

## **Agenda for Survival (June 1-30, 2010): Some Rules & Guidelines**

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### **Attendance**

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- This is an intensive, full-time course. Classes and course-related activities are expected to last from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm each day (Monday-Friday). Full attendance is therefore mandatory over the entire duration of the course.
- The Certificate of Participation will be awarded to only those candidates who maintain full attendance, and have enthusiastically participated in all course activities, including in-class presentations, readings and discussions, individual and group work, together with the efforts made in the course assignments.

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### **Learning facilities at CSE**

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- Classrooms with state-of-art projectors, whiteboards, flip charts, etc.
- All course participants will have access to a common room located on the first floor of the AAGC building. Self service Tea/coffee supplies, newspapers & magazines, some chairs and sofas, wireless internet connectivity, some computers, and lockable cupboards have been provided.
- We encourage you to use the CSE library located in the basement of the AAGC building (timings: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm). You may check out books and periodicals, but please ensure you return such materials before the end of the course.
- The Audio-Visual Centre (also housed in the CSE library) has a large collection of interesting documentaries on many environment and development-related topics. We encourage you to check out DVDs and/or VCDs to view them on your own.

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### **Health & Safety Guidelines**

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- Although we will try our best to ensure you are safe and comfortable, CSE will not be held responsible for your health and safety during your stay in Delhi or during the field visit(s).
- Please arrange for health insurance coverage for yourself for the duration of this course, as CSE will not be responsible for your medical coverage and/or treatment.
- Do let us know if you have a medical condition (or are on special medication) that needs special handling. We will try our best to accommodate your special needs, if required.
- Avoid walking alone especially at night in and around the hostel area. It's best to buddy-up with someone. Dress conservatively, especially when traveling. Keep CSE staff informed of your whereabouts, especially when traveling outside Delhi on your own (say on a weekend).

- Delhi's wonderful for street food, but be very careful in choosing where and what you eat. Eat fresh, hot food. Cut vegetables & salads are not a good idea.
- June is a hot and uncomfortable month in Delhi and practically all of India (except the hills, which we will be visiting for some days during the field trip). Keep yourself well hydrated; wear a hat/cap when out in the sun & wear cottons.
- Mosquitoes will be your constant companions. Repellents together with nets are a good idea.

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 Hostel Information: Facilities, Rules  
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- Hostel eligibility: Select participants will be accommodated (shared rooms) in a house in Faridabad, about 15 minutes away from the training venue by public transport. Hostel seats are limited, as we can only accommodate about 15 participants in the hostel. Preference will be given to non-Delhi candidates (especially from smaller towns), to women candidates, and participants from outside India. Those that cannot be accommodated in the hostel will need to find their own place of stay in Delhi for the duration of the course.
- Hostel Fees: We charge a modest Rs. 7000 per participant to host students in the hostel for the duration of the course. This fees includes shared rooms (all air conditioned), all meals (vegetarian) and refreshments at the hostel. Students are expected to pay for their own laundry and transport to the training venue and back each day.
- Facilities at hostel: Fully equipped kitchen, air-conditioned rooms (on shared basis), dining & drawing room, TV, security, full time cook and housekeeping staff.
- Meals: Lunch during training days at the CSE canteen; otherwise, all meals (vegetarian) are provided at the hostel. Hostel meal timings are: Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:00 am; Lunch: 12:30 - 2:00 pm; Afternoon Tea & light refreshments: 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm; and Dinner: 8:00 - 9:30 pm. No kitchen services will be available after 10 pm. All course participants are discouraged from entering the kitchen and cooking meals unsupervised. A committee comprising hostel students will be constituted to decide the menu. Mr. Bains needs to be informed about these decisions the previous day.
- Guests: Normally, guests are not permitted. In exceptional cases, however, guests can be accommodated, for a couple of days at most, but with prior permission from the CSE staff. Extra charges for food and stay will be levied from such guests.
- Cleanliness, house rules: All hostel residents are expected to wash their used utensils. A housekeeping staff member will dust, sweep and mop the floors, but hostel residents are expected to keep the hostel and their rooms tidy, with beds made each morning. Ensure that the A/C, fans and lights are switched off when you leave the premises. Laundry facilities could be arranged, but residents will have to individually bear the costs of such a service.
- Transport from hostel to CSE and back: For the first few days, a CSE staff member will accompany students from the hostel to CSE until all hostel participants are

familiarized with the roads and bus routes, etc.

- Discipline and decorum: You are expected to maintain decorum during your stay at the hostel and respect the privacy of your fellow hostel mates. No alcohol or smoking is allowed on the hostel premises. In case of any disagreements with fellow hostel mates, please contact Mr. Bains Ms. Sharmila Sinha or Mr. Aditya Batra, who are your course-related contacts at CSE.

- What you need to bring with you: Mosquito net, a medium-sized backpack (enough to carry your personal belongings for 5 days), good walking shoes, cap/hat, umbrella, a light jacket and/or woollen sweater, a flashlight/torch, pillowcase, two bedsheets, and your personal items. A laptop and/or a mobile computing device may be useful, but you need to guard against theft, breakage, etc.

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