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## Training Programmes and Workshops

### XXV Certificate Course in Wildlife Management

The Course commenced on November 1, 2009 for three-month duration. In all, 21 officer trainees (Range Forest Officers and equivalent) joined the course. Among them, 14 officers representing different States/Union Territories within the country. Seven foreign nationals from neighboring countries are sponsored by the Global Tiger Forum, New Delhi.

State/ Country	No.of Trainees	Sponsored by
Assam	1	MoEF
Andhra Pradesh	1	MoEF
A & N Islands	1	MoEF
Maharashtra	1	MoEF
Puducherry	1	MoEF
Goa	1	MoEF
Jharkhand	1	MoEF
Orissa	1	MoEF
Karnataka	1	MoEF
Himachal Pradesh	2	MoEF
Haryana	3	MoEF
Nepal	1	GTF
Indonesia	1	GTF
Lao PDR	1	GTF
Thailand	1	GTF
Bangladesh	1	GTF
Bhutan	2	GTF

The following trips and field tours were undertaken by the officer trainees: (i) one-day visit to Mussoorie on November 20, 2009 to familiarize the officer trainees to the mountain vegetation and altitudinal succession of



vegetation; (ii) one-day visit to Asan Conservation Reserve on December 19, 2009 to study the characteristics and management of the wetland and also identify various winter migrant birds; (iii) visit to ONGC Museum, Dehradun on December 17, 2009 for developing interpretive material; and (iv) Orientation-cum-Techniques Tour to Rajaji National Park (Chilla) from November 30, to December 11, 2009.

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**International Exhibition on "Climate Change: Technology Development and Transfer", New Delhi, October 22-23, 2009.** The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of



Finance, Government of India in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Present on this occasion were Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment & Forests, Government of India, Mr. Jamshyd N. Godrej, Past President, CII, Chairman & Managing Director, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd. The exhibition was jointly organized by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Confederation of Indian Industry. The unique exhibition with 140 stalls showcased India's efforts to address the challenge of climate change.

Wildlife Institute of India participated in this exhibition and showcased its activities with emphasis on climate



change. WII stall was visited by large number of dignitaries and visitors, who appreciated WII's research initiatives. Participation of WII in the exhibition has also helped in building linkages with the Green Industries. **Contact:** [bcs@wii.gov.in](mailto:bcs@wii.gov.in)

**Wildlife Techniques Tour for IGNEA Probationers (2007-2009 Batch) in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan, November 1-6, 2009.** The Wildlife Techniques Tour for IGNEA Probationers (2007-2009 Batch) was conducted in Sariska Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan by Dr. K. Sankar, Dr. Dhananjai Mohan and Dr. S. Sathyakumar, Faculty Members, Wildlife Institute of India. Shri Arun Prasad and Shri Rajeev Sharma, Faculty Members, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy accompanied the probationers and also facilitated in conduct of the training programme. In all 29 probationers participated in the Wildlife Techniques Tour, wherein field techniques pertaining to plant and wild animal quantification using direct and indirect evidences, radio-telemetry, mist netting and camera trapping were demonstrated. **Contact:** [sankark@wii.gov.in](mailto:sankark@wii.gov.in)

**Interactive Workshop on Wildlife Conservation Issues for Media Personnel, New Delhi, December 9-10, 2009.** In the prevailing situation of development and growing pressure on wilderness areas, wildlife conservation in India, concerns

planners, administrators, managers and conservationist alike. The future of India's wilderness and wildlife will depend on responses to declining populations of critically endangered species, fragmentation of their habitats, increasing human-wildlife conflicts, and demands of wilderness areas for developmental purposes, livelihood and livestock.

The media has not only kept the concern for wildlife conservation in lime light, but has also influenced policy makers to chart out appropriate conservation strategies. An interactive workshop was organised by the Institute at India Habitat Centre for media personnel to share these concerns in wildlife conservation in India and provide a platform to generate ideas on informative news reporting about current wildlife crisis. Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Environment & Forests, Government of India inaugurated the workshop. The workshop provided: (i) a comprehensive understanding of the



subject and getting information on the current situation and challenges; (ii) an opportunity to interact face to face with the experts and exchange of information and ideas to foster media involvement in raising awareness about wildlife conservation issues; and (iii) networking and developing specialised wildlife journalism group. A total of 23 participants from different media participated in this interactive workshop.

