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Facilities available:

The training centre is well equipped with two large training halls with all the necessary facilities such as classrooms, projectors, mikes, computers, etc., a lobby for group discussions, and a boardroom capacity of 75 adults.

Type 1: 4 Bedded Rooms: Total no. of rooms: 7
Type 2: 3 Bedded Rooms: Total no. of rooms: 2
Type 3: 2 Bedded Rooms: Total no. of rooms: 4

All the rooms are equipped with worktables along with a comfortable bed and an attached bathroom.

Besides, there are two dormitories which have a boarding capacity of 30 adults. These dormitories are ideal for large gatherings during the training/workshops. The dormitories can also be used for group residencies of students.

Residents are provided with sumptuous breakfast, tea/coffee and meals. The centre provides an excellent range of simple, nutritious Indian meals. If informed in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate special dietary requests. All measures for cleanliness are maintained at the centre.

A 5KW Solar Wind Hybrid System is installed at the training centre for powering the entire electricity needs of the centre.

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS
Our international participants include participants from countries like Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vietnam, Zimbabwe and Australia.

Visit of Officials from SDC, GIZ, KfW, AHB to name a few and many other National and International Organisations.

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The training involves the use of a variety of methods like group discussions, brainstorming sessions, experience sharing, simulation games, role-play, lectures etc. Besides, exposure visits to ongoing watershed and other developmental projects and interaction with village communities form a major part of the training.

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From Shirdi
- 60 k.ms

From Pune
- 150 k.ms

From Mumbai
- 222 k.ms

From Ahmednagar
- 80 k.ms

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411,904
People trained

27
States

63
Countries

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