

Regional Evaluation-cum-Training Workshop (Northern Region), 2015

2-day evaluation-cum-training Workshop for ENVIS Centres of Northern Region (*i.e.*, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh etc.) was held at Dehradun, Uttarakhand hosted by ENVIS Centre at Forest Research Institute on 12th and 13th January, 2015. Around 50 participants of thematic as well as State/ UT ENVIS Centres participated in the Workshop. Speaking on the occasion, Economic Adviser, Shri M. Kannan stressed on the need to evolve the ENVIS Scheme as a one of the tools of Decision Support available to the Government of India for formulating various environmental policies and decisions. Among the experts who attended the Workshop for evaluation included Professor Avinash Chandra, Professor C.R. Babu, Professor Haripriya Gundimeda, Professor Saroj Barik, Shri Vijay Lakhnarpal, Shri D. P. Singh and Shri V. N. Diwakar. Three parallel sessions for evaluating the activities of 22 Thematic and State ENVIS Centres were carried out in the workshop. The second day of the Workshop was marked by a crucial training by NRSA officials Shri P. G. Diwakar and Shri Arul Raj on Bhuvan portal, a geospatial portal to enable the GIS-based information in the websites of the ENVIS Centres. The Workshop concluded with a thought-provoking session by experts who shared their remarks and experiences as well as the concluding address by Economic Adviser, Shri M. Kannan.