES OF THE ECO-CLUB MEMBER CONVENORS MEETING
HELD AT BHUBANESWAR ON 20TH JANUARY 2012.**

Eco-club Orientation-cum-Review meeting was organized by Centre for Environmental Studies (CES), Nodal Agency for Odisha State National Green Corps at RPRC Conference Hall, Bhubaneswar under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Singh, IFS, Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha. Following dignitaries participated and gave their valuable inputs.

1. Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh, IFS, Special Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha;
2. Shri Siddhanta Das, IFS, Member Secretary, Odisha State Pollution Control Board, Govt. of Odisha;
3. Shri Bijay Ketan Patnaik, IFS (Retd.), EX - PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW, Odisha;
4. Shri Bhagirathi Behera, IFS (Retd.), Ex - Director, Environment-cum-Spl. Secretary to Govt.;
5. Shri Bishnu Ch. Pal, IFS (Retd.), Member, State Steering Committee;
6. Shri Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Secretary, Bakul Foundation, Member, State Steering Committee;
7. Dr. R. Sabesh, State Coordinator, CPR Environment Education Centre, Hyderabad;
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sailabala Padhi, Director, CES; and
9. Shri Pravat Mohan Dash, Nodal Officer, National Green Corps.

Member Convenors and their representatives from 27 districts participated in the Orientation-cum-review meeting and various points were discussed for strengthening the activities of the Eco-clubs.

The Nodal Officer of CES appraised about the major NGC activities carried out by the Nodal agency in the State Head Quarters as well as in the District Level.

Following suggestions envisaged:

1. Participation in eco clubs activities should earn special marks for students which would be useful for the students for getting admission to Higher Education and

would ultimately help them for better prospects. This would provide good motivation to students for participation in the eco club activities.

2. DIMC needs to be more active. For this, Quarterly meetings should be arranged at the District headquarters under the chairmanship of District Collector and all DIMC members should participate in the meeting to review the progress of the NGC activities and redress the problems.

3. DFOs (Member Convenors) expressed that they are unable to get the suitable co-operation from the Education Deptt. authorities to implement the NGC Scheme. This issue needs to be discussed in DIMC meeting.

4. Reasonable remuneration needs to be provided for Master trainers. This should be examined.

5. CES may write to the District Collectors who are the Chairpersons of the District Committee for stepping up monitoring eco club activities.

6. Pending utilization certificates and reports should be submitted without any further delay. In future, timely submission should be ensured for smooth release of grant.

7. It is seen that in many districts major part of grant remains unspent and it is being carried forward to subsequent years. Timely utilization of grant needs to be ensured by DIMC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the dignitaries and other participants.



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