

Organizational Set up of Regional Center, NAEB, New Delhi

**Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd, Mumbai
Regional Center- National Afforestation & Eco-development Board, Mumbai
Ministry of Environment & Forests, GoI**

AFC is operating two Regional Centers, one each at New Delhi (established in 1988) and other at Mumbai (established in 1996), of the National Afforestation and Eco Development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI. Through these centers a wide range of services are provided to various stakeholders under forestry schemes like Social Forestry, IAEP, AOFF, NTFP, SGVSY/NAP etc. in number of Northern Region covering Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and NCT of Delhi and Western Region covering Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa states and UTs of Daman, Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. These centers assist the NAEB under the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, and the State Governments, by organizing workshops and conducting studies and focusing on key issues relating to environment and forests. The centers organize workshops for exchange of ideas and experiences among forest officials, voluntary agencies, NGOs and the representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. They also facilitate in monitoring and evaluating the plantations programme of the NAEB, Ministry of Environment and Forests such as Non-timber Forest Produce Scheme, Integrated Afforestation and Eco-development Project Scheme, Evaluation of Nominees of Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra Awards and also sample checks on Survival of Trees Planted under the Twenty Point Economic Programme. Documentation of successful efforts in afforestation and eco-development is also one of the activities undertaken by the Centers.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the centre are as follows:

- Provide extension and technical assistance to the States and Union Territories, Forest Department, State Forest Development Corporations and such other concerned agencies.
- Assist NAEB in project implementation and evaluation of programmes implemented through States/Union Territories, Forest Department/Corporations and suggest measures for improvement.
- Provide a forum for cross-fertilization of ideas and experience among forest officials, Voluntary Agencies, NGOs, Academicians and the representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions mainly through experience sharing sessions.
- Conduct problem-specific workshops & studies relevant to afforestation/regeneration of degraded forests and eco-development of such fragile areas through people's participation.
- Organization of training programmes in project formulation, Micro-planning and Geographical Information System.
- Dissemination of technologies for the improvement in functioning of various ecosystems with special reference to standing water bodies; coastal ecosystems, mined areas, fragile forest areas, arid areas and desertified regions.
- Monitoring of survival rate studies of district-wise afforestation activities & plantations.
- Evaluation of performance of the concerned agencies and documentation of successful efforts in the field of afforestation and eco-development.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

To facilitate its functioning, the Regional Centre has an advisory body known as Advisory Management Committee comprising:

Members of Advisory Management Committee (AMC)

Managing Director, Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd., Mumbai	Chairman
Deputy Inspector General of Forests National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, New Delhi	Member
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (NAP) Rajasthan Forest Department, Rajasthan	Member
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (NAP) Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, Uttar Pradesh	Member
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (NAP) Uttarakhand Forest Department, Uttarakhand	Member
Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (NAP) Haryana Forest Department, Haryana	Member
Conservator of Forests Govt. of Delhi NCT Forest Department, Delhi	Member
Executive Director, Central Himalayan Rural Action Group (CHIRAG) Simayal, P.O. Nathuwakhan, District Nainital Uttarakhand 263158	Member
Sewa Mandir, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Member
Director Indian Grassland and Fodder research Institute (IGFRI) Gwalior road, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh-284003	Member
Regional Director ATREE, K-1, Commercial Complex, 2nd Floor Jungpura Extension, Birbal Road, New Delhi 110014	Member

MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP

In pursuance of the MoU with NAEB, the Centre has established a Core Group to conduct its activities. Members of Core Group are as follows:

Shri A K Garg Chairman (AMC)	Managing Director, AFC
Shri G S Yadav Coordinator, AFC, RC:NAEB, Delhi	Assistant General Manager
Dr. N. P. Baduni Team Leader, AFC, RC:NAEB, Delhi	Project Officer
Dr. Gayatri Mahar AFC, RC:NAEB, Delhi	Young Professional
R. B. P. Sinha AFC, RC:NAEB, Delhi	Project Assistant

In addition to the core group, experts and consultants are engaged from time to time to provide area-specific inputs as and when required. Field Investigators are also appointed as per requirement of various studies undertaken by the Centre.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2010–2011

- | Sl. No. | Items |
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| A. | Workshops |
| i) | Inter-departmental workshops on developing linkage of NAP scheme with the schemes of other development departments in Fatehabad district of Haryana |
| ii) | Inter-departmental workshops on developing linkage of NAP scheme with the schemes of other development departments in one district of Rajasthan |
| iii) | Workshop on encouraging farmers for adopting suitable agro forestry models for the reclamation of problematic lands (saline/alkaline soil) |
| iv) | Inter-departmental workshops on developing linkage of NAP scheme with the schemes of other development departments in one district of Uttar Pradesh |
| v) | Workshop on disseminating modalities for convergence at the level of management, planning and works between National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGA) and National Afforestation Programme (NAP) in Pauri district of Uttarakhand |

B. Training Programmes

- i) Training need assessment under its jurisdiction for all levels of trainees, preparing curriculum and training material

C. Exposure Visits

- i) Exposure visit of JFMC members/Frontline officers of Bariely Circle for understanding the SHG concept, IGA and functioning of Federation at Sitarganj, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand
- ii) Exposure visit of JFMC members/Frontline officers of Udaipur Circle for understanding the SHG concept, IGA and functioning of Federation at Jatusana, Rewari Haryana

D. Research Studies

- i) Study on implementation of the Forest Rights Act 2006 with special emphasis on community based right and its impact on FDA activities in one RC state.
- ii) Study on assessing participation and empowerment of women under National Afforestation Programme in selected FDAs of Tarai regions of State Uttar Pradesh.
- iii) Compilation of ethno-medicinal practices prevailing among the Jaunsari tribal of Chakrata & Kalsi area of Uttarakhand.
- iv) Study on collection and generation of data base of FDA works from 2000-01 to 2009-10 in Haryana, Rajasthan, U.P. and Uttarakhand) for on line data.

E. Success Stories

- i) Coffee table book of success story of Eco Development Park controlled by the Eco Development Committee, Dhanaulti, Mussoorie
- ii) Compilation of Success stories of Forest Nurseries Managed by the women SHGs in state of Uttarakhand
- iii) Compilation of revised NAP Guidelines 2009 with CD in Hindi for wider circulation
- iv) Best Practices adopted for rehabilitation of degraded areas under NAP during 10th Plan period by different JFMCs of one circle of Haryana State

F. Awareness Raising

- i) Celebration of World Forestry Day on 21st March 2011
- ii) Awareness among school children about combat desertification through screening of films in school and college of two desert affected districts of state of Rajasthan.

G. AMC meetings (Two)
