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## Training Programmes and Workshops

### XXX Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Wildlife Management

The officer trainees were taken to Rajaji National Park for an orientation tour between September 26 and 30, 2008. In order to extend the benefit of training programme to other forest department officers, the following modules were opened for lateral entrants: (i) Restraint and immobilization of wild animals module, November 3-7, 2008; (ii) Visitor use management and interpretive planning in protected areas module, November 17-22, 2008; (iii) Ecodevelopment planning for biodiversity conservation module, January 12-23, 2009; (iv) Environment and social impact assessment module, March 3-7, 2009; and (v) Management planning module, April 1- May 29, 2009. Detailed information on these modules has been uploaded on the WII website (<http://www.wii.gov.in/whatslatest.htm>)

### XXIV Certificate Course in Wildlife Management

The Course began on November 1, 2008 for duration of three-month. In all, 13 officer trainees of the rank of Range Forest Officers & equivalent joined the

course. The officer trainees undertook the Orientation-cum-Techniques Tour at Rajaji National Park from November 26 to December 5, 2008. The tour was conducted at Rajaji National Park by camping at Chilla Forest Rest House Complex. **Contact: [gopigv@wii.gov.in](mailto:gopigv@wii.gov.in)**

**Training course for middle level officers in Indian Zoos, Dehradun, October 13-22, 2008.** The course had twenty nine participants from twenty nine zoos of the country. The theme of the course



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was 'Animal Keeping in Zoos'. Subjects such as, Population Management, Health Care & Sanitation and Zoo Management were taught. The participants were taken to Malsi Deer Park and Rajaji National Park for field visits. They were taught about upkeep of various species in zoos. On October 20, 2008 a field visit to National Zoological Park, New Delhi; and on the next day, a visit to Sloth Bear Rescue Centre, Agra was organized for the officers. The Central Zoo Authority provided financial support for the course. The Valedictory Function of the course was presided by Shri D.N. Singh, Director, National Zoological Park on October 22, 2008. **Contact: [anup@wii.gov.in](mailto:anup@wii.gov.in)**

**One-week compulsory training programme for IFS Officers on "Wildlife Management: Issues, Concerns & Practices", Dehradun, October 13-17, 2008.** The training programme organized by WII was sponsored by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The main objectives of the programme were: (i) to sensitize the participants about major current issues of wildlife conservation in India; (ii) to apprise some of the current approaches needed and being adopted for effective wildlife management; and (iii) to share latest experiences of WII in wildlife monitoring and PA management, planning and provide a platform for exchange of experiences from different States. The training programme was attended by 19 participants representing 13 States. The conceptual inputs in different sessions were provided by in-house faculty and a group of experienced outside resource persons. For exposing the participants to the field implementation of latest wildlife monitoring initiative, one-day field visit to the nearby Rajaji National Park was organized. **Contact: [anilbhardwaj@wii.gov.in](mailto:anilbhardwaj@wii.gov.in)**



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State/ Country	No. of Trainees	Sponsored by
Assam	1	MoEF
Arunachal Pradesh	1	MoEF
A & N Islands	1	MoEF
Himachal Pradesh	1	MoEF
Madhya Pradesh	1	MoEF
Maharashtra	1	MoEF
Sikkim	2	MoEF
Nepal	1	GTF
Bhutan	1	GTF
Indonesia	1	GTF
Pakistan	2	WWF- Pakistan

**Practical training in India for special Diploma Trainees of the Department of Wildlife Conservation (DWC), Sri Lanka, November 2–16, 2008.** The Director General of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka had requested Director, Wildlife Institute of India to organize a two-week practical training for the special Diploma Course. As per their request, the Institute organized a practical training programme for the officer trainees with the objective of exposing the participants to WII Administration and various Protected Areas Management Systems in India. The participants were taken to Rajaji National Park, Corbett Tiger Reserve and Kanha Tiger Reserve for field exposure. In all, there were 17 participants. A field visit to Asan Conservation Reserve was also conducted on November 5, 2008.  
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**Course on 'Ecological and economic evaluation approaches for mainstreaming biodiversity in EIA', Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, November 3–6, 2008.** In response to the request received by the Wildlife Institute of India from the Chairman, Environmental Technology and Management Association (ETMA), a Saudi Arabian Section of Air and Waste Management

