

# M.C MEHTA ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

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CERTIFICATE COURSE -cum- TRAINING PROGRAMME

**Environmental Laws and their Application in Environment Protection for Sustainable Development** 

> (COURSE CODE: CCTP-102) **Through Webinar**

BATCH -2<sup>nd</sup> (ONLINE): AUGUST 2020

## **BACKGROUND**

MCMEF is a non-profit, committed non-governmental organization working nationwide

towards protection of the environment, the rights ofthe people to clean and fresh water and air, the promotion of sustainable

development, and the protection of the cultural heritage of



India. We believe that if, all of us unite together and take proper care in protection and conservation of the limited natural resources, we can give our children a better tomorrow. It is possible only through awareness generation and community participation. MCMEF has been actively involved in creating awareness among NGOs, Lawyers, Scientists, Senior officials, Academicians, Students & Youth through training and capacity building programmes, seminars, workshops, declamation contests and other grass roots level activities. During the last few years 150 Young lawyers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Nepal and Bhutan have gone through Intensive Environmental and Law programmes. Over 1100 representatives of NGOs, professionals and students from various fields, Law Colleges/ Universities were trained through various training programmes of shorter and longer duration. These programmes have helped to the participants to understand on the issues of Environment, Law, Policy, enforcement mechanism and the role of Courts in the protection of environment, life and health of the people.

### ENVIRONMENT JURISPRUDENCE

M.C. Mehta's public interest litigation on environmental issues has led the formation of

the foundation for the development of environmental jurisprudence in India, and indeed, South Asia today. M.C. Mehta's environmental cases in the Apex Court have established the following seminal principles in Indian environmental jurisprudence:



### MAHESH CHANDRA MEHTA Conservationist Counsel

During one of his earliest environmental battles, New Delhi lawyer Mahesh Chandra Mehta presented a bottle of brackish water to an attorney representing five offending factories and asked him to drink the contents. The attorney refused. Mehta then turned to the panel of Supreme Court judges, waving the sample of dark, acid-laden liquid from a 40-meter-deep well in India's western desert state of Rajasthan. "This is the water thousands of villagers are drinking," Mehta told the bench. "Why can't he [the defense counsel] drink it?"

Evidently seeing the point the activist-lawyer was trying to make, the judges ordered the five factories closed.

- The constitutional right to life extends to the right to a clean and healthy environment.
- Courts are empowered to grant financial compensation as a remedy for the infringement of the right to life.
- Polluter Pay Principle under which the Polluters is held absolutely liable to compensate for harm caused by their hazardous activities.
- Public resources that are sensitive, fragile or of high ecological value should be preserved and maintained for the

public.

 Similarly, the government has a responsibility to prevent environmental degradation. Even if scientific uncertainty exists, the implementation of preventative measures should not be delayed wherever there is the possibility of serious or irreversible damage.



• Establishment of Green benches throughout the country specifically dealing with environmental cases.

# **WEBINAR**

In view of the prevailing constraints for physical conduct of the Course due to COVID-19 pandemic, MCMEF is conducting trainings/ courses continuously through Webinars to sharpen the skills of young law practitioners/ law students, scientists, academicians / students, activists and other professionals in environment, sanitation & hygiene and waste management in order to strengthen environmental law and policy. Discussion/ Classes will be held through Webinars as per Schedule of Programme.

### **OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAMME**

- Better understanding about the clean green pollution free ecosystem and its need for survival of life
- Skilling up of participants for attaining and sustaining clean and green pollution free environment for the present and future generations
- Understanding of Natural Resources and their conservation
- Understanding of legal framework for environment protection & conservation
- Understanding of various tool and techniques of IEC

### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Law Practitioners and Law Students
- Students/ Research scholars and Academicians
- Representatives of NGOs/ CBOs
- Professionals/ Executive Officers/ Engineers dealing in Environment, Waste Management, Sanitation & Hygiene, Health & Safety etc.

