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GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME "ECO CADET CORPS"

It is proposed to implement this scheme in five selected schools in a district and five selected districts in the state on pilot basis. Five districts selected are Kasargode, Thrissur, Ernakulam, Kottayam & Thiruvananthapuram. The strategy for selection, is given below:

- i. Applications will be invited by the respective Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), from schools adjacent to mangroves, wetlands, coastal areas discuss of participating in the scheme. Each school is expected to have 20 students of Standard VII and VIII who are passionate about nature, with an inclination to serve society and with proven leadership skill through various newspapers.
- ii. The paper advertisement will detail the intent and vision of the scheme.
- iii. The school will select 20 students. The selection may contain a fair mix of girls and boys (preferably in the ratio 1:1, otherwise at least 30% girls). 20% of students may be selected from the SC/ST Category.
- iv. A Committee will be constituted at Regional Level chaired by the CCF (Social Forestry), comprising of representatives of District Panchayath, a subject expert, a local NGO representative etc. who will select the District and the schools. The CCF (SF), Kozhikode & Kollam will select two districts each and the APCCF (SF), Ernakulam will select one district.
- v. The Range Forest Officer (Social Forestry) shall assist the school authority in the identification and finalization of committed students by conducting a screening test, if necessary.
- vi. Activities of each district shall be proposed at the beginning of the year (Calendar/ Financial/Academic) which I duly approved by the CCF Social Forestry.
- vii. A total of 1000 students will be selected from each District @ 20 students / school. Thus a total of 50 schools per district will be selected.
- viii. Each school will designate a teacher who will be the Eco-Cadet Co-ordinator and monitor the project in schools.
- ix. The designated Co-ordinator will be provided with an annual honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only).

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- x. On getting approval of the activities a separate activity calendar shall be prepared by the ECC Instructor and ECC coordinator (Section Forest Officer). It shall be forwarded to District Nodal Officer through the Assistant District Nodal (Range Forest Officer) for approval.
 - xi. Star rating of students and District level award shall be recommended by RLC on evaluation of students' performance. A Performance Rating Book (PRD) shall be maintained by ECC instructor (School Teacher). The design for the same may be finalized from Forest Headquarters.



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