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WII at Exhibition themed 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate', New Delhi, 22-28 February 2022.

Wildlife Institute of India participated in an exhibition themed 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Institute showcased its major research activities and publications at the exhibition. A selfie point and a model of fish depicting plastic pollution were the major attraction points at the WII stall. A large number of people, including school students, visited the Institute's stall. Some takeaway and distribution material were also given to the visitors.

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XXXVI Certificate Course in Wildlife Management Concluded, Dehradun, 1 December 2021 – 28 February 2022.

The XXXVI Certificate Course in Wildlife Management started on 1 December 2021 with sixteen officer trainees of Range Forest Officers and equivalent levels (seven from Madhya Pradesh; five from Maharashtra; two each from Andhra Pradesh and Uttarakhand) at WII. This flagship course of WII was delayed by one month this year due to a global pandemic. The total training period of the course comes to about 90 days. Of these, nine weeks were spent in learning the theoretical basis of wildlife management, participating in seminars, class lectures, examinations etc., while the remaining four weeks were spent on field tours in the various Protected Areas. The Management tour was conducted in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman Islands during 5-22 February 2022.

All the officer trainees have successfully completed the certificate course, with eight of them receiving honours certificates. Smt. Shivangi Dimri, an officer trainee from Uttarakhand state, received the Gold medal for the "Institute's Best Trainee" award and Smt. Smriti Suman Jha, officer trainee from Madhya Pradesh, received the Silver medal for the "Best All-round Wildlifer" performance. The chief guest, Shri Vinod Kumar, IFS and Dr Dhananjai Mohan, IFS, Director, WII, presented the Certificates and medals to the officer trainees.

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WII and the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) signed Academic Agreement, Dehradun, 7 March 2022.

Wildlife Institute of India (WII) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) on 7 March 2022. WII will be recognised as AcSIR's Associate Academic Center for obtaining both M.Sc. and PhD degrees through the agreement. AcSIR was established by an Act

of Parliament, viz. the Academy of Scientific Innovative Research Act, 2011. It is also recognised as an 'Institution of National Importance (INI)' with a goal to create the highest quality personnel with cross-disciplinary knowledge, aiming to provide leaders in the field of science and technology. AcSIR recognises 53 National Institutes of the country, including all CSIR institutions.

The MoU was signed by the Director of WII, Dr Dhananjai Mohan, and the Director of AcSIR, Dr Rajender S Sangwan, in Dehradun in the presence of other higher officials of both the institutions. As part of this MoU, students will be mentored by WII scientists, who will be recognised as honorary faculty of AcSIR. There is also the future scope of widened programs/activities that may be taken up jointly by AcSIR and WII, as and when required. Over the last decades, WII's M.Sc. The Wildlife Science course has emerged as one of the leading courses for aspiring wildlife science students in the Asia-Pacific region. The course's next batch is likely to commence in August 2022 at WII for the award of the first AcSIR degree.



One-week course on "Health Management of Captive Wild Animals", Dehradun, 21–25 March 2022.

Wildlife Institute of India organised a one-week course on "Health Management of Captive Wild Animals". The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Vinod Rishi, Former ADG (Wildlife), in the presence of Dr Y.V. Jhala, Dean, FWS, and faculty members of the Institute. Twenty-two officials (veterinary professionals and forest officials) from Jharkhand, Bihar, Assam, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Assam attended the course.

The course was aimed at sensitising the participants on various aspects of ex-situ management and included deliberations by eminent scientists and resource persons.

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Certificate Course "Bird Identification and Basic Ornithology" under Green Skill Development Programme at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, 21 March 2022 to 4 April 2022.

ENVIS Resource Partner' Wildlife and Protected Areas, Wildlife Institute of India organised a residential course under the Green Skill Development Programme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. It was a two-week certificate course, which included theory, practical and field visits. For this course, 323 online applications were received, and 20 participants from Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh were shortlisted based on interviews. This course aimed to skill unemployed, lower-income group participants and get better employment opportunities after completing this course. It also helped prepare people for green jobs that will contribute to preserving or restoring the quality of the environment while simultaneously improving social equity and enhancing the quality of life. The course included various lectures on bird morphology and adaptations and discussion on ethical birding etc. A field visit to Asan Conservation Reserve & Lansdowne Forest Division was conducted during the course.

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Farewell...



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"The real wealth of the Nation lies in the resources of the earth - soil, water, forests, minerals, and wildlife."

-Rachel Carson

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