



# “Centres of Excellence” (CoE) Scheme



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# CoE scheme -outline

- Scheme launched in 1983
- Identified institutions doing pioneering work in areas of environmental science and management.
- Established as CoEs in different partnership models.
- Total expenditure during 2015-16 of Rs.23.00 crore.
- Total budget required for 2016-17 of Rs.25.3 crore
- Budget available for 2016-17 of Rs.24.5 crore.

<b>Name of the Centre of Excellence</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Est. Budget Rs. in Cr.</b>
Salim Ali Center for ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Coimbatore	1992	Biodiversity conservation with emphasis on birds	5.7
Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE), Delhi University	1997	Protection and conservation of 'Degraded Eco-systems'	0.50
Centre for Mining Environment (CME), Dhanbad	1987	Training and environmental management in mining area.	0.30
Madras School of Economics (MSE), Chennai	2002	Trade & Environment and Environmental Economics	0.5

# Issues

- Multiple Handling of CoEs.
- All thematic areas not covered. New thematic areas to be added.
- Rationalisation of salary component of CEE, Ahmadabad & CPREEC, Chennai.
- Salary support to minimum technical/scientific staff.
- Third party evaluation to be carried out of the scheme.
- Regular evaluation and Monitoring of the working of the CoEs.
- All Regions of the Country specially North East not covered.

# Way Forward

- Important scheme - must be continued.
- CoEs should cover all thematic areas of the Ministry.
  - Such as Biodiversity, Forest Conservation, Climate Change, Pollution Control (including treatment technologies) and Environment Education and Awareness etc.
- Role of CoEs may be redefined for optimum utilization of their expertise in thematic areas.
- To finalise MoUs with all CoEs before release of next instalment.
- Monitoring and evaluation Committee may be set up under AS (AP) to keep a watch on the working of CoEs.



**THANK YOU**