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Training Programmes and Workshops

XXVI Certificate Course in Wildlife Management, November 1, 2010. The XXVI Certificate Course in Wildlife Management commenced on November 1, 2010 for three-month duration. A total of 15 Indian and four foreign nationals, i.e. one each from Vietnam, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh joined the course.

State/Country	No. of Trainees
Madhya Pradesh	3
Maharashtra	2
Manipur	1
Sikkim	1
Jharkhand	1
Orissa	1
Himachal Pradesh	1
West Bengal	1
Kerala	1
Andaman & Nicobar	1
Nagaland	1
Nepal	1
Bhutan	1
Lao PDR	1
Bangladesh	1
Vietnam	1

The officer trainees were taken to Chilla, Rajaji National Park for an Orientation-cum-Techniques tour from November 22, 2010 to December 3, 2010. **Contact:** jaj@wii.gov.in

XXXII Advanced Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Wildlife Management, September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The participants of the course were taken for High Altitude Ecology Tour during October 22-28, 2010. They visited the Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary and Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve and trekked from Chopta to Tungnath (3680 m above msl). They were fortunate to see elusive Bharals (*Pseudois nayaur*), Himalayan Tahrs (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*) and Goral (Naemorhedus goral) during the tour.

The Techniques Tour was conducted at Sariska Tiger Reserve during December 5-24, 2010. The officer trainees got a first hand exposure to latest in camera traps

and radio telemetry. They also learnt various techniques such as line transects, vehicle based transects, block counts, pellet counts, bird counts and habitat mapping. The trainees also made a short visit to Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur. The tour was completed with live demonstration of animal restraint techniques. The tour was followed by extensive data analysis sessions at the Institute to make the officer trainees fully conversant with the techniques. **Contact:** aseems@wii.gov.in or mukul@wii.gov.in

One-week Compulsory Training Course for the Indian Forest Service Officers on "Illegal Trade in Wildlife and its Protection: Intelligence Gathering, Anti-Poaching Strategies and Role of Wildlife Forensics in Dealing with Wildlife Crime", Dehradun, October 11-15, 2010. The training course has been designed to achieve the objective of curbing illegal trade in Wildlife through



Participants during the workshop session.

innovative conservation strategies. The course organized by the Institute and it was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment & Forests. A total of 23 participants attended the said training programme. Besides, lectures on relevant topics, case studies, panel discussion, a day's field visit to Rajaji National Park was also the part of the training. **Contact:** pctyagi@wii.gov.in

One-week training workshop on 'Role of Scientists in Biodiversity Conservation', Dehradun, October 25-29, 2010. Department of Science and

Technology (DST) has launched a scheme "National Training Programme for Scientists & Technologists working in Government Sector". As a part of this scheme, the DST has initiated training programmes exclusively for women scientists/technologists. The Institute has organized this one-week training workshop. The key objectives of the



workshop were to make the scientists aware of: (i) principles/approaches in Biodiversity Conservation; (ii) causes of decline in natural resources/habitats and species; (iii) good practices in Biodiversity Conservation; (iv) conservation issues in the field; and (v) to establish linkages and facilitate sharing of information among scientists. A total of 23 women scientists from different institutions in the country participated in the training program. **Contact:** ruchi@wii.gov.in

National Level Training Programme for Scientists and Technologists in Biodiversity Conservation, Dehradun, November 8-13, 2010. The Wildlife Institute of India organized the training programme in which thirteen scientists and technologists working in the Government departments, institutions and universities participated. The science involved in biodiversity conservation and management has developed manifold in recent years. One of the reasons for it, the rapid transformation of this field is due to the influence of technology. It is important that scientists involved in biodiversity

conservation in the country are exposed to these innovative applications and societal needs and update themselves of the recent advances in the field.

