

A photograph of two cranes in a field. One crane is standing upright on the left, looking towards the right. The other crane is on the right, leaning forward with its head down, possibly foraging. The background is a soft-focus landscape with rolling hills under a blue sky.

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## भूमिका:

माणसाची कोणतीही कृती निसर्गावर आघात करते. एकेकाळी वैभवशेखरावर पोहोचलेल्या मानवी संस्कृती नष्ट झाल्या, याचे प्रमुख कारण म्हणजे त्यांनी कळत नकळत केलेली निसर्ग-संपत्तीची धुळधाण, जंगलतोड, जमिनीची धूप, वाळवंटीकरण, पाण्याचा अयोग्य वापर, वगैरे. आजही मानवी संस्कृती प्रायः हीच कृत्ये करीत आहे. आर्थिक विकासाच्या मार्गावर घोडदौड करणाऱ्या आपल्या देशातही याच कृत्यांचे प्रत्यंतर येते. त्याचे दुष्परिणाम आपणां सर्वांनाच भोगावे लागणार आहेत.

## ध्येय:

निसर्ग आणि पर्यावरण यांच्या सुदृढतेचा विचार न करता आर्थिक विकासाच्या योजना अंमलात आणणे म्हणजे आपल्याच पायावर धोंडा पाडून घेणे होय. ही जाणीव मात्र आपल्यापैकी फारच थोड्यांना असते. जेथे योग्य वाटेल तेथे अशी जाणीव करून देणे हे इकोलॉजिकल सोसायटी आपले कर्तव्य समजते. निरनिराळ्या विकासा योजना निसर्ग आणि पर्यावरण यांवर कोणता परिणाम करतात, याचे संशोधन करणे, आणि निसर्गावर आघात न करता, निसर्गाचा समतोल न बिघडवताही, आर्थिक उन्नती साधता येते, हे दाखविणारे प्रकल्प हाती घेणे हे संस्थेचे उद्दिष्ट आहे.

## कार्य:

पुणे शहरातून वाहणाऱ्या नद्या आणि त्यांचा परिसर यांच्यावर शहरीकरणामुळे झालेल्या आघातांचा अभ्यास संस्थेने नुकताच पुरा केला आहे आणि त्या परिसराची सुधारणा करण्यासाठी एक योजनाही तयार केली आहे. पानशेत धरणाच्या पाणलोट क्षेत्रातील नैसर्गिक परिस्थितीची पाहणी करून त्या क्षेत्रासाठी

विकास-योजना तयार करण्याचे काम केंद्र सरकारच्या पर्यावरण विभागाने संस्थेकडे दिलेले आहे. स्थलांतरित पक्ष्यांच्या दृष्टीने महत्वाच्या असलेल्या काही जलाशयांची पाहणी करून त्यांच्यासाठी अभयस्थले सुचविण्याचे कार्य संस्थेतर्फे राजस्थान व सौराष्ट्र येथे चालु आहे. पुण्याच्या पुर्वेकडील काही जलाशय आणि त्यांच्या परिसरातील निसर्ग यांचा अभ्यास वनविभागाच्या सहकार्याने सुरू करण्यात आला आहे.

या जलाशयाच्या परिसरात आणि पानशेतच्या पाणलोट क्षेत्रात नैसर्गिक घटकांचे जतन आणि संवर्धन करण्याची योजनाही कार्यान्वित झाली आहे.

कोकण किनाऱ्यावरील जैवविविधतेचे सर्वेक्षण आणि त्यावर आधारीत किनारपट्टीच्या संवर्धनाची योजना, मिमाशंकर अभयारण्याची पक्ष्यांच्या विविधतेवर आधारीत व्यवस्थापन योजना, फलटण जवळ उजाड जमिनीवर गवाठ व शुष्क प्रदेशातील जमिनींचे संवर्धन करण्याचा प्रयोग अशी विविध कार्ये संस्थेतर्फे चालु आहेत. या सर्वांचा उद्देश निसर्गाचे पुनरुज्जीवन करून मानवी आयुष्य सुकर व सुखकर करण्याचा आहे.