Association of the Government of Saudi Arabia, the course was conducted by WII faculty members. The course aimed to promote the understanding of the interdependencies between economic development and biodiversity conservation and the importance of integrating economic valuation approaches for mainstreaming biodiversity in impact assessment for improved decision-making. The course was attended by 17 participants representing EIA experts, environmental engineers, and EIA professionals from Saudi Aramco, King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals and EIA consulting agencies in Saudi Arabia. The course was well received and has stirred a demand for more such courses for building capacity of EIA professionals for mainstreaming biodiversity in EIA. **Contact: [ar@wii.gov.in](mailto:ar@wii.gov.in)**

**Outreach programme for IMA cadets, Dehradun, November 28–29, 2008.** This programme was conducted by the Institute at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. The theme of the programme was to provide knowledge to the Cadets



on first-hand experience of conservation issues under varied ecological, socio-economic, political and administrative situations in the country and to evince interest in biodiversity conservation issues including wildlife photography. Three external resource persons, Shri Himanshu Malhotra, Dr. Vibhu Prakash of BNHS and reputed film maker Shri Rupin Dang were invited to provide their inputs during the training programme apart from three faculty members of the Institute. More than 1200 cadets participated in this programme.  
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**Training programme on 'Wildlife Conservation: Issues and Concerns' for representatives of Indian Army in the State Boards for Wildlife, at Kanha**

## Welcome

### Shri Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj

Shri Gobind Sagar Bhardwaj joined Indian Forest Service in 1994. Belonging to Rajasthan cadre, he did his master's degree in Botany from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. Later, he won gold medal in M.Phil from the same University. He completed his post-graduate diploma in Wildlife Management from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun in 1998. As a manager of natural resources, he has served in various capacities in different forest divisions of Rajasthan including Ranthambhore National Park. It is during his tenure in Ranthambhore he developed a deep passion for wildlife especially the magnificent tiger. Based on his observations on tiger, he has authored a book on tiger, "Tracking Tigers in Ranthambhore". He has authored many articles on birds too. He has been enrolled for Ph.D. in the University of Rajasthan on the topic entitled "Plant Resource Utilization by the avian fauna in Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary". He is the recipient of the State Award in 1999 for outstanding services for the State of Rajasthan. The award was given for saving the life of villagers and a tiger that had strayed outside the forest into a village, during which he was badly mauled by a tiger. Shri Bhardwaj joined WII on November 24, 2008.



### Dr. V.K. Melkani

Dr. V.K. Melkani hails from Nainital, Uttarakhand State. After completing his Ph.D. from Kumaon University, Nainital in Organic Chemistry in 1981, he joined Indian Forest Service in 1982. He is an IFS Officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre. During last 24 years of his services in Tamil Nadu he has worked as ACF, Forest Protection Squad, Madurai; DFO, Crash Plantation Project, Dindigul; District Forest Officer, Sivgangai. During 1989 to 1993, he has worked on deputation in the Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore, under ICFRE. On becoming Conservator of Forests in 1995, he worked as General Manager, TAFCORN, Trichy; Field Director, Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve; and Conservator of Forests, Madurai. His last assignment in Tamil Nadu was as Director, Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Trust, Ramnathapuram. His special interest includes achieving biodiversity conservation through involvement of local people and other stakeholders. He also has interest in valuation of biodiversity and global environment related issues. Shri Melkani joined WII on December 15, 2008.







**Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh, December 4-6, 2008.** Twelve officers of Brigadier rank and three of Colonel rank representing 15 States mainly from the north, east and north-east India, along with Director, Policy (Ecology) from army headquarters attended the course. The course methodology was designed to include lectures by eminent resource persons, panel discussions and field visits to expose the participants to the various aspects of wildlife conservation in India. **Contact: dmohan@wii.gov.in**

### On the Move

**International Congress of Environmental Research (ICER 08) BITS-Pilani, Goa, December 18-20, 2008.** Dr. Pranab Pal, Field Technical

