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## News : Training and Workshops

### XXXII P.G. Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management Concluded, September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

The 10-month P.G. Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management commenced from 1st September, 2010 at this Institute with 20 officer trainees of the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests/Assistant Conservator of Forests and equivalent levels.

During the period, the Management Term Paper Exercise has been completed by the officer trainees. After necessary training, the officer trainees did a 'bibliographic' study so as to identify research and management gaps in the context of their respective State as first part of this exercise. In the second part of the study, officer trainees were divided into five groups. The field work

Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Kerala; and Nameri Tiger Reserve, Assam. The Management Term Papers were



presented in a seminar by individual officer trainees during April 21-22, 2011.

Management Plan Exercise was conducted at Nagarhole Tiger Reserve in Karnataka during May 1-31, 2011. The officer trainees prepared the individual Management Plan from June 1-20, 2011, which was followed by presentation on June 23, 2011.

On June 27, 2011, the Viva-Voce examination was held at this Institute. All the 20 officer trainees have successfully completed the Course. They also bagged

Honours Diploma for securing 75% or above marks. Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Uttarakhand was the chief guest of the

function. He presented the award and prizes to the following officer trainees.

Dr. (Ms.) Malathi Priya M. bagged Institute's Gold Medal for the 'Top Trainee'; Silver Medal for the 'Best All Round Wildlifer'; and A.K. Chatterjee Silver Medal for Best Management Term Paper. Dr. Saket Badola received Wildlife Preservation Society Silver Medal for the 'Second In Merit' and NR Nair Memorial Silver Medal for 'Best Management Plan'; Ms. Niveditha B. was awarded the Top Trainee in Wildlife Biology (Book Prize). **Contact: aseems@wii.gov.in**

**Course-cum-excursion tour for Wildlife professionals from Government of Bhutan, May 2-9, 2011.** A course-cum-excursion tour for 12 Wildlife professionals from Sakteng Wildlife



was conducted from March 30 to April 9, 2011 in Dachigam National Park, J&K; Velavadar National Park, Gujarat; Satpuda Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh;



Sanctuary of Nature Conservation Division, Government of Bhutan was organized on Wildlife Management of High Altitude Protected Areas. Lectures on biodiversity and conservation issues in Bhutan and Eastern Himalaya, monitoring of wildlife and their habitats, forest vegetation and alpine rangeland monitoring, recent advances in wildlife management in Himalaya, project snow leopard, human wildlife conflicts and evaluation of effectiveness of



management in Himalayan Protected Areas were delivered. The trainees visited Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary and buffer zone of Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve between May 3-8, 2011 and various wildlife techniques and important issues viz., wildlife habitat evaluation and assessment techniques, wildlife monitoring techniques, natural resource use by local communities, conservation and management issues; community participation in conservation, interaction with managers and community representatives and community based ecotourism and conservation programmes were discussed. The course ended with a group discussion and a feedback session. **Contact: [adhikaribs@wii.gov.in](mailto:adhikaribs@wii.gov.in)**

**Special training course for Officers of Government of Bangladesh, Dehra Dun, June 1-25, 2011.** The special training course was organized by Wildlife Institute of India. It was funded by Integrated Protected Area Co-Management Project (IPAC) of Government of Bangladesh. A total of five participants from Departments of Forest, Environment and Fisheries attended the program.

The first part of the course was conducted at the Institute during which interactive classroom sessions were held on contemporary wildlife issues. The participants were taken for a visit to Forest Research Institute; Forest Survey of India; Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy; and Central Academy for State Forest Service to acquaint them with the activities of the various institutions engaged in training and research. They were also taken to

Dhanaulti, Asan Conservation Reserve and Rajaji National Park to show the good practices of ecotourism, participative wildlife management.

During the second part of the course, the participants visited various protected areas and zoos in Orissa and West Bengal to link theory with the practice of wildlife management. They visited Nandankanan Zoo, Balukhand Konark Sanctuary, Debi River mouth, Rushikulya Rookery, Chilika Lagoon, Alipore Zoo and Sunderbans Tiger Reserve. **Contact: [mukul@wii.gov.in](mailto:mukul@wii.gov.in)**

**Special training course for WWF-Pakistan Officers, Dehra Dun, June 6-30, 2011.** The course for WWF-Pakistan Officers was conducted at Wildlife Institute of India. A total of seven participants from WWF-Pakistan and Department of Forest & Wildlife attended the program. The basic objective of the course was to provide an exposure on current scenario in wildlife and biodiversity conservation in India and facilitate understanding of various conservation approaches and good wildlife management practices. The first part of the course was conducted at the Institute during which interactive classroom sessions were held on contemporary wildlife issues. The participants were taken for a visit to Forest Research Institute; and Forest Survey of India to acquaint themselves with the activities of these institutions. They were also taken to Asan Conservation Reserve and Rajaji National Park to show the good practices of participative



wildlife management, wetland management etc.

