



## **G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development**

(An Autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

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### **Green Skill Building Programme (GSBP)**

on

## **Certificate Course on "Ecotourism & Livelihood Enhancement"**

3- 23 February, 2020 (3 Weeks)

**Name of Course:** Certificate Course on Ecotourism & Livelihood Enhancement

**Venue:** G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development, Sikkim Regional Centre, Pangthang, Post Box: 24, P.O. - Gangtok, Sikkim 737 101, India

**Duration of the course:** 3- 23 February, 2020 (Total 120 hrs.)

**Last date of receipt of application:** 27 January, 2020

### **Background**

Tourism industry is recognized as an imperative contributor to employment and wealth creation, economic growth, environmental protection and serving to conserve the natural and cultural heritage assets. Realizing on such intrinsic features, tourism industry is growing at the rate of 3.9% tourists' arrival (overnight visitors) with an increase of 46 million tourists over the previous year (WTO, 2016). In the past few years, many Himalayan inhabitants have found a new opportunity to host tourists as guests in their homes. Such kind of tourism, commonly known as 'Community Based Ecotourism' is gaining popularity, which offers opportunity to experience the local culture, cuisine, and interaction with the community for a reasonable price. Moreover, their economic benefits from tourism goes directly to the community and if these areas are located close to a site of conservation value, they also contribute in the protection of these sites. This concept is becoming an important source of livelihood for the Himalayan communities.

Recently, the MoEF&CC has launched an initiative for Green Skill Development in the environment and forest sector in consultation with the National Skill Development Agency to enable India's youth to get gainful employment and/or self-employment, called the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP). The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development of the country.

Realizing the importance of ecotourism especially in the Himalayan ecosystem for conservation and livelihood, there is a need to build the skill of local communities, which may encourage them to generate self-employment and/or entrepreneurship in the field of ecotourism. In this regard, a three weeks "**Certificate Course on Ecotourism & Livelihood Enhancement**" is being organized by the Sikkim Regional Centre of the Institute under GSDP during 3-23 February, 2020 (120 hrs). The main aim of the course is to provide essential knowledge of ecotourism and its allied services, like home stay and hospitality management, nature tour interpretations and tour and travel management for the local communities including youths.

The course aims to engage interested and/or progressive youths from Sikkim Himalayan region through skill and capacity building on ecotourism enterprises. The following major topics will be covered during the event:

- Basic concept of community based ecotourism
- Sustainable ecotourism services providers
- Steering and management of ecotourism like Home stays, Eco-trials, socio-cultural events and solid waste management.
- Linking nature and its significance for ecotourism based livelihood
- Strengthen ecotourism based marketing and networking
- Exposure and interaction with ecotourism service providers
- Encourage youths towards self-employment and/or entrepreneurship in ecotourism

<b>Events</b>	<b>Proposed date</b>	<b>Target Groups/ Nos.</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Certificate Course on Ecotourism & Livelihood Enhancement	2-23 February, 2020	Progressive youths (25 Nos.)	GBPNIHESD, SRC, Pangthang

### **Expected outcomes:**

1. Improved understanding on sustainable community based tourism
2. Strengthened skills to promote/manage ecotourism in at local level as a self-employment and entrepreneurship
3. Developed skilled youths on ecotourism and nature conservation (at least 25 Nos.).
4. Stronger networking for inter-sectoral coordination and opportunities for promotion and development of ecotourism based activities

### **Organizing Committee**

Parton : Dr. R.S. Rawal, Director, GBPNIHESD  
 Convener : Dr. Rajesh Joshi, Head, GBPNIHESD, Sikkim Regional Centre  
 Coordinator's : Dr. Devendra Kumar, Dr. Kailash S. Gaira  
 Resource person : Dr. S. Rawat, Dr. M. Joshi, Dr. Y.K. Rai, Mr. J. Dhakal, Mr. P.K. Tamang from SRC

Technical Assistance : Mr. R K Das, Mr. Suraj, Mr. M Rai, Mr. Shaybir, Mr. Bikas

Potential Collaborating partners : Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India; The Mountain Institute India Eco-Tourism & Conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS); Gangok, Mutanchi Lom Aal Shezum (MLAS), Dzongu, Sikkim; Himalayan Nature and Adventure Foundation, Siliguri; Khanchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC), Yuksam, Sikkim; Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department, Govt. of Sikkim; Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim; Department of Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management, Sikkim; Directorate of Forests (DoFs), West Bengal

### **Eligibility:**

#### **Essential:**

- i. **Educational qualification:** At least class 12<sup>th</sup> pass
- ii. **Age:** 40 years (Relaxation applicable as per GOI rules)

**Desirable:**

- iii. Interest in eco tourism activities, tourism management, livelihood development, biodiversity conservation and working knowledge of English

**Training Fee:** There is no course fee.

**How to apply:** Interested candidates may apply on the prescribed application form attached with this advertisement. Advance copy of the duly filled application form along with bio-data (as per the prescribed format) should be sent by email to Regional Head (at headskrc@gmail.com) and Dr. Devendra Kumar, Programme Coordinator, (at devendrwwii@gmail.com). Hard copy of the same should be submitted to the office of Regional Head, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development, Sikkim Regional Centre, Pangthang, Gangtok, Sikkim 737101 by hand/speed post/registered post.

**Note:**

- i. Maximum 25 candidates will be selected for the course; candidates will be screened based on eligibility criteria, experience, and relevance of the training programme for their career.
- ii. All the expenses for boarding, lodging and travel during the course will be borne by the organizers.
- iii. A certificate will be awarded to the participants on successful completion of the course.

Regional Head, GBPNIHESD, Sikkim

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**APPLICATION FORM**

1. Name of Applicant (in block letter):.....
2. Fathers Name: .....
3. Date of Birth: .....
4. Gender: .....
5. Category (Gen/OBC/SC/ST): .....
6. Permanent Address: .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
7. Address for Communication: .....
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- .....
8. Email ID.: .....
9. Mobile No.: .....
10. Aadhar number: .....

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**11. Education qualification (10<sup>th</sup> onward):**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Examination passed</b>	<b>Board/University</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>% Marks/ Division</b>

**12. Experience in the subject (if any):**

**13. Have you ever participated in GSBP organized by the Institute: YES/ NO**

**14. Relevance of the training programme for your career:**

( Please mention about your aim to attend the course, expectation from the course and future plan for utilizing the knowledge gain from this skill development programme)

**15. Accommodation required: Yes/ No**

**(Signature of Applicant)**