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Current Protected Area Network of India

Position as on July 10, 2015

National Parks – 103; Area 40500.13 km² (1.23%)
Wildlife Sanctuaries – 530; Area 117590.81 km² (3.58%)
Conservation Reserves – 65; Area 2344.53 km² (0.07%)
Community Reserves – 4; Area 20.69 km² (0.00%)
Total – 702; Area 160456.16 km² (4.88%)

*New Wildlife Sanctuary Notified in Tamil Nadu

Nellai WLS in Tirunelveli District (Total Area: 356.73 sq km)
Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary in Villupuram District (Total Area: 3.32 sq km)

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- Training Course for IFS Officers
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XXXVI Post Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management concluded

The course commenced on 1st September 2014 with a total of 20 officer trainees. All the departments of the Institute were involved in imparting training and teaching inputs besides specialized inputs provided by the guest faculty from time to time. The Management Term Paper Exercise was carried out at Chikhaldara, Melghat Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra from 8-17th April 2015. The information and data collected was analyzed and a term paper report was prepared by each officer trainee. The Management Term Papers were presented in a seminar by individual officer trainees on 6-7th April, 2015 followed by interaction. Management Plan Exercise was carried out at Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh from 20th April to 13th May 2015.

As part of the Management Tour (Foreign Component), the Officer Trainees visited Kruger National Park, Johannesburg Zoo, Pretoria Zoo, South African Wildlife College and other conservation facilities in South Africa during the period 17-30th May, 2015. The purpose of the visit was to get a regional perspective and to study a wide range of wildlife and protected area management practices and also to observe various conservation models in action. Besides, briefing and discussions on wildlife conservation issues, lectures and interactions were organised by the officials of South Africa National Parks,

Southern African Wildlife College, Khamani Reptile Park, Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, Cheetah Breeding Project, Johannesburg Zoo, and Pretoria Zoo. The officer trainees presented the learning of the tour before the faculty at the Institute.

All the officer trainees have successfully completed the course and seven of them were awarded the Diploma with Honours. The Valedictory Function of the course was held on 30th June, 2015 at the Institute. Shri A.K. Wahal, IFS (Retd.), Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Arunachal Pradesh graced the occasion as the chief guest of the function. He distributed Diploma and awards to the officer trainees and also delivered the valedictory address. The following awards and prizes were also given to the officer trainees: The Institute's Gold Medal for the 'Top Trainee'; Silver Medal for the 'Best All Round Wildlifer'; NR Nair Memorial Silver Medal for 'Best Management Plan'; and Top Trainee in Wildlife Biology (Book Prize) were awarded to Dr. J.D. Pati; Wildlife Preservation Society Silver Medal for the 'Second in Merit' was given to Ms. K.C. Bhutia; Best Management Term Paper A.K. Chatterjee Silver Medal was bagged by Dr. Aditi Sharma; and Silver Medal for the Best Foreign Trainee was given to Mr. G.M. Abu Baker Siddique from Bangladesh.

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Training-cum-preparatory workshop on 'Field sampling protocol mammalian fauna in Trans-Himalayan landscape, Dehradun, April 15, 2015.

One-day training cum preparatory workshop was organized for the officers and frontline staff of Uttarakhand State Forest Department at Wildlife Institute of India. The objective of the workshop was to train the frontline staff for monitoring mammalian species of trans-Himalayan region of the Uttarakhand State. Field sampling protocol for Mammalian Fauna in Trans-Himalayan Landscape, Uttarakhand was developed by Wildlife Institute of India. The workshop started with welcome address by Dr. Sathyakumar, who welcomed participants and also explained the need for the landscape level census for the trans-Himalayan species. Dr. Dhananjai Mohan, CCF highlighted the need for state level census discussing about the estimates available from the mountain landscape. The workshop was attended by 53 participants from State Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India. The workshop was also graced by higher officers of the State Forest Department namely, Shri Anil Kumar Dutta, PCCF (WL), Shri Paramjeet Singh, CCF, Kumaon, Shri S.P. Subudhi, CF, Bhagirathi, Shri S.S. Rasaily, CF and Director, Nanda Devi.

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Vertical integration training in tiger reserve management for the officers of different tiger reserves in India, Dehradun, June 8-20, 2015.

National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given the task of organizing customized two training programmes every year at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) for the officers of different tiger reserves in India. First such training programme, sponsored by NTCA, was organized by WII in Dehradun. The objectives of this training programme were to:



(i) understand the ecological aspects, current status and related issues of tiger conservation; (ii) provide inputs on essential components of managerial intervention including techniques required for management of tiger reserves; and (iii) share experiences and good practices in tiger conservation.

Dr. H.S. Pabla, Retd. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department gave his key note address as the Chief Guest of the function in the inaugural session. Dr. Vaibhav C. Mathur, AIG represented NTCA during the inaugural function. A total of 26 officers of different seniority levels representing 17 tiger reserves of eight States participated in this training programme. First week of the training was utilized for providing theoretical inputs in WII. During theory classes, the participants were exposed to range of subject areas concerning management of tiger reserves. One session of the training was exclusively devoted for sharing of experiences among the participants on good practices prevalent in different tiger reserves.

During second week, the group was taken to Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh for providing them field inputs. During field visit, the participants got opportunity of testing some of the learning from the class and also hands-on experience for different field exercises and related protocols. The Valedictory Session was graced by Shri B.S. Bonal, Member-Secretary, National Tiger Conservation Authority; Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; Govt. of India.

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Blood Donation Camp organised

A voluntary blood donation camp was organised by I.M.A. Blood Bank of Uttarakhand on 22nd May 2015 at the Institute



Hepatitis B, C, Malaria and Siphilis were provided to the blood donors by the Blood Bank.

Celebration of International Yoga Day,

June 21, 2015

The Wildlife Institute of India's faculty, staff, researchers and students and their families joined over 600 participants of Dehradun based institutions led by the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun on the sports ground of IGNFA. They were gathered to celebrate the International Yoga Day in the presence of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India on 21st June, 2015. Yoga *asanas* and *pranyams* were performed under the guidance of trained yoga instructors.

campus. A total of 42 persons donated the blood during this camp. Five blood test reports including Blood Group, HIV,

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Dr. Sushant Chowdhury

Dr. **Sushant Chowdhury** joined the Wildlife Institute of India in the year 1985. He was associated with research on conservation, including reintroduction of gharials *Gavialis gangeticus* in the River Chambal, where they were facing a serious threat to their survival. At the Institute, he taught subjects relevant to conservation and management of endangered species, large mammal conservation, population and conflict management, chemical immobilization and restraint techniques, and environmental law and policy.

After a long service of 30 years at the Wildlife Institute of India, he superannuated on June 30, 2015.

Shri Ramkumar

Shri Ramkumar joined the Institute in 1987 as Cook Bearer. Later he became the Lower Division Clerk and Assistant Grade II in the Institute. He worked for more than 28 years in almost all the sections of the Institute.

Shri Ramkumar superannuated on June 30, 2015.

A farewell function was held at the Institute to bid farewell to both of them.



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- Mahatma Gandhi

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