This course has the following objectives: (i) to make fully aware scientists on principles/approaches in Biodiversity Conservation; (ii) to make them scientists aware of causes of decline in natural resources/habitats and species; (iii) to make them aware of good practices in Biodiversity Conservation; (iv) to establish linkages and facilitate sharing of information among scientists; (v) to reiterate their role in creation of baseline



A participant being awarded certificate by Prof. Jyoti Kumar Sharma, Dean, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Doon University, Dr. P.N. Prasad, Scientist, DST and Prof. V.B. Mathur, Dean FWS, WII.

information and database management. The one week course was packaged with 21 different lecture inputs and field visits covering various thematic areas. **Contact:** karthik@wii.gov.in

Regional Media Workshop on 'Wildlife Conservation Issues', Bhubaneswar, December 7-8, 2010. The Wildlife Institute of India had organized a two-day workshop for media personnel in New Delhi in December, 2009 which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Environment & Forests and inter-alia attended by several members of the Institute's Governing Body. The Governing Body has approved two regional workshops for media personnel at Bhubaneswar and Bangalore. Accordingly, the first regional workshop was organized by Wildlife Institute of India for media personnel at Bhubaneswar.

The main objective of the workshop was to sensitize the media personnel on wildlife conservation to facilitate better understanding of various issues on the subject. The workshop enabled the participants to articulate the wildlife related issues to people in a manner, which contributes to the cause of wildlife



Shri Biswajit Mohanty, Member, WII-Governing Body addressing the participants.

conservation in the country. Shri P.N. Padhi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Orissa was the Chief Guest of the workshop. Shri Padhi addressed the participants on the occasion on the issues related to Forest Right Act. A total of 23 participants attended the workshop. Dr. A.K. Jha, Commissioner, Tribal Research and Training Institute; Shri Biswajit Mohanty, Member, WII-Governing Body; and Ms. Perna Singh Bindra, Wildlife Journalist also provided their valuable inputs apart from the inputs by senior faculty members of the Institute. **Contact:** bcs@wii.gov.in

National Training Workshop on 'Strengthening CITES Implementation Capacity to Ensure Sustainable Wildlife Management and Non-Detrimental Trade' in India, Dehradun, December 20-21, 2010. The training workshop was held at the Institute in collaboration with CITES Secretariat, Geneva and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. Various enforcement agencies such as Forest and Wildlife Managers, officials from Customs, and Scientists from various institutions including NGOs participated in the workshop.

The workshop assisted officials and scientists in fulfilling more effectively the obligations under the CITES and helped to ensure sustainable management of natural resources through well regulated trade for species of conservation concern. The participants



learnt the basic understanding of the obligations under the Convention and its procedures. The workshop also offered an introduction to a Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) and identification of species listed in the various Appendices of CITES. **Contact:** ksivakumar@wii.gov.in

On the Move

Go4BioDiv International Youth Forum, Mt. Fuji, Nagoya, Japan, October 16 - 29, 2010. Go4BioDiv is an international youth forum giving young people an opportunity to network with their peers from different cultural backgrounds, to work together drawing up proposals for the conservation of biological diversity and to present these ideas to the public. Go4BioDiv brought together 34 young adults from 23 different countries. Two participants from India participated in this forum: Shazia Quasin, representing Nanda Devi National Park and Valley of Flowers National Park World Heritage Sites and Dhritiman Das, representing Manas National Park World Heritage Site. The young people collectively shared their own experiences, challenges and threats concerning their sites. Vesna Vujicic-Lugassy, Chief of Communication, Education and Partnership Unit in the UNESCO World Heritage Center gave an overall introduction to World Heritage and Deputy Director General Bill Jackson of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) addressed the youth group on the role of IUCN with regards to World Heritage Sites. For the promotion of their messages at COP10, the participants produced personal video statements, an exhibition and a brochure with their own stories. **Contact:** shazia@wii.gov.in

