

Agenda for Survival (June 1-30, 2011): Some Rules & Guidelines

Attendance

- This is an intensive, full-time course. Classes and course-related activities are expected to last from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm each day (Monday-Friday). Full attendance is therefore mandatory over the entire duration of the course.

- The Certificate of Participation will be awarded to only those candidates who maintain full attendance, and have enthusiastically participated in all course activities, including in-class presentations, readings and discussions, individual and group work, together with the efforts made in the course assignments.

Learning facilities at CSE

- All course participants will have access to a common room located on the first floor of the AAGC building. Self service Tea/coffee supplies, newspapers & magazines, some chairs and sofas, wireless internet connectivity, some computers, and a lockable cupboard have been provided.

- We encourage you to use the CSE library located in the basement of the AAGC building (timings: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm). You may check out books and periodicals, but please ensure you return such materials before the end of the course.

- The Audio-Visual Centre (also housed in the CSE library) has a large collection of interesting documentaries on many environment and development-related topics. We encourage you to check out DVDs and/or VCDs to view them on your own.

Health & Safety Guidelines

- Although we will try our best to ensure you are safe and comfortable, CSE will not be held responsible for your health and safety during your stay in Delhi or during the field visit(s).

- Please arrange for health insurance coverage for yourself for the duration of this course, as CSE will not be responsible for your medical coverage and/or treatment.

- Do let us know if you have a medical condition (or are on special medication) that needs special handling. We will try our best to accommodate your special needs, if required.

- Avoid walking alone especially at night in and around the hostel area. It's best to buddy-up with someone. Dress conservatively, especially when traveling. Keep CSE staff informed of your whereabouts, especially when traveling outside Delhi on your own (say on a weekend).

- Delhi's wonderful for street food, but be very careful in choosing where and what you eat. Eat fresh, hot food. Cut vegetables & salads outside are not a good idea, especially outside CSE.

- June is a hot and uncomfortable month in Delhi and practically all of India (except the hills, which we will be visiting for some days during the field trip). Keep yourself well hydrated; wear a hat/cap when out in the sun & wear cottons. Mosquitoes will be your constant companions. Repellents are good; nets are better.

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Hostel Information: Facilities, Rules
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- Hostel: Select participants will be accommodated (shared rooms) in a house, about 15 minutes away from the training venue by public transport. Students are expected to pay for their own laundry, as well as for transport to the training venue and back each day. This needs repeating: *Please do not venture out alone from/to hostel; buddy up with someone.*

- Facilities at hostel: Fully equipped kitchen, air-conditioned rooms (on shared basis), dining & drawing room, TV, full time cook and housekeeping staff.

- Meals: Lunch during training days at the CSE canteen; otherwise, all meals (vegetarian) are provided at the hostel. Hostel meal timings are: Breakfast: 8:00 am - 9:00 am; Lunch: 12:30 - 2:00 pm; Afternoon Tea & light refreshments: 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm; and Dinner: 8:00 - 9:30 pm. No kitchen services will be available after 10 pm. All course participants are not permitted to enter the kitchen and cook meals unsupervised. If you wish, a committee comprising hostel students can be constituted to decide the menu. Mr. Bains needs to be informed about these decisions the previous day.

- Curfew: No one will be allowed to enter the hostel after 11:00 pm each night, unless prior permission has been taken from Mr. Bains, or other CSE course contacts.

- Guests: Guests are not permitted at any time in the hostel, without the express permission of CSE course staff.

- Cleanliness, house rules: All hostel residents are expected to wash their used utensils (plates and silverware). A housekeeping staff member will dust, sweep and mop the floors, but hostel residents are expected to keep the hostel and their rooms tidy, with beds made each morning. Ensure that the A/C, fans and lights are switched off when you leave the premises. Laundry facilities could be arranged, but residents will have to individually bear the costs of such a service.

- Discipline and decorum: You are expected to maintain decorum during your stay at the hostel and respect the privacy of your fellow hostel mates. No alcohol or smoking is allowed on the hostel premises. In case of any disagreements with fellow hostel mates, please contact Mr. Bains Ms. Sharmila Sinha or Mr. Aditya Batra, who are your course-related contacts at CSE.

- Theft and breakage: Although we have provided some security in the hostel, CSE cannot and will not take responsibility for theft or breakage of your personal belongings in the hostel.

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