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CERTIFICATE COURSE -cum- TRAINING/ INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

In

Environmental Laws and their Application in Environment Protection & Sustainable Development

(COURSE CODE: CCTP-104)

Through Webinar

BATCH -4th (ONLINE/ HYBRID): JUNE 2024

BACKGROUND

MCMEF is a non-profit, committed non-governmental organization working nationwide towards protection & conservation of the environment, the rights of the people to clean and fresh water/ air/ soil and food, sustainable development, and the protection of the cultural heritage of



India. We believe that if, all of us unit 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, community participation and capacity building of the stakeholders. MCMEF has been actively involved in capacity building of NGOs, Lawyers, Scientists, Senior officials, Academicians, Students & Youth through trainings, 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 1500 representatives of NGOs, professionals, academicians and students from various fields, Colleges/ Universities were trained through various training programmes of shorter and longer duration (offline/ online & hybrid). These programmes focuses on skilling up to understand on the issues of Environment, environment protection & conservation practices, Law & Policy, enforcement mechanism and the role of Courts in the protection of environment, life and health of the people.

ENVIRONMENT JURISPRUDENCE

Padma Shri Mr 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:



Rakesh Sahai for Asiaweek

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.



COURSE/ TRAINING/ INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

MCMEF is conducting courses/ trainings/ internships continuously to sharpen the skills of academicians/ students, young law practitioners, scientists, activists and other professionals in environment/ sanitation & hygiene/ waste management in order to strengthen environmental law and policy in association of Green Earth – Organization for Environment, Health, Safety & Sanitation, Kurukshetra & Key Resource Center - Sector Partner (JJM), Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New

Delhi. Discussion/ classes will be held through Webinars as per Schedule of Programme. During 2020-21 and 2021-22, three online Certificate Course -cum- Training Programmes had been conducted in which 120 candidates participated.

OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAMME

- Better understanding about the clean – green pollution free ecosystem and its importance 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 & application of legal framework for environment protection & conservation
- Understanding & application 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.
- Elected Representatives

TOTAL SEATS FOR COURSE

- Fifty only (50, First come, First)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- **Natural Resource Conservation:** Ecosystem, Watershed Development, Current scenario of Natural Resources, various tool and techniques to conserve Natural Resources i.e. Land, Water, Soil, Vegetation, Wildlife, 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, Bio-medical Waste Management Rules and RTI Act and Landmark various judgments and Missions (Swachh Bharat & Jal Jeevan), Campaigns & public movements.
- **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: 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; i. Sanitation - the basic need of life, ii. Current scenario, iii. Technological options, iv. Rural Sanitation-Challenges, v. Urban Sanitation-Challenger challenges, vi. Need for overhauling of Urban waste Management systems, vii. EPR in SWM - a misnomer, viii. Hygiene, practices and importance.

FACULTY

Padma Shri M.C. Mehta and MCMEF's Team of experienced matter Experts.

REGISTRATION

- Online Registration (Google Form) - Web link:
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cTqMh4vIJ6WxGfjoA3Yf6lYD85nFcU2eFC-f98MY_Oo/edit
- Last date of Registration : 25th May 2024

REGISTRATION & COURSE FEE

- For Students/ Scholars and Representatives of NGOs: **Rs.2500/-**
- For Professionals/ others : **Rs.5000/-**
- For Sponsored by Corporate : **Rs.10000/-**
- Last date for Fee deposition : 25th May 2024

Account No: M.C. Mehta Environmental Foundation, A/C No. 0132012053500, IFSC-IBKL0000010, IDBI Bank, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, N. 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 by the candidates to MCMEF by **5th July, 2024**. The candidates should secure qualifying at-least 50% marks (aggregate of online Examination and Assignment). E-Certificate will be awarded to the successful candidates.

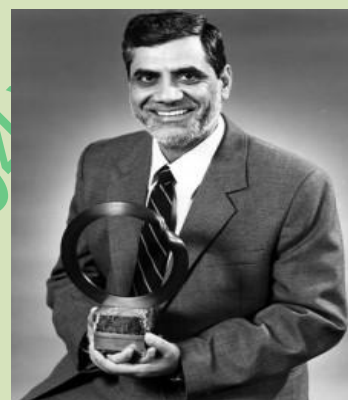
SCHEDULE OF COURSE (CCTP-104)

| Date/ Time (Saturday & Sunday) | Hours | Sessions | Title |
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| 08-06-2024 (10:00 AM to | 45 Min | 1st | • Inaugural Session & Introduction to the Course/ Participants and Ice Breaking |

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| 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 2 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Environment, Environment Pollutants, Causes of Environment Pollution |
| | 30 Min | 3 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 09-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 4 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Constitution & Provisions of Environment Protection • Directive Principles of State Policy • Fundamental Duties • Fundamental Rights • Article - 32 and Article - 226 |
| | 45 Min | 5 th | Environmental Laws & Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wild Life Protection Act,1972 • The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 (as amended) • The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Cess Act 1977 (as amended) |
| | 30 Min | 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 15-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 7 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 • The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981 |
| | 45 Min | 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Protection Act 1986 |
| | 30 Min | 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 16-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 10 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change & Roles & Responsibilities • NGT & Roles & Responsibilities • CPCB & SPCB & Roles & Responsibilities |
| | 45 Min | 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Solid Waste- A Perspective • Solid Waste Management- Role of Community & Participatory Approach |
| | 30 Min | 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 22-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Waste Management • Construction & Demolition Waste Management |
| | 45 Min | 14 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Waste management • Hazardous Waste management • Bio Medical Waste Management |
| | 30 Min | 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 23-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 16 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene • Swachh Bharat Mission |
| | 45 Min | 17 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage Free City • Swachh Survekshan |
| | 30 Min | 18 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 29-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 45 Min | 19 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed Development & Natural Resource Conservation and Jal Jeevan Mission |
| | 45 Min | 17 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court /National Green Tribunal & Green Courts and Landmark Judgements |

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| | 30 Min | 18 th | • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| 30-06-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 30 Min | 19 th | • Right to Information Act and application |
| | 30 Min | 20 th | • CrPC and IPC on Environment |
| | 30 Min | 21 st | • Open Discussion Session (Questions-Answers) |
| | 30 Min | 22 nd | • Success Stories & Experience Sharing |
| | | 23 rd | • Recapitulation & Revision of Syllabus |
| 07-07-2024 (10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon) | 90 Min | 24 th | • Online Examination (MCQs): Max. 200 Marks |
| | 30 Min | 25 th | • Result Declaration of written Exam |
| | | | • Concluding Session |
| • Submission of Assignment on Practical Activities by 5th July, 2024: Max. 50 Marks | | | |

Padma Shri MC Mehta (Mahesh Chander 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 12th October 1946, Sh M C 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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