Officer participated in ICER 08 held at Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani, Goa. It was jointly organized by the BITS - Pilani and Journal of Environmental Research and Development (JERAD). The theme of the conference was "Environmental Research, Planning and Management". More than 1200 participants from 25 countries shared their views and discussed various issues related to the theme. Dr. Pal presented a paper titled, "Impact of anthropogenic activities on natural resources of India" and chaired a session on Life Science. **Contact: ppal@wii.gov.in**

### WII in the Field

#### Wildlife and Environment Quiz organised

In order to enhance conservation awareness amongst the school children, the WII in collaboration with the Friends of the Doon (FoD) conducted 'Wildlife and Environment Quiz' programme. A total of 13 schools in Dehradun participated in the programme, That

marked the Wildlife Week Celebration on October 1, 2008. The quiz had two rounds and the final round of the quiz was held on the same day in which teams belonged to Brightlands School, Scholar's Home, Ann Mary School, Welham Girls School and Summer Valley School participated. Brightlands School (Akshay K. Sharma, Saumaric Satyavrat Dangwal and Atreyi Bhattacharya), Ann Mary School (Debayan Chakraborty, Arpita Choudhury and Sukriti Jolly) and Welham Girls School (Pooja Elangbam, Iva Dixit and Richa Gupta) bagged the first, second and third prize respectively. Shri S.K Mukherjee, President, FoD, gave the WII-FoD Trophy to Brightlands School and distributed prizes to the winning teams. **Contact: vbm@wii.gov.in**



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### Wildlife Week Celebration

October 2-8, 2008. The Wildlife Week was celebrated at the Institute. The following activities were organized during the Wildlife Week: (i) Drawing & Painting Competition and Puppet Show were organized at St. Mary's Secondary School, Dehradun; (ii) Drawing & Painting Competition and Puppet show were organized for the school children at Than village in collaboration with 127 Infantry Battalion (TA) Eco Garh Rif. More than 500 children participated in these activities. **Contact: bcs@wii.gov.in**



## Welcome Guests

- ◆ B.V.Sc. & A.H. students from College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Jabalpur on October 7, 2008.
- ◆ IFS Officers of the 1958-61 batch of a two-day workshop at IGNFA on Oct. 13, 2008.
- ◆ Forest Guards trainees (19th Batch) from F.T.C., Sundernagar on Oct. 16, 2008.
- ◆ Trainees of the Forester Training Course (2008-09) from Training Circle, Pinjore, Haryana on October 16, 2008.
- ◆ Students of M.Sc. Environmental Sciences from Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur on October 21, 2008.
- ◆ Students from Woodstock School, Mussoorie on November 6, 2008.
- ◆ P.G. students of the P.G. Dept of Environmental Sciences and M. Tech in Environmental Science & Engg. from Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Orissa on November 6, 2008.
- ◆ Trainees of Forest Rangers Training 2008 (2nd Semester) from Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani on Nov. 7, 2008.
- ◆ Participants of the two-week refresher course for in-service SFS Officers at SFS College, Dehradun on Nov. 7, 2008.
- ◆ Forest Guards from Corbett Wildlife Training Centre on November 11, 2008.
- ◆ Students of B.Sc. (Hons.) and B.Sc. (Life Sciences) from Department of Zoology, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi on November 21, 2008.
- ◆ Students of Class XII from CARMAN Residential & Day School, Dehra Dun on November 25, 2008.
- ◆ Forest Range Officer trainees (2008-09) from State Forest Service College, Coimbatore on November 25, 2008.
- ◆ B.Sc. (Botany) students from Fergusson College, Pune on November 28, 2008.
- ◆ participants of Navdanya Biodiversity Conservation Farm, Dehradun on December 2, 2008.
- ◆ Zoology & Life Science students from Deptt. of Zoology, Hansraj College, University of Delhi on Dec. 8, 2008.
- ◆ Students of PG DFM of Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal on December 12, 2008.
- ◆ B.Sc. (Forestry) students from University of Agricultural Sciences, College of Forestry, Bangalore on Dec. 15, 2008.
- ◆ Students of PG Diploma in Biodiversity from Jijamata Mahavidyalaya, Buldana, Maharashtra on December 18, 2008.
- ◆ Officers promoted into IFS of a 10-Week Professional Skill Up-gradation Course from IGNFA, Dehra Dun on December 31, 2008. **Contact: oao@wii.gov.in**



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