

Events

- Public hearing on Paryavaran Mitra Believing that Public Hearing as an accountability mechanism is not only applicable to industries but just as equally or even more to NGOs, Paryavaran Mitra decided to subject itself to a Public Hearing. The objective of the Public Hearing were decided to be twofold-A public disclosure of its expenditure and work done over the last 10 years to be evaluated by its stakeholders and in the process Draw feedback for its future direction. Paryavaran Mitra followed the same procedure as given in the guidelines for organizing EPH, complying with the mandated norms of this mechanism, which pertained to-

- Informing the stakeholders about the hearing
 - Providing information to stakeholders which is to be presented in the hearing
 - Making presentation of the information in the hearing
 - Providing forum to participants to raise their questions and opinions.
 - Making provision for participant's comments to be sent after the hearing also
- Around 250 participants from a cross section of the stakeholders of Paryavaran Mitra- students, NGOs, industries, media, academicians, legal fraternity and government officials attended this programme. Center for Governance Studies (CGS), a joint program of Janvikas and Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) supported Paryavaran Mitra in preparing for and organize this public hearing. Sr

No. Stakeholder Category Feedback forms submitted Total Attendance

1

NGOs

26

60

2

Individual

16

46

3

Academic

10

20

4

Industry

8

17

5

Media

3

15

6

Lawyer

1

14

7

Consultants

7

13

8

Government

2

11

9

Students

6

33

10

Paralegals

12

15

Total

91

244 Feedback on current activities and suggestions for future activities – A synopsis Stakeholder Category Feedback on Current Activities and suggestions for future activities NGOs Continue work on Global warming and CDM Arrange awareness programmes in urban areas, schools, villages on environmental issues using electronic media Publish books for children on environmental issues in local language Involvement of local people participation More PILs for effective implementation of Environment Protection Act Work on carrying capacity of Gulf of Kutch Consultants / Lawyers Continue advocacy for Environment Protection with government to take action and work at District level Arrange programmes for local public on Global Warming Engage more NGOs in each environment aspect Media Arrange programmes for local public especially on RTI Industry Plantation activity – one person- one tree Arrange awareness programmes at School and University level and in Industries (Environment day, Safety Day, etc). We are ready to support – Time, technical and financial – through industries association Government Teach Environmental Law in L.L.B curriculum Arrange programmes in different cities and in schools and colleges Academic / Students Encourage and facilitate college students to reach out to local people Arrange programmes at school level, Rural areas and in Industry Publish in English / Hindi Increase partnerships with educational institutions Individuals Focus on Environmental Issues in villages created by industries Create Peoples organization for mass movement Environmental awareness for people through electronic media and News paper

- Celebration of world Environment day- Drawing and elocution competition for children On 5th June, Paryavaran Mitra had organized a drawing and elocution competition for children. This programme was an effort by Paryavaran Mitra with the collaboration of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB). The venue of the competition was Vasant Nature Hospital near Thaltej Cross Roads. The objective of this programme was to minimize the distance among slum children with another children group and create awareness about environment in them. Participants of both drawing and elocution competition were given 3 topics out of which they had to choose one topic. The topics were as follow, Clean Environment for better future Climate change : Effects and solutions Environmental Problems Drawing competition: participants were given 2 hours to draw on one topic mentioned above. Manav Garima children were provided crayons (color) and other drawing material i.e. pencil, eraser and sharpeners while other children were informed to bring all these material

themselves.

Elocution competition: 15 participants took part in this competition. Topics of drawing and elocution competition were same. Students were supposed to speak for 3-5 minutes on any one topic.

Jury for the competition: Members from various organizations and institutions were invited as the jury member for the drawing and elocution competition.

The chief guest of the occasion was Dr. N. S. Varandani, who is the HOD of Environment Engineering Department of L. D. Engineering College.

12 prizes were awarded for drawing competition and 3 for Elocution competition.