

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Government of India

Green Credit Programme

Green Credit Programme (GCP)

- Mechanism to encourage voluntary environmental positive actions
- Green Credit Rules, 2023 notified on 12th October 2023
- Green Credit initiative is independent of carbon credit

Green Credit Initiative At COP28

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the 'Green Credit Initiative' at COP28 with the objective of reshaping global environmental policies
- Web portal of the Green Credit Initiative (https://ggci-world.in/)
 launched at COP28.
- Repository of global best practices and knowledge exchange

GCP: Salient Features

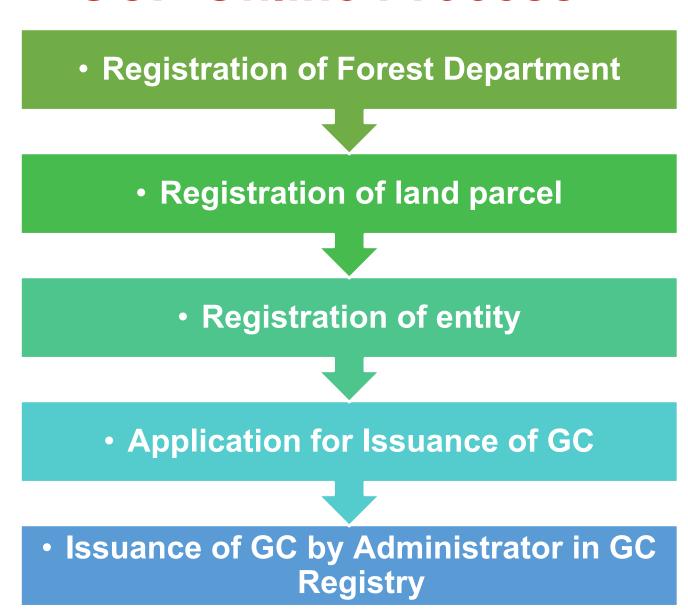
To begin with, tree plantation is envisaged under GCP as follows:

- Build an inventory of land which can be offered for plantation
- Encourage voluntary tree plantation activity across the country
- Technical/IT based tools for registration
- Degraded land, waste land, watershed areas etc. under the control and management of Forest Departments to be registered
- Registered land parcel offered for taking up for plantation
- Stakeholders: Entities such as Industries/institutions, State governments,
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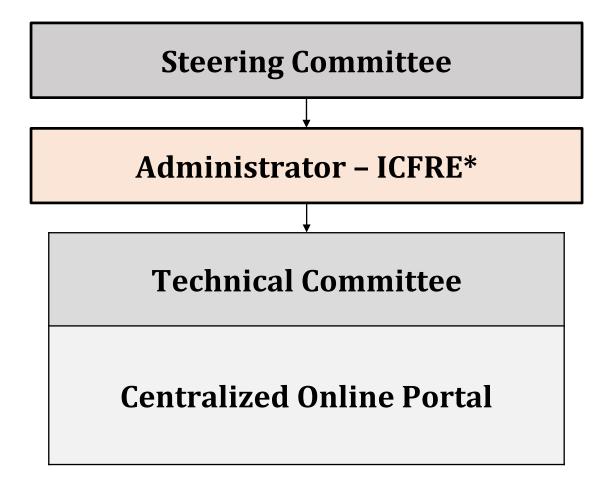
GCP: Procedure

- Private sector may provide fund to Forest Dept. to undertake plantation activity on their behalf and will get corresponding GCs
- GCs will be issued based on methodology and guidelines
- Entity may seek consideration of land planted under GCP from the fund provided for plantation by the entity towards fulfilment of Compensatory Afforestation obligation
- Entity may use the GCs for ESG

GCP Online Process



GCP Governance Structure



GC Web Portal

- Registration of:
 - Forest Departments
 - Registration of land details for creating inventory of available land
 - Registration of entity providing fund for plantation
- Mobile friendly design for browsing/registration

GC Registry

- Will list details of:
 - inventory of land offered for plantations, along with details like location, land type, current status etc.
 - list of plantation activities taken up through Forest Dept.
 - Issue and accounting of Green Credits

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