



# Green Teacher

Online Diploma Course in Environmental Education

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*The importance of Environmental Education (EE) has been acknowledged in India's formal education system for over three decades now. This has been strengthened with the Supreme Court ruling (2003) on introducing environment as a compulsory subject. Accordingly, all schools in India will need to focus on EE. The National Education Policy 2020 has emphasized on training in service teachers towards integrating environmental concepts in curriculum.*



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## About Diploma Course

The Green Teacher course is a distance education programme, which was developed by Centre for Environment Education (CEE) and Commonwealth of Learning (COL) Vancouver, Canada. The programme addresses the rapidly growing need for continuing education and professional development in the field of Environmental Education (EE), and is geared to build capacity of teachers and educators.

The Green Teacher Programme is founded on the premise that environment concerns all teachers, not just science teachers. Hence, this programme has been designed for teachers/learners of all subject areas including the subject of environment. It has been developed under the guidance of an Advisory Committee of experts from various fields such as teacher education, EE, distance education, management and information technology.

## Green Teacher- A Podium for Excellence in EE

The Green Teacher offers teachers/learners an opportunity to empower themselves with the requisite knowledge and skills for effective transaction of concepts in environment and development in the classroom.

The Green Teacher is open for teachers and other professionals dealing with education and communication for environment and development in a formal teaching-learning set-up. All teachers and educators irrespective of their subjects of specialization will find this diploma meaningful.

This diploma programme was first of its kind in India. Now in current situation, the diploma is now offered online through CEE Academy, which aims to empower educators with the requisite knowledge and skills for effective transaction of concepts in environment and sustainability education.

Programme is designed with the objective to enable teacher-learners to effectively take up environmental concerns and issues in their classrooms and engages their students in practical, action-oriented EE activities and projects.



## Objectives

More specifically this programme will enable learners to:

- Gain information and knowledge about basic ecological concepts and key environment development concerns and issues.
- Understand the philosophy behind EE and the role of education in achieving the goals of sustainable development.
- Understand, recognize and appreciate the opportunities and strengths for conducting EE in schools.
- Create an understanding and develop skills of conducting EE in an interactive and participatory manner.
- Design and organize teaching-learning activities and projects.
- Develop locale-specific EE programmes and materials to suit learner's requirements.



## Course Details

### Learning Sessions

Green Teacher is a one-year online Diploma course which includes two online workshops, self paced learning, implementation of an action project and exam.

**Start date:** December 2021

**First Online Workshop:** This workshop will introduce learners about the theory of EE through 6 sessions of 2 hours each spread over 6 days. (in December). Learners will be introduced to four learning modules and assignments.

**Self Study:** After the workshop, learners will study modules and complete assignments. (approximately 240 hours required around 60 hours/module). **Second Online Workshop:** This workshop is for introducing learners to application of EE in their work area through 3 sessions of 2 hours each spread over 3 days. (in May).

**Course project:** After the workshop, learners will implement an action project which would require 40-50 hours. The course project is an essential component of the programme and will be evaluated.

Exams will be conducted online at the end of the year which will include written exam and action project viva. At present the programme is offered in English and Hindi languages.

### Examination

Course end examination will be conducted online as written exam on theory and project presentation is done.

Diploma certificate is awarded after successful completion of course.

### On Successful Completion of the programme

Learners securing at least 40% marks in each of the evaluation components, the learners will be awarded the Diploma Certificate.

- The **Bronze** leaf certificates are awarded to those securing 40%-60% marks
- The **Silver** leaf certificates are awarded to those securing 60%- 70% marks.
- The **Gold** leaf certificates are awarded to those securing more than 70% marks.

## Learning Material

The programme includes subject knowledge on science of environment and environment-development issues. It also provides practical orientation for using a variety of teaching-learning techniques. The Green Teacher learning package consists of:

- A Learners Handbook
- A set of four Self-Learning Modules



**The Programme content consists of 4 modules, namely:**

1. **Basics of Ecology and Life Support Systems** – focuses on strengthening understanding of key concepts in ecology and the linkages between components and processes of ecosystems
2. **Understanding Sustainable Development** – deals with environment and development issues, explains the concept of Sustainable Development and the role of education in achieving the goals of Sustainable Development.
3. **EE in Schools** – Is about taking learners through a variety of teaching-learning methodologies available for effective EE. Through this module, teachers can develop skills of transacting EE in an interactive and experiential learning manner.
4. **Resources and Opportunities for EE** - Will help teachers take advantage of the opportunities available for conducting EE in schools. Teachers would be enabled to independently create and design school-based EE programmes and material, activities and projects relevant to their local situation.

The first two modules are theory-based modules wherein learners are given an understanding of the science of ecology and concepts, issues and concerns in sustainable development. The other two modules focus on giving practical hands-on exposure to EE activities and action-projects.

## Enrolments and their Eligibility

To enroll for the Green Teacher programme, the learner is required to be an in-service teacher working in a school. In case you are not an in service teacher but are interested to join the course, the only requirement of the programme is that learner must have access to school for doing the action project related to diploma.

Teacher educators, school managers, NGOs, professionals etc. interested in taking up EE can take up the course.

## Green Teacher – A Ladder to Skilled ‘Green’ Future

This unique, capacity-building, distance education programme will enhance the understanding of science of environment, the concept of Sustainable Development and related issues, EE theory, approaches and methods.

- It will provide the diploma in EE from a pioneer organization, which is a Centre of Excellence in EE.
- Strengthen your professional standing and broaden your scope to be a subject expert or resource person in appropriate environment-based programmes. This will be a move towards strengthening the skill of teaching learning of environmental topics.
- Make you learn how to utilize interactive and experiential teaching-learning methodologies for transacting EE effectively and will provide you an opportunity to share your expertise with other teaching professionals and educators.
- The diploma may become a stepping-stone for you towards pursuing other degrees or research programmes in the field of EE and communication.
- This will build the skills to transact textbooks of various subjects ‘environmentally’ and will be helpful in developing EE projects, activities, and materials relevant to your local environment situation.

Further, the programme will enhance your ability in communicating environment and development concerns so as to raise awareness among your learners.

## Programme Conducting Body

Centre for Environment Education, India is a national institution engaged in developing programmes and material to increase awareness about the environment. CEE was established in 1984 as a Centre of Excellence in EE by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. It is affiliated with the Nehru Foundation for Development. CEE launched CEE Academy in 2021 to provide online support and training to teachers in transacting environmental education in their schools.

## Who should enroll and How to Enroll?

If you are an educator or a teacher of any subject or discipline, and want to enhance your skills in teaching learning for environment and development, Green Teacher is the right opportunity for you. For individual enrolment, the Programme fee is Rs. 15000.00/- (For NRI - USD 650). This fee is towards contact sessions, reading material, guidance, course fees, exam fee, etc.

In the year 2007, The Green Teacher Programme received the Srishti g<sup>3</sup> award for Good Green Governance in the NGO category.

