

Developing Infrastructure for Conducting Training and Capacity Building in Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Carbon Market, Climate Change, and Conservation and Livelihood



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Introduction

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) is a sectoral management institute, which constantly endeavours to evolve knowledge useful for the managers in the area of Forest, Environment and Natural Resources Management and allied sectors. The institute is mandated with activities related to academics, research, training and capacity building in areas related to environment, forestry including farm and agroforestry, sustainable development, biodiversity conservation, Sustainable forest management, etc. It disseminates such knowledge in ways that promote its application by individuals and organizations. IIFM as an institute constantly engaged in provide training and capacity building in management and related subjects for persons from the Indian Forest Service, Forest Departments, Forest Development Corporation, Forest based industries, officials of line Departments, Scientists and Farmers engaged in Biodiversity conservation, Natural Resource Management, Sustainable Development and Climate Change with a view to equip them to practice the art and profession of management. IIFM through its capacity building programs inculcate an appreciation in those selected for training, that conservation is of overriding importance in the management of living natural resources and that the primary role of forests is the vital ecological and environmental purpose they serve. IIFM prepare outstanding and talented young persons for careers leading to management responsibility in forestry, Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development.

Objective

1. Organise academic and capacity building programmes in areas related to Sustainable Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Social, Environment and Corporate Sustainability, Carbon Market, and Conservation and Livelihood.
2. Popularize the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) to meet its mission goals of mobilizing a people (across India and the World) to take individual and collective action for protecting and conserving the environment.
3. Develop and impart need based and sector driven capacity building programmes.
4. Building state of art training & capacity building infrastructure for sustainable forest management, Sustainable Development, Sustainability, Conservation and livelihood.

Rationale

The institute is mandated with activities related to academics, research, training and capacity building in areas related to Sustainable Forest Management, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Carbon market, Sustainability, Ecosystem Services Valuation, Green Accounting, Corporate Social Responsibility, ESG, Conservation and Livelihood, marketing of forest produce, Forest certification, Circular Economy and supply chain management in forest and environment sector.

The Institute currently offering two year Post Graduate Programmes in Forestry Management and Sustainability Management to meet the demand of the sectors. The programmes constantly gets 100% campus placement. The sanctioned strength for the said courses is 225 and we have 200 students admitted for the courses, thereby there would be 450 students in the campus in a year.

The institute conducts Fellow Programme in Management and PhD in the field of management, forestry, environment, conservation and livelihood.

The institute regularly conducts training and capacity building programmes in the form of Management Development Programmes for persons from the Indian Forest Service, other central services, paramilitary forces, State Forest Departments, other line departments, Forest Development Corporations, Development professionals, academia and industries, scientists and other stakeholders in Natural Resource Management, Sustainable Development, carbon markets, and Climate Change, etc.

IIFM through its capacity building programs inculcate knowledge, understanding and skill sets through appropriate teaching methods/pedagogy.

IIFM is also to be engaged in creating the knowledge portal with digital repository of various environment-related treaties and their COP meetings.

The institute has got the letter of intent to be declared as Deemed to be University. The institute is launching four new postgraduate programmes namely 1. Conservation and Livelihood, 2. Sustainable Development, 3. Development and Sustainable Finance, and 4. Climate Resilience and Carbon Management from the next academic year.

Each of the proposed two year Masters' programmes would enrol 60 students per year thereby 240 students for four new Postgraduate programmes and the existing two courses

would enrol 225 students. Thus, 465 students are enrolled each year for the ongoing and new Post Graduate Management programmes, thereby there will be 930 students on campus at any particular time. It is also proposed to launch a new one year executive programme on Natural Resource management for the in-service professionals with 30 participants in a year.

The Ph.D. programmes would enrol about 10 students every year per stream thereby 100 students would enrol for PhD.

There is a need for capacity building development in areas viz. forest certification, restoration ecology, carbon market, circular economy, climate change, ecosystem services valuation and sustainable forest management. The institute therefore proposes to increase the number of training and capacity building programmes to reach out to various stakeholders. Implementation of these programmes would be done through improvements in facilities and competencies.

The institute is running several short courses and plans to increase the number of programmes in the near future to help all stakeholders, to acquire relevant knowledge and skill sets that will enhance sustainable management of forests, Sustainable Development and the profile of conservation, livelihood, business in environment, forest and climate change and sustainable management practices in the country.

At present, the institute has a facility to accommodate 350 students on twin sharing basis. With the given infrastructure available at the institute, it is not sufficient to run the in house academic, training capacity building and research programmes on various themes for multiple stakeholders.

Hence, it has been proposed to build training infrastructure especially construction of hostel accommodation of 300 rooms with added facilities at IIFM campus to accommodate student participants in various academic programmes and 60 room research and training hostel to accommodate PhD and trainees of various capacity building programmes. It is proposed to have three blocks of 100 rooms each with dining facilities. The design and drawings and estimate for hostel accommodation infrastructure and the abstract estimate will be submitted separately.

Accordingly, the training and capacity building infrastructure development is proposed under CAMPA.

Outcome

- Launch of 4 new Postgraduate programmes Conservation and Livelihood, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Finance and Climate Resilience and Carbon management.
- Launch of new Executive Management Programme on Natural Resource Management for the serving professionals.
- IIFM will organise more capacity building programmes for various stakeholders and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the participants thereby contributing the organisational mandate of the organisation.
- Institute shall organise various short-term training and capacity building programmes in management and allied areas tailored to the needs of particular groups such as government officers, scientists, communities, teachers, resource managers, non-governmental organisations, and senior decision-makers.

Budget

The overall tentative budget estimate for construction of training infrastructure comes to Rs. 70.00 crores (approx.). The CPWD, Bhopal is preparing the plan, drawings and estimate. The same will be submitted separately.