एका संपूर्ण वर्षाचा निसर्ग-संपत्तीच्या संवर्धनाचा व जपणुकीचा अभ्यासक्रम हे संस्थेचे खास वैशिष्ट्य आहे. भारतात अशा प्रकारचा हा एकमेव अभ्यासक्रम आहे. तो पुणे व मुंबई येथे चालु आहे. या अभ्यासक्रमाची सुरुवात पुणे येथे १९९८ साली झाली. आता तो ५ व्या वर्षात पदार्पण करत आहे.

घरबांधणी, कारखान्यांची उभारणी, रस्ते बांधणी, जमिनीचा विकास, गिरीस्थाने व समुद्रकिनाऱ्यावरील विश्रामस्थाने वगैरे कामे करू इच्छिणाऱ्यांना पर्यावरणविषयक समस्यांना तोंड द्यावे लागते.

## कार्यकर्ते :

अशा प्रकारचे कार्य करणारी एखादी संस्था असावी अशी कल्पना पुढे आली १९८२ साली, मार्च महिन्यातल्या एका सायंकाळी निसर्ग-संवर्धनाची आस्था असणाऱ्या काही व्यक्ती एकत्र जमल्या होत्या. त्यामध्ये महाराष्ट्र राज्याचे माजी प्रमुख सचिव लक्ष्मण राजवाडे, केसरीचे संपादक जयंतराव टिळक, नगर नियोजन संचालक केसकर, डॉ. सौ. वाडीया, डॉ. वसंत पेठे, डॉ. सुरेश भावे, श्री. प्रकाश व सौ. स्वाती गोळे हे लोक होते.

बैठकीत इकॉलॉजिकल सोसायटीची रुपरेषा ठरली आणि कार्याला सुरुवात झाली. आता सोसायटी एकविसाव्या वर्षात पदार्पण करीत आहे आणि निसर्गाची व समाजाची आणखी वर्षानुवर्षे सेवा करण्याची संधी तिला मिळवी अशी मनोमन इच्छा आहे.

या समस्यांतून मार्ग काढण्यास आवश्यक असे संशोधन संस्था आनंदाने स्वीकारू शकेल. तसेच निसर्ग पुनरुज्जीवनाचे प्रकल्प कार्यान्वित करण्यासाठी तांत्रिक मदत व मार्गदर्शन अशी कामेही सोसायटी घेऊ शकेल.

## अपेक्षा :

हितचिंतक, संवर्धक किंवा आश्रयदाते या नात्याने आपणही संस्थेच्या कार्यास हातभार लावू शकता. यासाठी आपणाकडून एक हजार रुपये, दहा हजार रुपये किंवा एक लाख रुपये अर्थसहाय्य अपेक्षित आहे. संस्था रोख किंवा वस्तुरूपात देणगी स्विकारू शकते. संस्थेला दिलेल्या देणगा करमुक्त आहेत.

सहाय्याची रक्कम पुढील पत्त्यावर पाठवावी :

संचालक, इकॉलॉजिकल सोसायटी, १ अभिमानश्री सोसायटी, पाषाण रस्ता, पुणे ८. दुरध्वनी: ५६५ ०४ ०८

## Raison d'etre

Human activities affect ecology. Historically human civilisations have destroyed forests, ravaged mountain-slopes, polluted water & air and have perished as a consequence. Even to-day our development plans directed to enhance the economic well-being of our people, affect and drastically modify ecology, mostly in an adverse manner and as a consequence imperil our own lives.

## Objectives :

However very few of us realise that development plans which neglect ecology, can prove disastrous in the long run. Through research, the Ecological society will endeavour to study the impact of developmental activities on ecology, through education, the society will try to make people aware of the implications of these adverse effects, and through field projects, will set up model units where economic planning and ecological conservation complement each other to better the lot of the people.

While research projects undertaken by the Society will cover both rural and urban areas, the model in rural and semi-urban areas. The thrust of the Society's demonstration work will therefore, be concentrated in the rural and the so called backward areas of our country.