2nd International Conference on "Environmental Management" (ICEM-2010), Hyderabad, October 25-28, 2010. Dr. Pranab Pal, Field Technical Officer participated in the International Conference, which was organized by JNT University, Hyderabad (A.P). In all, 85 paper and poster presentations were included in the conference. Dr. Pal presented a paper on "Conservation of biodiversity in the context of global warming and climate change". **Contact:** ppal@wii.gov.in

Campus News

The 8th Inter-School Wildlife and Environment Quiz

The 8th Inter-School Wildlife and Environment Quiz - a collaborative activity of Wildlife Institute of India and Friends of Doon Society was organized on October 6, 2010 at Wildlife Institute of India to mark the celebrations of the Wildlife Week 2010. Eight schools participated in elimination round and five of them qualified. Welham Girls topped the list and won the WII-FoD Rolling Trophy and Book Prize and "Sameer Ghosh Memorial Nature and Wildlife Prize" (Rolling Trophy and Book token worth Rs. 1,500/-). Ann Mary School won the second spot and received WII-FoD Book Prize and Sameer Ghosh Memorial Nature and Wildlife Prize" (Book token worth Rs. 1,000/-). The third position was won by The Doon School and received WII-FoD Book Prize and Sameer Ghosh Memorial Nature and Wildlife Prize" (Book token worth Rs. 500/-). Ms. Savita Sharma, Principal, Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFS) graced the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed the Prizes to the winning teams. Members from Friends of Doon briefed about "Sameer Ghosh Memorial Nature and Wildlife Prize" which was introduced from this year. **Contact: vbm@wii.gov.in**



Welcome Guests

- ◆ 15 IFS Officers of Professional Skill Up-Gradation Course for IFS Officers at IGNFA, Dehra Dun on October 4, 2010.
 - ◆ 20 research scholars of Biotechnology accompanied by faculty from FRI, Dehra Dun on October 4, 2010.
 - ◆ A group of retired forest officials from Aranyak Paryavaran Sanskrit Kendra-Bharat, Ahmedabad on October 18, 2010.
 - ◆ 39 students accompanied by teachers from CARMAN School, Shyampur, Premnagar, Dehra Dun on October 21, 2010.
 - ◆ 41 students of B.V.Sc. & A.H. from College of Veterinary Science & A.H., Jabalpur on October 21, 2010.
 - ◆ 27 Forest Guard Trainees (Female) from Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani, Nainital on October 25, 2010.
 - ◆ 46 trainees of Forester Training Course 2010-11 at FTI Pinjore and Forest Guard Training Course, Uttarakhand at NRMCSohna, Haryana accompanied by instructors on October 25, 2010.
 - ◆ 28 FROs on study tour from Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani, Nainital on October 25, 2010.
 - ◆ 39 Forest Guards accompanied by faculty from P.V.P.K. Jaintee, Almora on October 27, 2010.
 - ◆ 34 students from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Sericulture College of, Chintamani on Oct. 28, 2010.
 - ◆ 5 B.Sc. students from St. Xavier's College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mapusa Bardez, Goa on November 11, 2010.
 - ◆ 30 ACFs of Uttarakhand FD undergoing 3-week Orientation Course at CASFS, Dehra Dun on November 11, 2010.
 - ◆ 15 Officers undergoing promotional course for Asstt. Commandants at SSB Academy, Srinagar Garhwal along with one officer (Instructor) on November 12, 2010.
 - ◆ Students accompanied by teachers from U.W. School, Dehra Dun on November 12, 2010.
 - ◆ 23 DHJS Officers of the Delhi High Judicial Service (on Educational-cum-Excursion Trip) from Delhi Judicial Academy, Karkardooma Court Complex, Shahdara, Delhi on November 13, 2010.
 - ◆ 30 Forests Guards from Corbett Wildlife Training Centre, Kalagarh on November 15, 2010.
 - ◆ 31 students of IV B.Sc. (Forestry) from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Mettupalayam on November 16, 2010.
 - ◆ 55 IFS officers attending a training workshop at IGNFA from TERI University, New Delhi on November 19, 2010.
 - ◆ 37 B.Sc. (3rd Year) students from Tribhuvan University, Pokhara Campus, Nepal on November 23, 2010.
 - ◆ 13 B.Sc. students accompanied by two staff from Kathmandu Forestry College on November 23, 2010.
 - ◆ 38 Forest Range Officer Trainees from Central Academy for State Forest Service, Coimbatore on November 29, 2010.
 - ◆ 50 M.Sc. Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biomedical Science students from Dolphin (P.G.) Institute of Bio-Medical & Natural Sciences Manduwala, Dehra Dun on December 1, 2010.
 - ◆ 25 Officer Trainees and faculty from CA for SFS, Dehra Dun on December 2, 2010.
 - ◆ Students from GRD Academy, Dehra Dun on December 6, 2010.
 - ◆ 21 B.Sc. Forestry students from Tribhuvan University, Hetauda Campus, Narayani Anchal, Nepal on December 6, 2010.
 - ◆ Two UN CSST E-AP P.G. Diploma Course Officer trainees of 2010-11 batch from Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehra Dun on December 14, 2010.
 - ◆ 23 students from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, M.P. on December 15, 2010.
 - ◆ 76 IFS Officer trainees from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehra Dun on December 15, 2010.
 - ◆ Students of Forest Management from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal on December 21, 2010.
 - ◆ A group of six officers undergoing the Senior/Higher Command Management Course from SSB Academy, Srinagar Garhwal on December 21, 2010.
 - ◆ 40 students of M.Sc. Botany from S.M. P.G. College, Chandausi, Moradabad on December 22, 2010.
 - ◆ Students of Forestry from N.E.R. Institute of Science & Technology, Nlrjula, Arunachal Pradesh on December 22, 2010.
 - ◆ Students of Forest Management from Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal on December 24, 2010.
 - ◆ A group of 50 students of Jain Heritage and Cambridge School (Hyderabad & Nagpur branch) on December 28, 2010.
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Celebration of Wildlife Week



