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XXIX P.G. Diploma Course in Wildlife Management - Field Visits

During spring, several classroom and field related activities were conducted for officer trainees of the P.G. Diploma in Wildlife Management. The visits were conducted to different Protected Areas and Zoological Parks. For the first time, the officer trainees were taken to a neighbouring country i.e. Sri Lanka as part of their Management Tour from February 12-21, 2008.

The following visits were conducted during the reporting period: (i) One-day field trip to Dhanolti, Mussoorie on January 5, 2008. (ii) Management Tour to Kanha National Park (M.P.), Mysore Zoo, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Mudumalai



Officer trainees at Horton Plains National Park, Sri Lanka.



Officer trainees and faculty members met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi.

Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park, Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary, Annamalai, Anna Arignar Zoo & GIS Centre and various Protected Areas in Sri Lanka from January 28 to February 22, 2008. (iii) Field trip to Corbett National Park from February 28-March 2, 2008. (iv) Captive Management Tour to National Zoological Park (Delhi), Central Zoo Authority and Aravalli/ Yamuna Biodiversity Park from March 9-11, 2008. They also got an opportunity to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs. Sheila Dixit. (v) The Management Term Paper Exercise at Kaziranga National Park, Assam from March 12-21, 2008.

All the teaching modules were covered. The evaluation of the officer trainees for each module was also completed. The module coordinators and resource persons assessed each trainee's performance through a combination of classroom interaction, small assignments, workshop, seminars, group discussions, presentation of case studies and field practicals.
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XXIII Certificate Course in Wildlife Management concluded

The XXIII Certificate Course in Wildlife Management concluded on January 31, 2008. As integral part of the course, the Management Tour was conducted from January 2-21, 2008 in various parts of Gujarat viz. Gujarat Ecological & Educational Research (GEER) Foundation, Gandhinagar; Kamla Nehru Zoological Park and Centre for Environment Education at Ahmedabad; Nalsarovar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary, Marine National Park, Pirotan, Okha, Sakkarbagh Zoo and Gir National Park in

Saurashtra and Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The objective of this tour was to provide first-hand



Shri S.C. Dey, Sec. Gen., Global Tiger Forum, New Delhi graced the Valedictory Function.



Shri Devinder Singh Dhadwal of Himachal Pradesh was declared the Best All Round Wildlife.



Institute's Prize in 'Wildlife Management' was presented to Shri Pradeep Bhandari, H.P.



Mr. Iding Achmad Haidir from Indonesia won the Institute's Prize for the Best Foreign Officer Trainee.

experience of various management practices related to habitat management, endangered species management, wildlife protection, captive management, eco-development, wildlife interface conflicts and eco-tourism. During the tour, the emphasis was on the study of wide range of management practices and problems in India's Protected Areas. Prior to end of the course, the Viva-Voce and feedback session for officer trainees were held on January 29-30, 2008.



The participants were taken to Gir National Park, Junagadh for the field visit.

Valedictory function was organized on January 31, 2008. Dr. R.D. Jakati, Additional PCCF and Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana was the Chief Guest of the function and Shri S.C. Dey, Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum, New Delhi graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.

All 16 officer trainees successfully completed the course. The Honours Certificate was awarded to seven officer trainees, who secured 75% or more marks. The Institute's prize for the Best All Round Wildlifer was bagged by Shri Devinder Singh Dhadwal of Himachal Pradesh. The Institute's Prize in 'Wildlife Management' was awarded to Shri Pradeep Bhandari, Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Iding Achmad Haidir from Indonesia won the Institute's Prize for the Best Foreign Officer Trainee. The Wildlife Conservation Medal for the Top Trainee of the Course was awarded to Shri Devinder Singh Dhadwal. **Contact: udhayan@wii.gov.in**

Training course for middle level officers in Indian Zoos, Ahmedabad, January 9-18, 2008. This training course was organised by the Wildlife Institute of India at Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden, Ahmedabad, acting as the local host. The Central Zoo Authority provided financial support for the

course. The course had twenty-two participants from twenty-one zoos of the country. The course was inaugurated by Shri Pradeep Khanna, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Gujarat. The theme of the programme was 'Marketing and Fund-raising' and 'Education'. Besides this, other subject areas like Population Management, Health Care & Sanitation and Zoo Management were covered. Three field visits were conducted for the benefit of the trainees i.e. Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden, Ahmedabad; Gir National Park, Junagadh; and Sakkarbaug Zoo, Junagadh. The Valedictory Function of the course was presided by Shri Z.A. Sacha, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. **Contact: anupam@wii.gov.in**