## The Projects :

The society has already completed a

research project which has studied the impact of urban planning on the twin rivers of Pune and their ecology and have suggested remedial measures. A Project to study the impact of building a dam on the ecology of its catchment and a study of the ecology of man-made wetlands, are under way in rural areas of Maharashtra. The first demonstration unit in the catchment area of Panshet dam is completed. This unit will demonstrate what remedial measures can be undertaken to better the lot of the poor that still reside in the catchment, while conserving and improving the ecological factors.

The society was also assigned the task of designing a regional development plan based on biodiversity conservation for the natural strip between Mumbai and Pune, and management plan for the Bhimashankar wildlife Sanctuary based on agricultural diversity. recently the Society has launched a project to restore and develop grass land and related ecosystems near Phaltan in rain-shadow of western ghats.

A one year Post graduate course in Nature conservation and sustainable management of natural resources was initiated by the Society in August 1998. It is unique course no where duplicated in India. It is being conducted in Pune and Mumbai.

The society will gladly undertake research in ecological & environmental problems faced by construction, engineering and

other industries, by developers and by agencies whose activities affect seashore, lakes and rivers, forests and woodlands, pastures and arid lands and hills and mountains and consultancy in restoration of degraded eco-system.

### **The People :**

The genesis of the society goes back to that evening in March 1982, when a group of concerned individuals including Sarvashree L. G. Rajwade, former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra, J. S. Tilak, Chairman, Legislative Council, Maharashtra, J. G. Keskar, Director Town Planning, Maharashtra, Dr. & Mrs. Wadia, Dr. S. V. Bhawe, Dr. V. P. Pethe, and Prakash and Mrs. Gole held discussions and formulated plans to set up a Trust to further ecological research & education.

The society has now completed twenty years and is looking forward to many more of dedicated and purposeful work.

### **Your Participation :**

You too can participate in this vital task by contributing

Rs. 1,000/- as a Wellwisher

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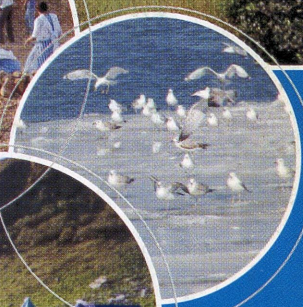
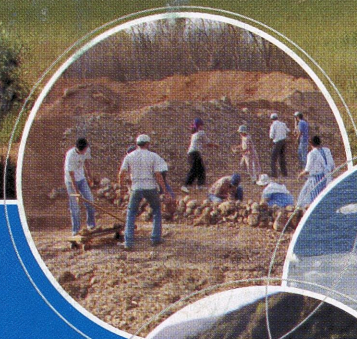
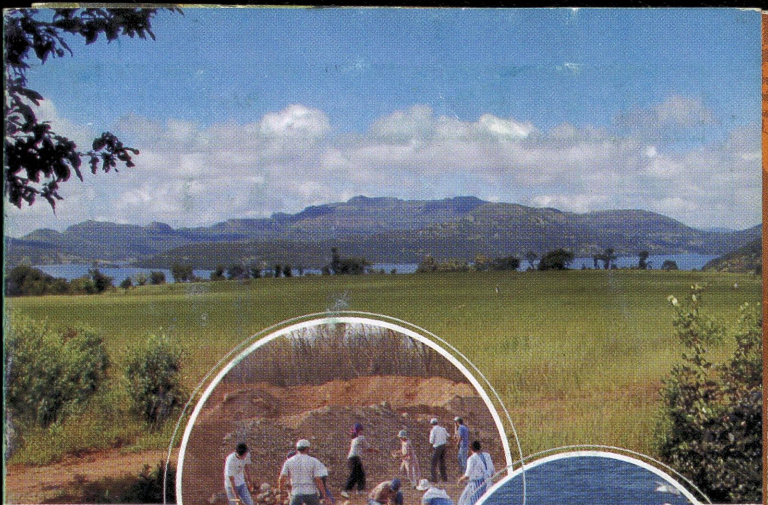
Rs. 1,00,000/- + as a Patron

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# About Ecological Society

Founded in 1982, has been in the forefront of Ecological research and education research sponsored by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. Of India and Govt. Of Maharashtra. Has conducted courses for Govt. Officials, Engineers, Professionals, University Students etc. Maintains its own forest, wetland & grassland reserves. Publishes annually a scientific journal.

