



National workshop of ENVIS Centres begins Monday

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GANGTOK, 04 Apr: The Ministry of Environment and Forests has announced plans to hold a two-day national workshop for Evaluation of Environmental Information System [ENVIS] centres on 05 and 06 April 2010 at Mayfair Resort, Ranipool. The workshop is being organised in collaboration with the Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology. More than 100 participants

from various national institutions and State governments are expected to participate in the workshop, a press release informs.

The ENVIS network was established in 1982 following the MoEF's realization of the importance of environmental information. ENVIS has reportedly been providing environmental information to decision-makers, policy-planners, scientists and engineers, research workers, etc. all over the country.

A large number of nodes, known as ENVIS Centres, have been established in the network to cover the broad subject areas of environment with a Focal Point in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Among its long-term objectives are the creation of a repository and dissemination centre in Environmental Science and Engineering and gearing up modern technologies for acquiring, processing, storage, retrieval and dis-

semination of information and support and promote research.

The short-term objectives cover provision of national environmental information service, creating relevant data, promoting cooperation and liaison for exchange of environment related informa-

tion and assist education and personnel training.

ENVIS India has established 76 partner nodes, which include 30 government departments, 36 institutions and 15 NGOs. These nodes are supposed to create websites on specific environment related subject areas.

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