# TOTAL SEATS FOR COURSE

• Forty (40, First come First)

### TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Management of Wastes: Solid Waste, Construction & Demolition Waste, Plastic Waste, Bio Medical Waste, Hazardous Waste, E-Waste. The overall coverage of above rules will be as under: a. Define waste, b. Types of Waste, c. Wastes and Environment, d. Role of different stakeholders, e. Viable Approaches for Waste Management, f. Technological options and practices, g. Horticulture Waste Management in Urban areas, h. Behaviour change and community participation for sustainable solutions through effective tools & techniques of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and Capacity Building. Economics of waste management and garbage free cities.
- Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene: Rural and Urban sanitation will cover broadly; a. Sanitation the basic need of life, b. Current scenario, c. Technological options, d. Rural Sanitation-Challenges, e. Urban Sanitation-Challenger challenges, f. Need for overhauling of Urban waste Management systems, g. EPR in SWM a misnomer, h. Hygiene, practices and importance.
- Natural Resource Conservation: Watershed Development, Current scenario of Natural Resources, various tool and techniques to conserve Natural Resources i.e., Land, water and vegetation, Various components, People's participation and their role.
- Constitutional Provisions, Law & Policy Framework and Landmark Judgments:
   Covering of various legal provisions including Solid Waste Rules, Plastic Waste Management Rules, Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, E-Waste Management Rules and Bio-medical Waste Management Rules and RTI Act.

#### **FACULTY**

Dr M.C. Mehta and MCMEF Team of Subject Experts/ Field Functionaries/ Activists.

# REGISTRATION

- Online Registration Form Web link: <a href="https://urlzs.com/tCnU5">https://urlzs.com/tCnU5</a> OR
   <a href="https://forms.gle/6WQHVfxW2mLe3jR46">https://forms.gle/6WQHVfxW2mLe3jR46</a>
- Last date of Registration: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (5:00PM)

# **REGISTRATION & COURSE FEE**

- For Students/ Scholars and Representatives of NGOs: Rs.1250/-
- For Professionals/ others: **Rs.2000/-**
- Last date for Fee deposition: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (**5:00PM**)

  Account No: M.C. Mehta Environmental Foundation, A/C No. 0132012053500, IFSC-IBKL0000010, IDBI Bank, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi-110049.

# **EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATE**

After completion of the classes/ webinars, an online examination will be conducted by the MCMEF to access the knowledge of the participating candidates. An online Examination comprising of 100 multiple choice questions of total **200 Marks** (2.0 marks for a correct answer) and an Assignment on practical activities i.e. practical application regarding adoption of 3Rs, source segregation of waste, home composting, plantation, water conservation, important case laws relating to environment pollution, etc of **50 Marks** to be submitted. The candidates should securing atleast 50% qualifying marks in the examination. E-Certificate will be awarded to the successful candidates.

# SCHEDULE OF COURSE (CCTP-102)

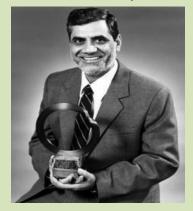
Date/ Time	Hours	Sessions	Title
22-08-2020 (10:00 AM to 12:30 PM)	10.00 Hrs	1st	• Introduction to the Course/ Participants and Ice
	11.00 Hrs		Breaking
	11.00 Hrs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	• Introduction to Environment, Environment
	12.00 Hrs		Pollutants, Causes of Environment Pollution
	12.00 Hrs	3rd	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
	12.30 Hrs		
23-08-2020 (10:00 AM to 12:30 PM)	10.00 Hrs	4 <sup>th</sup>	• The Indian Constitution & Provisions of
	11.00 Hrs		Environment Protection
			Directive Principles of State Policy
			<ul> <li>Fundamental Duties</li> </ul>
			Fundamental Rights
			Article - 32 and Article - 226
	11.00 Hrs	5 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Laws & Policy
	12.00 Hrs		The Wild Life Protection Act,1972
			• The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution)
			Act 1974
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			Cess Act 1977 Amended in 1978