**Chairman : Admiral M. P. Awati (Retd.),**

**Director : Mr. Prakash Gole**



## Course Highlights :

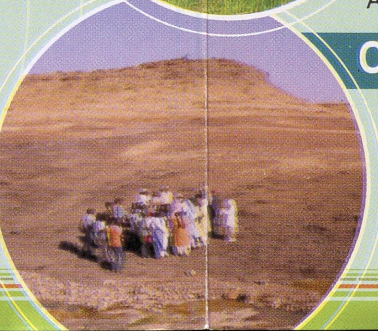
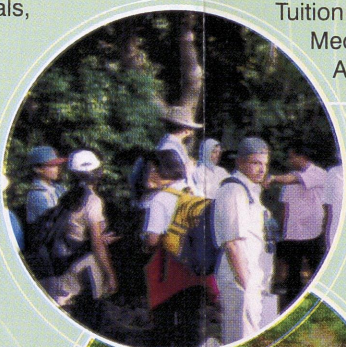
- Theory and field experience through camps and field work.
- Library with unique collection of books, journals, periodicals on ecology and environment.
- Laboratory facility available.
- Offers interaction with National and International experts in the field.

## Course Contents :

- **Study of Eco-systems**  
Mountains, Tropical Forests, Grasslands, Marine eco-system, Man induced eco-system
- **Eco-system Management & Restoration**  
Basic principals of Management  
Financial management of projects & costing  
Environmental economics  
Basic civil engineering & hydrology  
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Globalization & Sustainable Development  
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## Course Options :

**One Year Diploma - Full time** - Started in 1998

Eligibility : Graduate (any stream)

Tuition Fee : Rs. 6000/-

Medium : English and Marathi

Admission : May-June, Course starts 15th July

**One Year Correspondence**

Eligibility : A Graduate (any stream)

Tuition Fee : Rs. 1500/- at the time of admission

Rs. 600/- six months after admission

Rs. 500/- at the end of the year

Medium : English or Marathi

Admission : on any day of the year

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(Course available at Mumbai & Pune)

For Professionals, Businessmen, Housewives...

Anybody interested in understanding Nature  
Weekly course - Sunday + Field Visits & Camps.

Tuition Fee : Rs. 5000/-

Medium : English and Marathi

Admission : Sept.-August, Course starts 1st Sept.

## Camp Details :

4 camps to study different eco systems.

- Camp at Himalayas - 12 day
- Grassland Camp - 3 day
- Coastal Camp - 4 day
- Forest Camp & River Ecology - 3 day

One year

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## APPLICATION FORM

### Your Information

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### Course Option

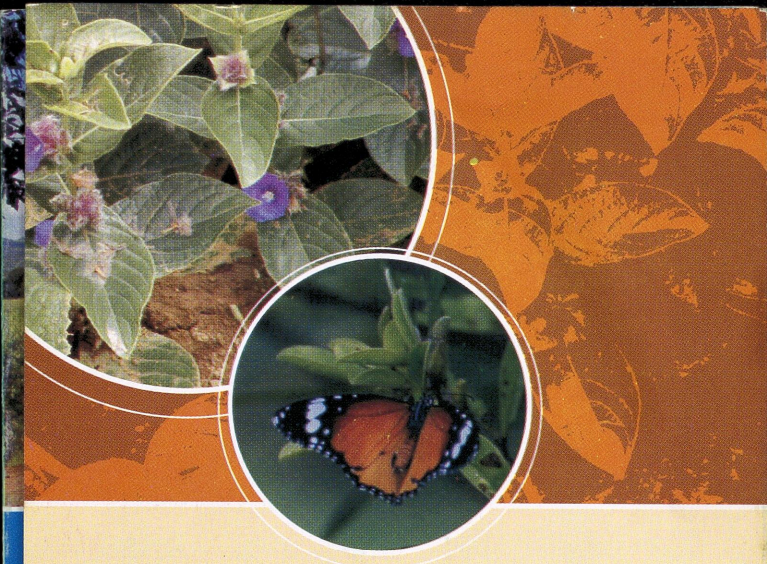
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**Academic Record**