During the second part of the course, the participants visited various protected areas, zoos and rescue centres in Uttarakhand, Delhi and Rajasthan to link theory with the practice of wildlife management. They also visited Corbett Tiger Reserve, National Zoological Park, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Jaipur Zoo & Rescue Centre. **Contact: [mukul@wii.gov.in](mailto:mukul@wii.gov.in)**

## On the Move

**South Asian Conference on '2011 International Symposium on Environmental Science and Technology', Beijing, China, June 1-4, 2011.** Dr. Pranab Pal, Field Technical Officer participated in the conference, which was organized by Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences, Beijing Institute of Technology, China. The objective of the conference was to discuss the environment as one of the most burning issues in the present global scenario. Dr. Pal presented a paper on 'Role of Protected Area in Conserving Biodiversity'. The paper was published in the book Progress in Environmental Science and Technology, Science Press USA ISBN 978-7-03-030935-8. **Contact: [ppal@wii.gov.in](mailto:ppal@wii.gov.in)**





### World Environment Day celebration by the Wildlife Institute of India

As part of nationwide celebrations on the occasion of World Environment Day under the aegis of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, the Institute organized following two programmes:

#### Awareness program on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at Mana



Wildlife Institute of India organized an awareness program in collaboration with the 127 Infantry Division, Ecological, Indian Army on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at Mana, the last Indian village bordering China. This was a unique celebration organized in biting cold and drizzle, which of course could succeed in stalling landing of the helicopter bringing Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh but did not succeed in dampening the spirit of the 400 people gathered there.



The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, who could not travel to Mana due to inclement weather, addressed the gathering via mobile telephone. The 10 million and 1 plant of Bhoj Patra, which once was abundant in the area, was planted by the local MLA. Director, WII also planted a sapling of local species. The ladies and the children of Mana village participated in a drawing competition. A puppet show titled "Ped na Kato" (Do not cut trees) was organized for the jawans and their families. An exhibition on 'Biodiversity of Uttarakhand' was also put up as part of the celebration.

The celebration at Mana brought all the stakeholders on one platform – the people, government agencies and the policy makers. Forging of such partnerships augurs well for our efforts towards a greener and cleaner environment.

#### Workshop on 'Emerging Issues in Wildlife Conservation'

A workshop on 'Emerging Issues in Wildlife Conservation' was conducted on June 5, 2011 at the Institute campus. Padma Vibhushan Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna Ji, Leader of Chipko Movement, was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Ms. Susanne Bech, Associate Programme Officer, UNEP, Nairobi also attended the workshop and briefed the participants about the UNEP's programmes. A total of 60 participants, of which 27 (representing 15 NGOs and civil societies of Uttarakhand), WII faculty members, students, researchers and officer trainees attended the workshop.



Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna underlined the need for improving green cover in terms of quality in Himalayan State of Uttarakhand. Towards achieving this goal, he emphasized the need for planting of native trees and exclusion of exotics. He also talked about the growing biotic pressure on the forests and precarious status of its wild denizens. Terming the wild animal as - human conflict as right for survival by wild animals, whose natural habitat has been usurped by mankind, he called upon to be parsimonious in use of natural resources. Nature doesn't have capacity to sustain 'greed' of humans. It has enough for need of all, he said.

The objectives of the workshop were: (i) To provide a comprehensive understanding of Biodiversity Conservation issues in India; (ii) Building capacity for effective and sustained participation of Civil Society

Organisations/ NGOs in biodiversity conservation; and (iii) To have a platform to examine how civil society can contribute to biodiversity conservation.

Shri B.C. Choudhury, WII spoke on man-animal conflict issue as lead speaker. Smt. Savita, Principal, CASFS addressed the gathering on the role of civil society in conservation as lead speaker. Thereafter, the participants were divided into two groups to deliberate upon the two identified topics above. They provided local perspective on both the issues and came out with their report, which was presented before the full house. The workshop has been able to identify areas of cooperation between the Civil Society Groups and the Forest Department for future action. The detailed outcome of the workshop is under finalization for wider dissemination.

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### Welcome Guests

- ◆ 26 Scientists and Research Officers undergoing 10-Induction Training Course at Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehra Dun on April 15, 2011.
- ◆ 25 students of B.Sc. Forestry from Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University Srinagar, Garhwal on April 18, 2011.
- ◆ 26 Van Daroga and other officials from Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani, Nainital on April 20, 2011.
- ◆ 30 Forest Guard Professional Trainees from Corbett Wildlife Training Centre, Kalagarh Garhwal on April 25, 2011.
- ◆ 25 students from Kashmir University, Sri Nagar, J&K on April 25, 2011.
- ◆ 103 students and teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya, O.L.F. Raipur, Dehra Dun on April 28, 2011.
- ◆ 35 Range Forest Officers from Forest Academy, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh on May 5, 2011.
- ◆ 17 students and a teacher from Agriculture University, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand on May 6, 2011.
- ◆ 33 students and teachers from Unison World School, Dehra Dun on May 13, 2011.
- ◆ 23 students and teachers from University of Agriculture Science, Bangalore, College of Forestry, Ponampet, Kodagu on June 13, 2011. **Contact: [acell@wii.gov.in](mailto:acell@wii.gov.in)**

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