October 2-8, 2010. The Wildlife Week was celebrated at the Institute. The main aim of the Wildlife Week was to make the younger generation aware about the importance of wildlife. It was aimed to motivate them to know how they can help in protecting the animals and birds. The following activities were organized by the Institute during the Wildlife Week: (i) Drawing Competition was organized on October 4, 2010 in which 80 students from five schools i.e. Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy, Constanica School, Hilton's School, St. Jude's School and Lovedale Academy from Dehradun participated. There were three groups of participating students for the Drawing Competition. Different themes were given to the students for the competition, such as 'My Favourite Animal' for classes III-



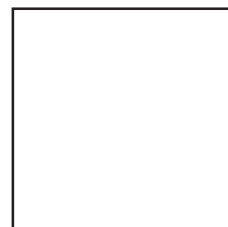
V; 'Forest & Wildlife' for VI-VII; and 'Tiger Conservation' for VIII-IX. (ii) A talk was delivered by Dr. Parag Nigam on 'Healthy Ecosystem, Healthy World'. Dr. Nigam told the students about the present conditions of the ecosystems, future problems & strategies to deal with the challenges. A total of 100 students and teachers listened the talk. Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy, Dehradun has sent additional 15 students specially for the talk. (iii) The nature trail visit was conducted by Shri M.M. Babu for 30 students of St. Mary's School on October 7, 2010. He briefed the students about different plants found around the nature trail, their identification methods, their scientific names, uses and importance. (iv) After the visit, a quiz competition was conducted for the students. Four groups comprising five students each participated in the quiz. The quiz was conducted by Ms. Manjari Malviya. The winning teams received the prizes. (v) A talk was delivered by Shri M.M. Babu on October 8, 2010 at Lovedale Academy, Dehradun. **Contact: bcs@wii.gov.in**

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