Subjects at \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Marks/Class \_\_\_\_\_

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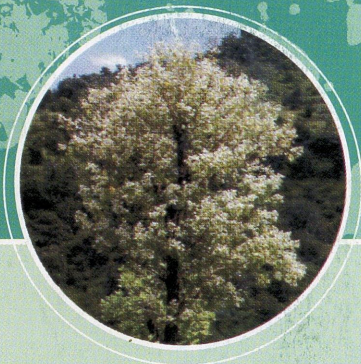
Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Any other Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of work experience if any \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, topics of special interest \_\_\_\_\_

Brief statement of purpose \_\_\_\_\_



## Faculty

### Regular

- Prof Prakash Gole
- Prof S. D. Mahajan
- Dr. Swati Gole
- Mrs. Sandhya Raje Shirke
- Mrs. Gauri Haval
- Bharati Kelkar
- Mr. Parth Bapat
- Mrs. Deepti Bapat

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## Our Mission

To protect, preserve and enhance the environment and promote wise management of our natural resources.

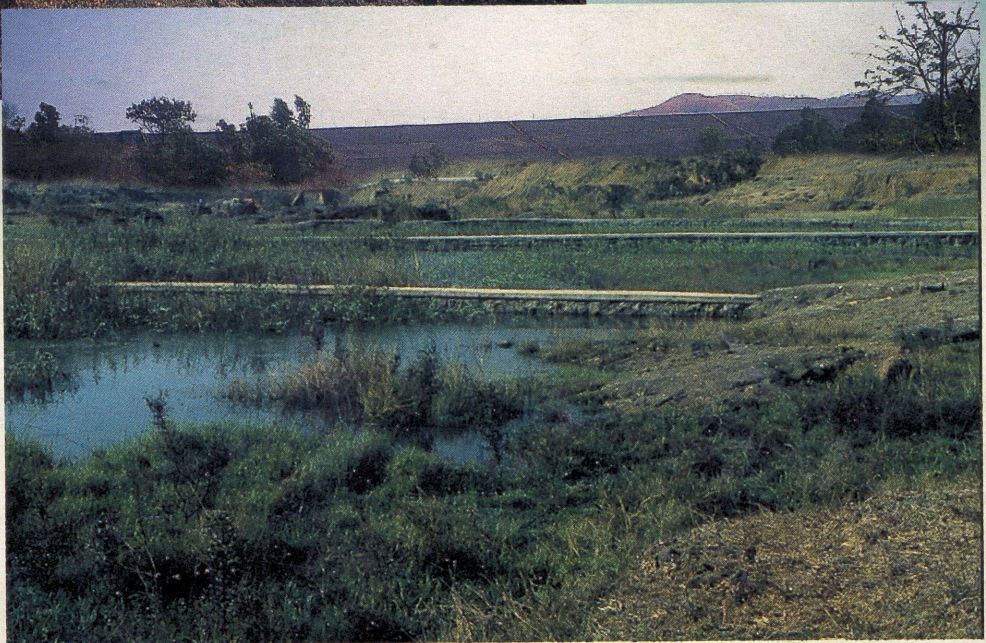
To create awareness among masses, plan and implement restoration projects to prevent or clean up pollution and support sustainable solutions to conserve natural resources.



