COURSE EVALUATION & FEEDBACK
Your honest opinion is appreciated, and will help us improve the course

Name (Optional):                                     Date:

1. Please rate the following on a scale of 1 to 10:

   a) Relevance of the sessions covered so far:
      Poor          Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   b) Information provided in the sessions:
      Poor         Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   c) Effectiveness of the instructors:
      Poor         Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   d) Usefulness of the field trips:
      Poor         Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   e) Administrative arrangements (accommodation):
      Poor         Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   f) Food at Hostel:
      Poor        Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   g) Food at CSE:
      Poor        Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

   h) Classroom / Common Room Facilities:
      Poor        Excellent
      1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10

       Computers not working; 2 – Wireless not working; 3 – Not enough cups
2. **What were your expectations out of this programme? Have those expectations been fulfilled?**

- Understand situation in India – Yes
- Understand policies and why the mismanagement – Yes
- Think about environment development and future solutions – Yes
- While, there were many presentation and discussion on the environmental challenges

3. **Does the programme structure address the relevant issues adequately and do the content and the structure of the programme meet with your expectations?**

- Yes they do
- But some videos and films could make more interesting talking points
- Post lunch there should be discussion / workshop sessions / hands on sessions
- Generally it was felt that the length of the readings for the case studies was too long. It would have been better if we were given a more general topic area that we could research and present on rather than just one long reading.
- It would have been good if the case studies (topics) was written on the timetable so it was made more clear that the afternoons off were to prepare for the case study.
- Final case study should be more of a summary of the course, so each group could be given a topic that we have discussed during the course to present to the rest.
- Circulating readings prior arrival to the course would be helpful

**Are there additional topics that you feel should have been a part of the programme?**

- a session or two on the structure of the political situation in India
- grassroots governance
- ‘informal living’

4. **How was the programme conducted by various resource persons? Which were the sessions/modules you thought were most rewarding? Why?**

- Ritwick Dutta - Judiciary in environment
- Sanjay Prakash - Sustainable cities: Models
- Biraj Patnaik - Development in India: An assessment of government interventions
- Sunita Narain – general interaction
- Pratap Pandey – Politics of environment / one of the course coordinator
- Chandra Bhushan - Evolving science of climate change
- Miraj Ahmad - Urban water-waste connections
- Aditya’s thought provoking questions led to some best discussions
5. Which were the sessions/modules you thought were not very rewarding? Why?

- Some speakers were way off the time limit
- CSE resource person should have coordinated when the discussion just went on and on

6. Has your perception about environment and development issues in India undergone any change after attending this programme?

- Yes a lot. I was unaware of the issues facing India. And now I feel more confident about the issues
- I had no idea how much India’s economy is in the informal sector. This information hugely changes my understanding of what 9% growth rate really means.
- I have too many questions in my mind regarding the environment development debate that needs to be answered. And this course has answered quite a few.

7. Were the field trips useful? Any suggestions for improvement?

- Overall really liked the field trip and we are really glad that we had the opportunity to go there. Very informative and gave us the opportunity to interact with communities which we would never have been able to
- It would have been nice to have a little more warning about the type of roads that we would have travelling on and a little more detail about what the weather would be like.
- The field trips highlighted the issues of challenges around the environment and development challenges facing this country. The number of issues discussed / seen during the field visit was very educative.

8. Your comments on CSE’s administrative arrangement (accommodation, food and transport, classroom / common room facilities etc).

- Need better internet connectivity
- Need more cups, milk powder, etc
- Otherwise the classroom and common room was comfortable.
- A map of India in the class /common room would be helpful

9. Hostel: How can we improve students’ stay at the hostel. Your comments on CSE’s administrative arrangement (accommodation and food).

- It would have been good to have a little more warning about the living conditions, i.e. there will be power cuts etc.
- The fact that the accommodation was in Faridabad, meant that getting to and from Delhi in free time was difficult /expensive.
- It would have been good to have a map to where the hostel was so people didn’t get so lost finding the place from the airport (I think this is particularly important to reassure people who haven’t been to India before so aren’t used to taxi drivers having to ask directions)
10. **Would you recommend this course to others? Why? / Why not?**

- Yes of course.
- Good value for money
- It provides very good introduction to the wide and important issues directly applicable and relevant to most people.
- This has given me a lot of experience that could be found nowhere.

11. **Other comments / suggestions...**

- Loved the international participation

- Enjoyed the magazine project which though was challenging in the beginning but once we got rolling it was fine.

- A little more free time for the students

- A little more information on Indian Standard Time

- Set time limit to question answer session