4th Certificate Course in Wildlife Management for forest guards of Uttarakhand Forest Department, Dehradun, February 4-5, 2008. The two-day course was organized at the Institute in collaboration with the Uttarakhand Forest Department for the forest guards from Corbett Wildlife Training Centre, Kalagarh (Garhwal). Twenty forest guards participated in the course. The aim of the course was to educate and sensitize them towards wildlife management and biodiversity conservation. During the course, classroom sessions were

conducted on various issues related to wildlife management. **Contact: uniyalvp@wii.gov.in**

Training workshop on "Enforcement of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and India's International Obligations" for Enforcement Agencies, Dehra Dun, February 4-8, 2008. Wildlife poaching has always been considered as one of the major challenges of wildlife conservation issues. For effective conservation, it was realized to involve other enforcement agencies such as Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Border Security Force (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in addition to the Forest Departments to prevent any illegal activity in wildlife trade at national as well as International level. In view of this, a five-day training workshop for seven officers from different enforcement agencies was conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in collaboration with Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.

The aim of the training workshop was to sensitize the enforcement officers on the extent and kind of wildlife trade, conservation threats to species, various Acts and International Obligations for controlling illegal trade of wildlife parts, different aspects of crime detection and prevention, documentation and identifying species from various parts and products of fauna and flora.

The course was inaugurated by Shri P.R. Sinha, Director, Wildlife Institute of India. Shri Ashok Pai, Joint Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Govt. of India; Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh; Shri S. Sinha, Head, TRAFFIC-India; Shri K. Kumar, IGP, CID Crime and Rlys, Gujarat State, Gujarat; Shri A. Yash, SSP, Special Task Force, U.P. and Shri R. Pandey, DFO

WII at the All India Forest Sports Meet

A contingent of 24 officials represented WII in seven events viz., Hockey, Carrom, Rifle Shooting, Billiards, Chess, Lawn Tennis, and Table Tennis in the XVI All India Forest Sports & Games Meet (AIFS&GM) conducted by the Forest Department, Gujarat at Gandhinagar (Gujarat) from February 1-5, 2008. Shri H.C.S. Rajwar from WII, a distinguished sportsman in various disciplines and events, secured the "Bronze" medal in the Table Tennis (Senior Veteran category) in the Forest Meet. The Institute is proud of the achievement of Shri Rajwar. **Contact: udhayan@wii.gov.in**





Dr. J.R. Sharma BSI, Dehradun describing plant characteristics for identification.

Bahraich, U.P. shared their experiences on theme of the workshop. Ms. Belinda Wright, Executive Director, Wildlife Protection Society of India, New Delhi also shared her experiences regarding national and international ramifications of illegal trade in tiger products.

Trainees had "Hands-on-training" on identifying wildlife parts. Specific topics related to trade and identification for plant parts, reptiles and butterflies were covered. They were also taken to Rajaji National Park for interaction with Park Managers. **Contact: goyalsp@wii.gov.in**

Training workshops on "Building capacity in managing wild animals in distress", Lucknow, February 19-24, 2008. Three consecutive 2-day training workshops on "Building capacity in managing wild animals in distress (Immobilization, Rescue and rehabilitation)" were jointly organized by Wildlife Institute of India and Uttar Pradesh Forest Department at Lucknow Zoo, Lucknow. A total of 45 participants including Protected Area managers and frontline staff from various forest divisions of Uttar Pradesh participated in the workshops. The workshops were organized with the objective of enhancing capacities locally to deal with wildlife emergencies. The workshops

provided exposure to the participants on various options and procedures available for scientific, ethical and professional management of wild animals in distress. Besides the faculty members of the Institute, eminent practicing veterinarians and wildlife managers were invited as resource persons. The training methodology included interactive lectures, case study presentations, hands-on exercise and experience sharing session of the participants.