	12.00 Hrs 12.30 Hrs	6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
	10.00 Hrs	7 <sup>th</sup>	The Forest (Conservation) Act,1980
	11.00 Hrs	,	
	11.00 HIS		• The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution)
29-08-2020			Act 1981
(10:00 AM	11.00 Hrs	8 <sup>th</sup>	The Environment Protection Act 1986
to 12:30 PM)	12.00 Hrs		The Motor Vehicle Act,1988
	12.00 Hrs	9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
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	10.00 Hrs	10 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate
	11.00 Hrs	10	Change
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30-08-2020			• CPCB
(10:00 AM			• SPCB
to 12:30 PM)	11.00 Hrs	11 <sup>th</sup>	Management of Solid Waste- A Perspective
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			& Participatory Approach
	12.00 Hrs	12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
	12.30 Hrs		( <b>(</b>
	10.00 Hrs	13 <sup>th</sup>	Plastic Waste Management
	11.00 Hrs	10	Construction & Demolition Waste Management
05-09-2020	11.00 Hrs	14 <sup>th</sup>	
		14	E-Waste management
(10:00 AM	12.00 Hrs		Hazardous Waste management
to 12:30 PM)		4)-	Bio Medical Waste Management
	12.00 Hrs	15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
	12.30 Hrs		
	10.00 Hrs	16 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to Environmental Sanitation and
	11.00 Hrs		Hygiene
0 1 00 000			Swachh Bharat Mission -Rural
06-09-2020			Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
(10:00 AM	11.00 Hrs	17 <sup>th</sup>	Garbage Free City
to 12:30 PM)	12.00 Hrs	± /	Swachh Survekshan
	12.00 Hrs	18 <sup>th</sup>	
	12.00 Hrs 12.30 Hrs	18	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
		19 <sup>th</sup>	W. IID I ON ID
12-09-2020 (10:00 AM	10.00 Hrs	19	Watershed Development & Natural Resource
	11.00 Hrs		Conservation
	11.00 Hrs	17th	Supreme Court /National Green Tribunal &
to 12:30 PM)	12.00 Hrs		Green Courts and Landmark Judgements
to 12.30 FWI)	12.00 Hrs	18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
	12.30 Hrs		
13-09-2020	10.00 Hrs	19 <sup>th</sup>	Right to Information Act and application
(10:00 AM	11.00 Hrs		
to 12 30 PM)	11.00 Hrs	20 <sup>th</sup>	CrPC and IPC on Environment
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	12.00 Hrs	21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers)
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19-09-2020	10.00 Hrs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Success Stories & Experience Sharing
(10:00 AM	11.00 Hrs		
to 12 30 PM)	11.00 Hrs	$23^{\rm rd}$	Recapitulation & Revision of Syllabus
	12.30 Hrs		·
20-09-2020	10.00 Hrs	24 <sup>th</sup>	Online Examination (MCQs): 200 Marks
(10:00 AM	11.30 Hrs		• Submission of Assignment on practical
to 12 30 PM)			activities as given in para above: 50 Marks
	11.30 Hrs	Result Declaration and Concluding Session	
	12.30 Hrs		

Padma Shri MC Mehta: A lawyer by profession and a committed environmentalist by choice,

he has made the fight to protect India's environment his unending mission. He has pioneered legal activism for environmental protection and is proof that one man can make a difference. Born on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1946, Sh M C Mehta (Mahesh Chander Mehta) belongs to a small village in district Rajouri in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (India). It was here that his love for nature, instilled in him a sense of commitment towards protecting the environment. He got his education up to primary level in his village Dhangri. Later, to get higher education he had to join School at Rajouri. For few years he travelled from his village to School and back by



crossing two rivers and about 15 km of distance every day. After his schooling at Rajouri, he moved to Jammu and completed his Post Graduation in Political Science and Law degree from Jammu University and started his practice in Jammu & Kashmir High Court. During his stay in Jammu, he took active part in social and political issues. He raised his voice against corruption and motivated students and youth to fight against discrimination taking place with the Jammu region. He remained President of The Youth Action Committee and pioneered the Social & Political causes. His career as a Supreme Court lawyer began in 1983, when he migrated to Delhi. In 1984, he began focusing on environmental litigation.

In the words of Ms Smita Gate "Often described as the One Man Enviro-legal Brigade, Mr Mehta is probably the only Supreme Court lawyer to have taken up legal cudgels with the polluting Indian Industries and come out victorious. A dedicated, fearless and extremely honest man, he pursues his goals with single-minded devotion. He has been conferred with several prestigious awards. Some of these are the Governor's Gold Medal, the Goldman Environmental Prize for Asia (1996) considered on alternative Noble Prize in USA and Europe, the UN's Global 500 Award for 1993 and Ramon Magsaysay Award for 1997, People of the Year Award (1998) LIMCA Book of Record, Kerry Rydberg Award for environmental activism (1998) from Public Interest Env Law Conference, U.S.A and Padma Shri from Government of India in 2016.

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