

**Name of the Centre** : **ENVIS Centre on “Environmental Impact Assessment & Biodegradation of wastes”**

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**Year of establishment** : **1984**

### **About the Host Organization**

The Department of Public Health Engineering, established in the year 1955 was upgraded into the Centre for Environmental Studies (CES) in 1982 and autonomous status from 1999. The centre is a UGC sponsored *Centre of Excellence in Environmental Science* to promote research and Development work. The Centre has a rich tradition of teaching, continuing education, research, consultancy and extension programmes and became an advanced Environmental Education and Research Centre to contribute environmental management at state, country and International levels. The Centre offers Masters degree in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Management, and Environmental Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science and M.S by Research in Environmental Engineering and Science, Short Term Course in Public Health Engineering. The Centre is involved in fundamental and applied research work and consultancy projects for assessment of Chemical and biological characteristics of water bodies, treatment and reuse of wastewater, biomagnification, groundwater recharge, degradation of toxic wastes such as phenol, removal of toxic pollutants by aquatic plants/animals, energy flow and management of community wastes are some of the areas of investigation at the Centre.



## Activities of the Centre

- Collection, Collation and dissemination of information on Environmental Impact Assessment & Biodegradation of wastes through various media.
- Publishing Environmental Abstracts in the area of Biodegradation of wastes and Environmental Impact Assessment every six month and Publishes monographs from time to time in the field of Environmental Impact Assessment in India.
- Creation and maintenance of website on Biodegradation of waste and Environmental Impact Assessment. Compilation of news items, publishing monthly news letter, answering queries, establishing linkages with information users, Government , NGO'S, business and academia including that with ENVIS.

## ENVIS Publications

- **ENVIS Newsletter**

- ◇ The Centre publishes Quarterly newsletter since 1984 on Environmental Impact Assessment and Biodegradation of waste. The newsletter include research paper abstracts, paper clippings, news on seminars and conferences in the assigned areas.



- **Publication**

- ◇ EMCB Node publishes a monthly news letter entitled "CESENVISION" in the area of Biodegradation of wastes and Environmental Impact Assessment.
- ◇ It also publishes compilation of environmental report news entitled "CESENVISION Green News" every month.

- **Environmental Abstracts**

- ◇ Centre publishes Environmental Abstracts on Biodegradation of wastes and Environmental Abstracts on Environmental Impact Assessments every six months.



## Services

### ◉ Query Answer Services

- ◆ The Centre receives queries on Environmental Impact Assessment and Biodegradation of waste from various user groups which are responded to by providing the desired information.

### ◉ Abstracting Services

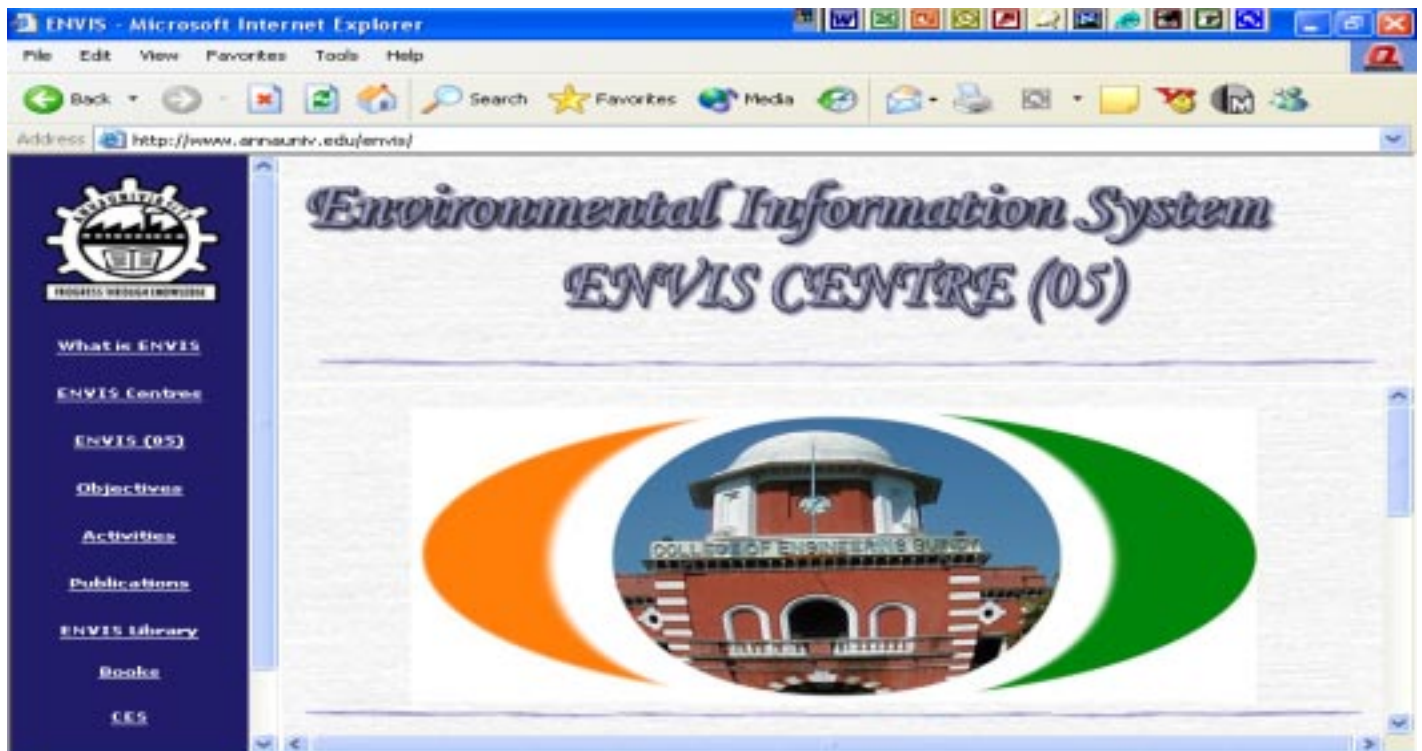
- ◆ The abstract service on Environment conceived with a view to help interested research workers resulted from the collection of abstracts from various journals. A journal abstracts once in six months with each volume having two parts covering *Biodegradation of waste* and *Environmental Impact Assessment* is published.

### ◉ Library Service

- ◆ The library has about 4,500 books reports, 1500 Thesis, newsletters, magazines/ journals and other publications.

## CES, AU Website (<http://www.annauniv.edu/envis>)

- ◉ The website highlights the objectives and activities of the centre. It contains listing of books, journals, audio recording and video recording in the library, Publications, Linkages with other ENVIS Centres etc.



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## Future Plan

- ⦿ Creation of web enabled Database in Oracle for information dissemination in the field of environmental impact assessment and biodegradation of wastes.