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Introduction

Since its inception in 1982, Ecological Society has been in the forefront of ecological & environmental research & education. It has carried out a number of research projects with practical applications for municipal corporations, Government of Maharashtra & the Central Government.

The Society had conducted professional courses in environmental water management for Irrigation engineers of the Irrigation Department of Government of Maharashtra between 1989 to 2000 in collaboration with Engineering Staff College, Government of Maharashtra, Nashik.

In 1998 it launched a one-year Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Pune and Mumbai. This course is now approved by the Board of Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra. The Society's other activities include maintaining field research stations at Panshet (District Pune) & Phaltan (District Satara) for imparting practical training in resource management to students; running environmental educational programmes for village children at Panshet & Kamshet and organizing lectures & workshops on topics of environmental / ecological interest. The Society also publishes annually a scientific Journal.

The Society has conducted in collaboration with B A I F, workshops for NABARD officials regarding Ecological interventions in Watershed development. Now it is agreed that in all the projects supported by NABARD, ecological measures will be incorporated with engineering methods.

It is now planning to initiate a parallel educational stream, which focuses on developing a holistic approach to life's problems among students. It will be a movement from eco-schools to eco-university. It will aim at devising a syllabus, which is relevant to our day-to-day needs in cities & villages with emphasis on eco-friendly technology and proper management of natural resources. It will reduce the present burden of bookish education on students & emphasize activities outside the classroom. It aims to develop specific skills among students according to their aptitudes. At college and university levels it will aim at restoration of eco-systems, rejuvenation of natural resources and holistic landscape planning. The courses will create their own job opportunities so that students are not left in a vacuum after his / her graduation.