



# TRAINING AND REVIEW MEETING FOR ECORESTORATION ACTIVITIES



On November 20, 2024, the CEtC Hornbill Foundation conducted a pivotal training and review meeting focusing on ecorestoration activities for the BMC members, Elected representatives and the LSG officials. This event was an essential platform to evaluate ongoing practices, identify areas for improvement, and enhance the skills and knowledge of the stakeholders involved in biodiversity management. The meeting was held in collaboration with the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) of the local panchayat.

The event commenced with a formal inauguration by the esteemed President of the Panchayat at the Conference hall of the SN Puram Drama Panchayath. In the inaugural address, the President highlighted the critical role of community-driven initiatives in achieving sustainable ecorestoration and conservation outcomes. Emphasizing the importance of collective efforts, the President expressed gratitude towards the CEtC Hornbill Foundation for its continued support and guidance in fostering biodiversity conservation.



Following the inaugural session, the technical session was led by Dr. Amitha Bachan K. H., in ecorestoration and biodiversity management. Dr. Bachan delivered a comprehensive presentation on the current status of ecorestoration activities within the panchayat, shedding light on both successes and challenges faced by the community. The presentation also provided valuable insights into effective methodologies, innovative approaches, and best practices in the field of ecorestoration.

Dr. Bachan emphasized the need for scientifically-informed decision-making and community participation to ensure the long-term success of ecorestoration initiatives. The session covered various topics, including the restoration of degraded landscapes, enhancement of native flora, and strategies to mitigate anthropogenic pressures on biodiversity. Interactive discussions during the session allowed participants to voice their experiences, challenges, and suggestions.

The event witnessed active participation from members of the Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC). Their engagement underscored the community's commitment to the conservation of local ecosystems. The BMC members shared their observations and feedback on existing practices for the year and highlighted the need for capacity-building programs to strengthen their efforts. The meeting served as a platform for these members to network, exchange knowledge, and align their strategies with the overarching objectives of the foundation.





Key outcomes of the meeting included:

- **Evaluation of Existing Practices:** A thorough review of the ongoing ecorestoration activities under the BMC revealed several areas requiring immediate attention, including the management of invasive species and the need for improved monitoring mechanisms.
- **Skill Development:** The training provided practical knowledge and tools to the BMC members, enabling them to adopt advanced techniques for ecosystem restoration.
- **Future Initiatives:** Recommendations were made to expand the scope of restoration activities, focusing on riparian zones, community forest management, and the integration of indigenous knowledge systems.
- **Strengthened Collaboration:** The meeting fostered a stronger collaboration between the CEtC Hornbill Foundation and the BMC, ensuring a unified approach to addressing conservation challenges.

In conclusion, the training and review meeting organized by the CEtC Hornbill Foundation was a significant step forward in enhancing the effectiveness of ecorestoration activities within the panchayat. The collective insights and renewed commitments from all stakeholders are expected to drive meaningful progress in conserving and restoring the region's biodiversity. Moving forward, continuous engagement, monitoring, and adaptive management practices will be essential to achieving the long-term goals of ecorestoration.

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