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**NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM INTERSTED PERSONS TO BECOME  
WETLAND MITRAS**

**WETLAND**

Wetlands play important role in ground water recharging, bio diversity, climate change and flood control. They are critical habitat for domestic and migratory birds. They fulfill livelihood needs of the nearby residents too. But due to regular anthropogenic activities and their misuse they are in the stage of degradation.

**WETLAND MITRA**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has envisaged that a citizen network- "Wetland Mitra" need to be constituted to enable participation of local stakeholders in wetland conservation and wise use.

Wetland Mitra is conceived as an informal, voluntary, and non statutory network of concerned citizens to foster and promote community engagement in wetlands conservation and management efforts. The network is also aimed as a communication and outreach vehicle for promoting awareness on the value of Wetlands, and management and conservation efforts. Participation of local communities is thus crucial for success of wetlands conservation and management effort.

Any individual who can provide their time and services for the protection, management and beautification of their nearby wetland/s can apply to become Wetland Mitras. For this, it is our objective to identify such people and bring them together with a common purpose of conserving wetlands.

**Wetland Mitra-Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Promote awareness on the relevance, values and functions of the wetlands (in general) & local wetlands, in particular, with local communities, students, resident welfare groups and other stakeholders.
- Promote/Build a team of Wetland Mitras & Volunteers for specific wetland & engage in its restoration, rejuvenation & management and participate in wetlands management planning and implementation processes.
- Bring on board stakeholder views and promote consideration of wetlands in local development plans.



- Alert authorities on any detrimental activities on wetlands such as encroachment, conversion, dumping of solid waste, discharge of untreated waste, release of on-native species and others.

#### **Wetland Mitra selection process:**

- The person wishing to become a Wetland Mitra must fill the prescribed registration form (given in the website) <http://dpgs.delhigovt.nic.in> and submit to this office (email: [ceodpgsenv.delhi@nic.in](mailto:ceodpgsenv.delhi@nic.in)).
- Wetland conservation work will be done by forming a group of Wetland Mitra on the basis of their qualification, experience and interest.
- Information related to the selection of Wetland Mitra will be given to them over email.

#### **Essential Qualification to be a Wetland Mitra:-**

- Indian Citizenship
- Work area or house near Wetland.
- Age should be minimum 12 years at the time of registration
- Should know Hindi and English language.
- Wetland Mitra should be politically neutral in wetland conservation activities.
- Willing to carry out the work of Wetland Mitra without any self consideration and without any honorarium.

#### **General information and directions:-**

- Wetland Mitra has to work as per rules and regulation of Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017.
- Wetland Mitra has to follow departmental directions.
- Wetland Mitra need to follow all the directions and order of wetland rules.
- Working ability of Wetland Mitra will be assessed every 6 months.
- Duration of service of Wetland Mitra will be for 2 years which as per work can be extended or reduced.
- Department will take action against misconduct of Wetland Mitra and the person will be disqualified from being Wetland Mitra.
- This is totally non-profit work and the Wetland Mitra will not be given any honorarium for the same.
- Department will not give any associated worker or travel facility, Wetland Mitra have to avail his/her own.
- They have to assure public participation to follow wetland rules and if people do not obey the same, Wetland Mitra has to report to the department.