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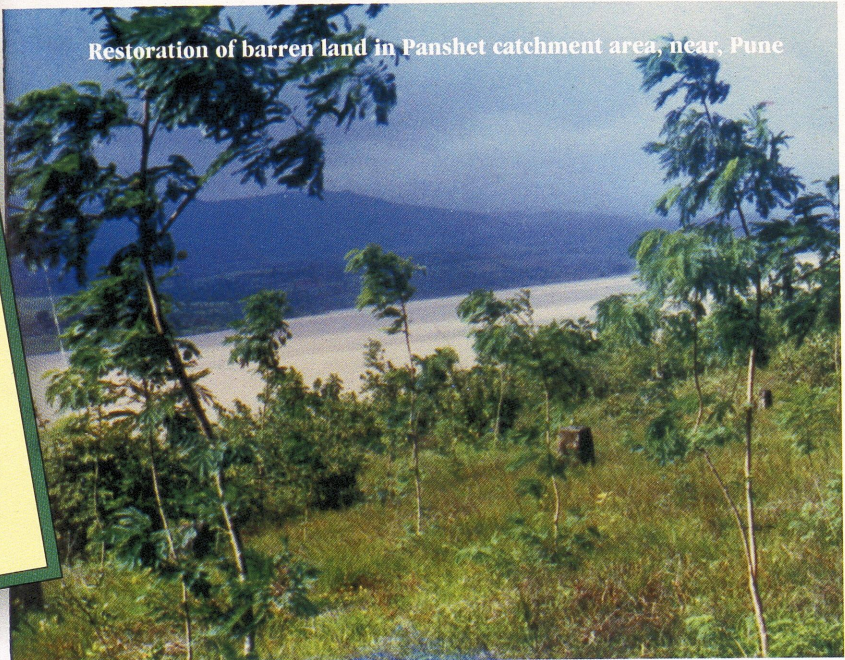
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## OUR MISSION

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Restoration of barren land in Panshet catchment area, near, Pune



Natural Resources are our assets, which provide basic necessities of life to millions of our citizens. We are dependent on these natural resources for our livelihood. All developmental plans, which are directed to enhance the economic well being of our people, are affecting natural resources and altering the delicate ecological balance by destroying forests, ravaging mountain slopes, polluting air and water. In the past two decades we have been witnessing unusual climatic changes and depletion of our flora and fauna.

The changes are in the form of global warming, receding water tables, melting of polar ice, depletion of ozone layer, reduction in the forest cover, endangering certain species, increasing green house effect, etc. Nature takes its own time to repair the indiscriminate damages inflicted under the garb of development. It took millions of years for coal to crystallise and crude oil to form.

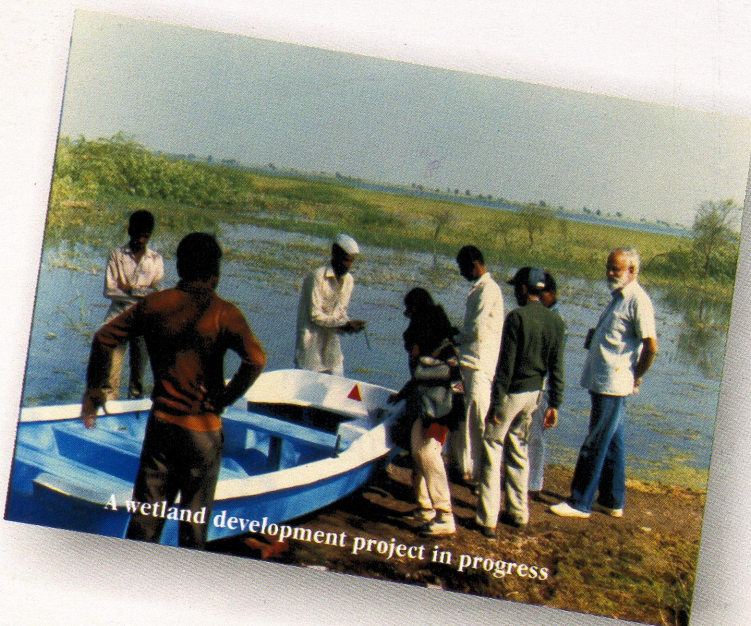
The destruction of ecology should be of immediate concern otherwise the effect in the long run could be catastrophic, even

leading to the extinction of mankind. Several global studies have indicated that India is particularly vulnerable to climate change and is likely to suffer damage to agriculture, food, water security, human health and coastal population.