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**Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific on the review of progress and capacity building for the implementation of the PoWPA, October 12-15, 2009.** In February 2004, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Parties made the most comprehensive and specific protected area commitments ever made by the international community by adopting the Programme of Work on



Protected Areas. The Programme of Work enshrines development of participatory, ecologically representative and effectively managed national and regional systems of protected areas, where necessary stretching across national boundaries. From designation to management, the Programme of work can be considered as a defining framework or "blueprint" for protected areas for the coming decades.

Since the adoption of the Programme of Work, 27 countries have reported the establishment of about 5,900 new protected areas, covering approximately 60 million ha of terrestrial and marine areas. As of 2008 there are more than 1,20,000 nationally designated protected areas worldwide, covering 21 million square kilometres of land and sea. The terrestrial protected areas listed in World Database on Protected Areas cover 12.2% of the planet's surface area. However, marine protected areas occupy only 5.9% of the world's territorial seas and only 0.5% of the extraterritorial seas.

At the ninth meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP) in Bonn last year, the CBD COP decided to undertake the in-depth review of the Programme at its tenth meeting in Nagoya, Japan and, requested the Executive Secretary to convene regional and sub-regional capacity-building and progress-review workshops for preparing the in-depth review for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to COP-10. In this background, Asia



Pacific regional workshop was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and hosted by the Wildlife Institute of India. The workshop reviewed best practices and lessons learned, to identify current shortcomings or omissions, and suggest ways and means to strengthen implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas. A total of 64 representatives from 28 countries participated in this workshop. **Contact: vbm@wii.gov.in**

**Two-Week Special Short-term Course in Wildlife Protection, Law & Forensic Science for Probationers of Indian Revenue Service (Customs & Central Excise), Group 'A' (60th Batch) - First Group, Dehradun, December 14-24, 2009.** The course was sponsored by National Academy of Customs, Central Excise and Narcotics, Faridabad, Haryana. A total of 53 participants attended the course. The objectives of training programme were to: (i) sensitize



the participants about the unique biodiversity of India, its importance and the challenges of conservation; (ii) understand the gravity of issues related to illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products, available legal instruments to control this trade and role of custom officers; (iii) provide basic skills of Forensic Science for identification of important wildlife products in trade; and (iv) generate discussions and share experiences of field officers dealing with issues of trade at international borders.

This training programme was conducted as a part of Institute's regular capacity building initiatives for enforcement agencies dealing with wildlife trade. This was seventh such training programme organized by WII as per the request of National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics for their probationers. The



theory classes comprised topics concerning the biodiversity values of the country and its relation with human well-being, the issues related to illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products, various legislations related to control of illegal wildlife trade, fundamental of wildlife forensics and interactions with field managers. As a part of the training programme the probationers were taken to Corbett Tiger Reserve to understand the management issues and strategies being adopted by the department for dealing with protection issues. The inputs to the group were provided by experienced resource persons from WII Faculty and outside. The programme contributed in terms of sensitization of the young officers, who are going to man the 'entry' and 'exit' points of the country. It also provided them with basic skills of identifying important wildlife products in trade. **Contact: anilbhardwaj@wii.gov.in**

## Campus News

### Wildlife and Environment Quiz

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



of 07 schools in Dehradun participated in the programme, which was conducted during the Wildlife Week on October 7, 2009 in two rounds. The final round of the quiz was held on the same day in which teams from Welham's Girls School, Hilton's School, Ann Mary School, Raja Rammohan Roy Academy and The Indian Public School participated. The team from Welham Girls School (Richa Gupta, Pooja Elangbam & Iva Dixit) Hilton's School (Aditya, Gaurav Sharma & Apeksha Nautiyal) and Ann Mary School (Debayan Chakraborty, Sarthak Jain & Aditi Bharadwaj) bagged first, second and third prizes respectively. Shri S.K. Mukherjee, former Director, WII, gave the WII-FoD Trophy to Welham Girls School and distributed prizes to the winning team. **Contact: vbm@wii.gov.in**

## On the Move

### National Seminar on "Environmental Degradation and Biodiversity: Problems & Prospects", Kanpur, November 29-30, 2009.