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On the Move

International Conference on "Biodiversity Conservation and Management" BiOCAM2008, Cochin University, February 3-6, 2008. Dr. Pranab Pal, Field Technical Officer participated in this international conference. The conference was jointly organized by the Cochin University; Zoological Survey of India; S.S. University, Kalada; National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai; Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi; CSIR, New Delhi; ICAR, New Delhi; Department of Biotechnology, Govt; Ministry of Earth Science, Govt; MHRD, Govt; and Centre for Environment and Development Society of Advancement of Biological Science. More than 380 participants attended the conference. Dr. Pal presented a paper on "Environmental degradation and threat to biodiversity loss". **Contact: ppal@wii.gov.in**

Second Annual Meeting of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC), ICIMOD, Kathmandu, Nepal, February 26-27, 2008. Dr. P.K. Mathur,

Professor represented the Institute in the meeting convened by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, Nepal. The HUC was formed in March, 2007 with the aim of promoting mountain specific curriculum development in higher education and collaborative training, research and outreach. The WII is one of the founder members of HUC. All founder members were invited in the meeting. The meeting was attended by 23 participants besides the Director General, DDG-Programmes and Head, HID of ICIMOD. The meeting specifically deliberated on the following two agenda items:

- (i) Climate change and adaptation - towards a collaborative programme of the Hindu-Kush Himalaya (HKH) Universities; and (ii) Human capacity development in Afghanistan's Universities and Training Institutions.

The participants were informed about WII's recent efforts in capacity building initiatives in Afghanistan through various ongoing/collaborative programmes. The Consortium decided that a small team of 2-3 members from ICIMOD will first visit Afghanistan in near future for a 'Need Analysis'.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to interact with members of the HUC. On one hand, the meeting allowed to think in terms of vastness and challenges of the Himalayan Mountains while on the other hand about the possibility of desired contributions by WII and other universities/institutions located in the HKH region for the emerging field of climate change, the sole current thrust of the global community. **Contact: mathurpk@wii.gov.in**

विजेताओं को पुरस्कृत किया गया

गणतंत्र दिवस - 2008 के अवसर पर संस्थान के निदेशक श्री प्रिय रंजन सिन्हा ने वन्यजीव प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता के विजेताओं को पुरस्कार एवं प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किये। वन्यजीव सप्ताह के दौरान 5 अक्टूबर, 2007 को आयोजित द्विभाषी (हिन्दी व अंग्रेजी) लिखित वन्यजीव प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता में संस्थान के 35 अधिकारी व कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया। सात प्रतिभागियों ने श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन कर पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया। पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने वाले प्रतिभागी थे: श्री सी.पी. शर्मा, श्री अरुण कुमार दुबे, श्री दिनेश सिंह पुष्पीर, श्री एम.एम. बाबू, श्रीमति साधना वर्मा, श्री विनोद ठाकुर और श्री एम.पी. अग्रवाल। **सम्पर्क: bcs@wii.gov.in**



Welcome Guests

- ◆ Students of Final year B.V.Sc. & A.H. from Rajiv Gandhi College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Kurumbapet, Puducherry on January 9, 2008.
- ◆ B.Sc. (Forestry) students from Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi on January 18, 2008.
- ◆ B.Sc. (Forestry) students from Department of Forestry, Bareilly College, Bareilly (U.P.) on January 25, 2008.
- ◆ Students from Mukundlal Public School, Yamuna Nagar on January 28, 2008.
- ◆ Participants of a training course on Plant Taxonomy from Forest Research Institute on January 30, 2008.
- ◆ A group of cadets from Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun on January 31, 2008.
- ◆ Two Sri Lankan and one Nepali Army Officers accompanied by one Indian Army Officer from IMA on February 1, 2008.
- ◆ Trainees of Foresters' Training Course from Forest Dept., J&K, Soil Conservation Training School, Miransahib, Jammu (J&K) on February 15, 2008.
- ◆ Final Year B.Sc. (Forestry) students from University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad and College of Forestry, Sirsi, Karnataka on February 18, 2008.
- ◆ Forest Guard trainees (92nd batch) and an Instructor from Natural Resource Management Centre (NRMC), Forest Department Haryana, Sohna (Gurgaon) on February 22, 2008.
- ◆ 3rd Year B.V.Sc. & A.H. students from University of Agricultural Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Srinagar (J&K) on February 22, 2008.
- ◆ B.Sc. (Forestry) students from Allahabad Agricultural Institute – Deemed University, Allahabad (U.P.) on February 27, 2008.
- ◆ Students of X to XII Std. from Tibetan Homes Foundation, Mussoorie on March 24, 2008.
- ◆ M.Sc. and M.Phil students from School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on March 25, 2008. **Contact: oao@wii.gov.in**



Students from DAV School, Kurukshetra (DNA Clubs Program Members of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment, New Delhi) on March 13, 2008.

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