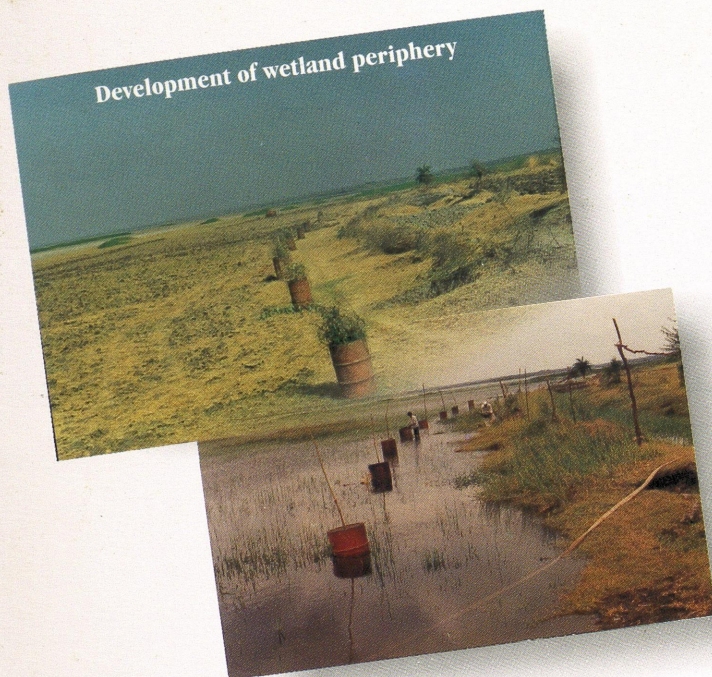
We should realise the gravity of the situation before it blows out of proportion and get our act together towards restoration of the ecological balance. We therefore, need to make concerted efforts to prevent any further damage as well as restore the damage already inflicted on the ecology.

### We offer Environment Consultancy Services in the following areas:

1. Nature restoration and management services
  - a. Ecological planning and natural landscape designing of personal land holding with the touch of wilderness and green.
  - b. Restoration of degraded landscapes for wild life conservation, by enhancement and creation of forest, grassland, and wild life habitats.
  - c. Wetland creation, restoration and management of water reservoirs (which ranges from small pond to water garden) to enhance aquatic bio-diversity and eco-friendly ambience.
2. We undertake environmental and ecological impact assessment studies which are conducted prior to initiation of any large scale development projects like construction of dams, highways, medicinal plantations, organic farming, development of natural eco-systems like forests, grasslands, wetlands, river and stream restorations, etc.
3. We conduct one year Post graduate course in Nature Conservation and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. Special training programmes are being conducted for the stakeholders (officials from Govt. agencies and professional) with special focus on the impact management of the developmental project



A wetland development project in progress



Development of wetland periphery

## OBJECTIVES

- Promote environmental awareness and nature conservation among the masses.
- To study the impact of developmental activities on ecology, through research and mitigation projects.
- Undertake studies for the conservation, management and restoration of our natural resources including wildlife.
- Plan and implement field projects in both rural and urban areas to set up model units where economic planning and ecological conservation complement each other and form a viable model to be emulated in the future.

## OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

- Recently Society has launched a project to restore and develop grassland and related eco-systems near Phaltan, Maharashtra, in the rain-shadow region of the Western Ghats.
- The Society has carried out socio-biological survey of the two rivers of Pune, the Mula & the Mutha and studied the impact of urban development and their ecological impacts.



Grassland development project — Phaltan

- The Society has also prepared a model plan for the ecological development of the Panshet catchment area, which supplied water to the Pune metropolis.
- It has successfully implemented ecological development and restoration of forest in Panshet catchment area. Lush green forest with wetlands and wildlife has been created, covering an area of 50 acres. This model project has been acclaimed as one of the pioneering restoration efforts in developing countries and has been honoured by the Society for Ecological Restoration, USA. The US government had sent its representatives to especially look into the carbon sequestration importance of the restored forest.
- The Society had carried out its first countrywide project to assess the status of the largest flying bird in the world i.e. the Sarus Crane. This is a pioneering study of man and bird interrelationship in India, which has been recognised by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- Since 1994 the Society has been conducting a short-term course in environmental management of land, water, forests, etc. This training programme has now been extended to a full year and now covers sustainable management and conservation of all natural resources. In Pune this extended course began in 1998 and was introduced in Mumbai in the year 2001. The course is useful for professionals from government and the private sector as well as to the layman.