Dr. Pranab Pal, FTO participated in the seminar, which was organized by DAV College Kanpur. The seminar was sponsored by University Grant Commission, New Delhi. The participants focused on the issues of biodiversity conservation, water and energy. More the 300 participants attended the seminar from several parts of country and abroad. The Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Coal and Statistics & Programme implementation, Govt. of India, Shri Sri Prakash Jaiswal graced the

seminar as the chief guest. Dr. Pal delivered a lecture on "Status and Anthropogenic Disturbances of the Biological Diversity". The paper was also published in the proceedings of seminar. **Contact: ppal@wii.gov.in**

### International Conference and Exhibition on "Recent Advances in Environmental Protection" (RAEP) 2009, Agra, December 17-19, 2009.

Dr. Pranab Pal, FTO participated in the International Conference, which was organized by Department of Chemistry, St. John's College, Agra. The International Conference was jointly sponsored by Board of Research in Nuclear Science (BRNS), Govt. of India, Mumbai; Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC), Govt. of India, New Delhi; Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, New Delhi; Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Govt. of India, New Delhi; and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra. More than 550 participants attended the conference from several parts of India and abroad. Dr. Pal presented a paper on "Ecosystem Loss and its Impacts on Biological Diversity". The abstract paper was also published in RAEP2009. **Contact: ppal@wii.gov.in**



## Celebration of Wildlife Week

October 2-8, 2009. The Wildlife Week was celebrated at the Institute. The following activities were organized during the week: (i) Puppet Shows were organized at Galaxian International School, and DSKS School, Dehradun; (ii) Drawing & Painting Competition was organized at the Institute's campus for the school children from four different schools. More than 125 children participated in the competition; (iii) Students of Galaxian International School were taken to Malsi Deer Park for an educational visit; and (iv) A Wildlife Quiz was also organized by the Institute in collaboration with the Friends of Doon, Dehradun for the school children of Dehradun. **Contact: bcs@wii.gov.in**



## Welcome Guests

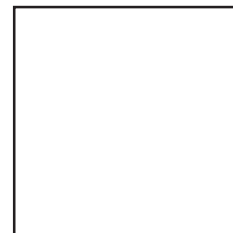
- ◆ 33 students from College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Jabalpur, December 24, 2009.
- ◆ 20 Final Year B.Sc. (Forestry) students from College of Forestry, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur, Kerala, December 23, 2009.
- ◆ 10 B.Sc. (Forestry) pre-final year students from North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed University), Nirjuli, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, December 23, 2009.
- ◆ 56 PG students from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, December 15, 2009.
- ◆ 6 M.Sc. students from Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies, Tiruvalla, Kerala, December 14, 2009.
- ◆ 40 students of M.Sc. I & II Year (Zoology) from Baba Farid Institute of Technology, Dehradun, December 7, 2009.
- ◆ 21 Officer trainees from SFS College, New Forest, Dehradun, December 2, 2009.
- ◆ Students of B.Sc. II Year of CBZ with Biotechnology and M.Sc. I & II Year (Zoology) from Baba Farid Institute of Technology, (PGI), Dehra Dun, November 30, 2009.
- ◆ M.Sc. students (School of Earth Science) from Department of Geology, Solapur University, Solapur, November 30, 2009.
- ◆ 20 B.Sc. Forestry (3rd Year) students from Tribhuvan University, Institute of Forestry, Hetauda Campus, Narayani Anchal, Nepal, November 27, 2009.
- ◆ 53rd Batch of Forest Guard trainees from Forest Training Institute, Chail, H.P., November 6, 2009.
- ◆ 15 Forestry Science students from Kathmandu Forestry College, Koteswor, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 13, 2009.
- ◆ 20 B.Sc. Forestry II Year students from College of Forestry & Hill Agriculture, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Hill Campus, Ranichauri, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand, November 11, 2009.
- ◆ B.Sc. Zoology (Hons.) students from Daulatram College, University of Delhi, October 29, 2009.
- ◆ 35 Forester trainees (2009) from Foresters Training academy, Haldwani, October 27, 2009.
- ◆ 26th Batch of Regular Forest Guard Course trainees from Forest Training Institute, Surendranagar, H.P., October 26, 2009.
- ◆ 50 students of Class XII from CARMAN Residential & Day School, Shyampur, Premnagar, Dehradun, October 21, 2009.
- ◆ 16 B.Sc. (Forestry) students from Birsra Agricultural University, Ranchi, October 15, 2009.
- ◆ 35 IFS officer trainees of 10-Weeks' Professional Skill Upgradation Course from IGNFA, Dehradun, October 9, 2009.
- ◆ 45 students from Lingaya's Institute of Management and Technology, Faridabad, Haryana, October 5, 2009.

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