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## INDIAN ASTROBIOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE

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To,  
Principal Secretary to Government of Maharashtra  
Higher and Technical Education  
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032



October 17, 2012

**Sub: Request to issue Circular to colleges in Maharashtra: United Nations CSD Rio+20 India Program**

Dear Sir,

We, the Indian Astrobiology Research Centre (IARC), Mumbai are implementing United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) Rio+20 India Program – it is listed and accepted on the UNCSD website. We committed to UNCSD to take the Rio+20 message to One Million Indians especially school and college students.

The program has been endorsed by the Governor of Maharashtra H.E. K. Sankaranarayanan – please find enclosed his endorsement message and forward letter to your department.

We request you to inform universities / colleges in Maharashtra about the Rio+20 India program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Message from Governor of Maharashtra, Forward letter from Governor's office, Nanded University Message and Circulars.

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## CIRCULAR TO COLLEGES IN INDIA

### Rio+20 India Certification - Short Term Course Study Program

**Background:** UNCSD Rio+20 India Program is the IARC initiative in association with United Nations CSD 2012 to promote UNCSD Rio+20 Outcome and Sustainable Development amongst Indian college students. It is accepted & listed on UNCSD websites ([www.uncsd2012.org/commit](http://www.uncsd2012.org/commit)).

**Endorsement:** UNCSD Rio+20 India Program is endorsed in-kind by National and International organizations, Universities and Government agencies including a Ministry of Environment & Forests. The Program is enriched with contributions from Indian & International scholars.

**Testimonials:** Media & Academics from India and abroad have hailed the program "Rio+20 India will be a landmark program on sustainable development for India's next generation."

**Benefits:** College students will get certificates with official UNCSD logo, medallions & national recognition in Hall of Fame and in the souvenir to United Nations & Government of India.

**Registrations Open till:** Feb 2013 > download program ppt from [www.iarc.res.in/rio](http://www.iarc.res.in/rio)

**Eligibility:** Undergrads to Postgrads Fee: Rs. 500 per student – each student gets a Book and CD

**Exams:** Offline / Online in Feb-Mar 2013 – Opinion Questions only (i.e. No Right / Wrong Answers)

**Nature of Activity:** Co-curricular Course – API Index activity (if driven by college authorities)

College Level Syllabus	
Rio+20: The Future We Want	Celebrating Earth For People
Your Future & Rio+20: The Future We Want	Understanding How Science Guides Policy
3 Pillars of Sustainability and Agenda 21	Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Pledges
Millennium Development Goals	Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Development Index
India at Rio+20 and Beyond	Adopting a Sustainable Lifestyle: Ecological Footprint
Rio+20: Heal the World	Rio+20: I am Rio
Sustainable Development: The World is Flat	Jobs and Careers in Sustainable Development
Sustainable Engineering: Building The Future We Want	Sustainia 100: Sustainable Solutions in Action
Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Business	Powerful Messages: The Future We Want
Space Sciences and Sustainable Development	I Am Rio: Make and Fulfill Your Commitment

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