Himalayan mountain ecosystem study tour

- The Society had also carried out a "Project to rediscover the wintering area of the rare Black-necked Crane", a globally endangered species. This rediscovery has been applauded by the International Crane Foundation and resulted in setting up the first Peoples' Sanctuary for Cranes in Arunachal Pradesh.
- In partnership with the Irrigation Department of Government of Maharashtra, the Society initiated eco-development work in Chaskaman Dam's catchment area for promotion of local fishery development, protection of river basin and wetlands.

Training programme for the senior officers of Irrigation and Building Construction Departments to create awareness about how to evolve developmental project with the focus on environmental improvement of dams, canals, water reservoirs, etc. More than 1000 officials from Irrigation Department have attended the courses.

## OUR FUTURE PLANS

- ◆ Biodiversity Conservation Planning for villages around Pune.
- ◆ Restoration of grassland and provision of livelihood and security for Dhangars around Phaltan, District, Satara.
- ◆ Creation of wetlands as a cost effective means to improve water quality of Pune's rivers.
- ◆ Extension of our one year course in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Nature Conservation to cover Maharashtra.
- ◆ Establishment of field stations near forest and on seashore for restoration training.

## PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Environment and Ornithology in India.
- ◆ Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development in India.
- ◆ Nature and man.
- ◆ Nisargachyaa ashavata.
- ◆ Several reports prepared for government agencies on forest and wetland restoration and wild life conservation.

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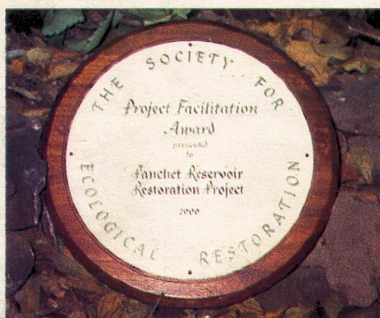
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Dear, *Ms Forster,*

The Organizing Committee of the Workshop presents compliments and cordially invites you to the inauguration of the Workshop by Shree Geethankrishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests. Govt. of India, on 21st January at 10 a.m. in the Dnyaneshwar Sabhagrih of Poona University, Ganeshkhind, Pune-7. The Technical Sessions will commence from 2 p.m. the same day. We will be glad to have your participation.

The programme is as follows

### **Saturday, 21st January**

Technical Session I : Research in Wetlands 2 to 4 p.m.  
Techniques & Methods.  
Chairman : Prof. R.M. Naik,  
Saurashtra University  
Tea & Coffee Break 4 to 4.30 p.m.  
Conservation of Storks & Geese  
Chairman : Shivrajkumar Khacher  
Dinner 8 p.m.

### **Sunday, 22nd January**

Technical Session II Management of Wetlands 9 to 10.30 a.m.  
Chairman : Shree Panwar,  
Director,  
Wildlife Institute of India  
Tea & Coffee Break 10.30 to 11 a.m.  
Session continues 11 to 12.30 p.m.  
Lunch : 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.

Technical Session III : Technology Exchange 2 to 4 p.m.  
Chairman : Shree Samar Singh,  
Secretary,  
Wastelands Development Board,  
Govt. of India.  
Tea & Coffee Break 4 to 4.30 p.m.  
Session continues 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Evening Session : Slide & Poster presentations 6 to 7.30 p.m.  
Dinner 8 p.m.

## **Monday, 23rd January**

Full-day Excursion : Vehicles to call at hotel at 6 a.m.

## **Tuesday, 24th January**

Technical Session IV : Building up the infra-structure 9 to 10.30 a.m.  
for  
national and international cooperation.  
Chairman : Dr. M.K. Ranjitsinh,  
Jt. Secretary,  
Ministry of Environment & Forest,  
Govt. of India.  
Tea & Coffee Break 10.30 to 11 a.m.  
Session continues 11 to 12.30 p.m.  
Lunch 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.  
Valedictory Function  
and Conclusion 2 to 3 p.m.  
Tea & Coffee 3 to 3.30 p.m.

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