DIRECTORATE OF FOREST EDUCATION
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**ABOUT US**

Directorate of Forest Education (DFE) is an organization functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India with the mandate to take care of all aspects of training of State Forest Service (SFS) Officers and Forest Range Officers (FROs). The Directorate also supplements the efforts of the State Governments in the Capacity Building of the Forest Frontline Staff comprising of the Deputy Rangers, Foresters and Forest Guards. The office of DFE is located in the world renowned Forest Research Institute (FRI) campus of Dehradun in the Northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is 33 kms from the Jolly Grant Airport of the City, 7 kms from the Railway station and 11 kms from the Inter State Bus Terminus, making it centrally located.

The Directorate also exercises, technical control over all the State run Rangers Colleges in the country. All these Academies / Colleges / Institutes / Schools undertake the activities concerning induction and in-service training of SFS Officers and FROs and short term General Refresher Courses, Theme Based Courses of two week duration, One week workshop for in-service SFS Officers and FROs as per their respective mandate.

**MANDATE**

- To cater to the training needs of the SFS Officers and RFOs of States / Union Territories in the country.
- To ensure 'Standard and Quality' of Training being imparted to the Forestry personnel other than Indian Forest Service.
- To augment training ‘Capacity and Facility’ for the frontline forest staff (Forest Guards, Foresters, Deputy Rangers and Range Officers).
- To assist in developing appropriate and relevant training contents and evaluation standards for forestry training at all levels below IFS.
- To help States assess training needs of forestry personnel.
- To assist in the development of training policy for forestry personnel.

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**BRIEF HISTORY**

*The Directorate of Forest Education (DFE) was earlier a part of Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehradun. The year 1987 saw the re-organization of the Forestry Research, Education and Training institutions in India. This resulted in the Directorate of Forest Education being brought under the direct control of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.*
ORGANIZATION

The mandate and objective of the Directorate are achieved through different training institutions under its jurisdiction. There are three Central Academies for State Forest Service (CASFoS), one each at Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) and Burnihat (Assam) and one Central Academy of Forest Education (CAFE) at Kurseong (West Bengal) under the Directorate of Forest Education. In addition the technical control over the State run Rangers’ colleges also vests with the Directorate as and when induction training of FROs is entrusted to these institutions.
Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFoS), Dehradun

Established in 1981, the Academy is located in the sylvan surroundings of the world famous Forest Research Institute Campus in the burgeoning city Dehradun, capital of Uttarakhand state. Housed in a grand building which is about hundred years old, the Academy boasts of all required infrastructure needed for imparting world class training to the SFS Officer Trainees.

There are two spacious lecture halls fitted with latest audio visual teaching equipments like computer with Wi-fi connectivity, LCD projectors etc. A conference hall of international standards, computer lab with internet facility, well stocked library, two hostels with a maximum capacity of 80 people are other features of the Academy. To live upto its belief, “a healthy mind in a healthy body”, the organization has developed sprawling playgrounds, Lawn tennis and Badminton courts, Table Tennis facility and a modern Gym to cater to the health and fitness aspect of training.

The Academy is headed by a Principal, assisted by five lecturers, all of whom are drawn from the elite Indian Forest Service. In addition, there is a post of Scientist for imparting skills related to Forest Survey & Engineering; a Sports Officer, a PTI and a Hindi Officer, who support the core team.

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Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFoS), Coimbatore

This Academy was established in the year 1980 and is located in the picturesque Forest Campus at R.S. Puram in the city of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The Academy is situated at a distance of 5 km from the Coimbatore Railway Station and 22 km from Coimbatore International Airport. The Academy imparts professional Induction training to newly recruited State Forest Officers (ACF) and Forest Range Officers (FRO) from various states, and offers in-service training to the State Forest Service Officers of DCF, ACF, FRO and Deputy FRO ranks. The Academy comprises of all the basic facilities required for conducting world class training related to forestry. There are well appointed lecture halls, conference halls, computer lab and library for the SFS Officer Trainees. There is a hostel with a capacity of housing 80 people at a time. To take care of the health and fitness aspects there are playgrounds, lawn tennis courts and a modern Gym.

The Principal and the lecturers of the Academy and IFS Officers on deputation from various state cadres, thereby ensuring that the training content is oriented properly towards the field conditions and requirements. The core team of Principal and faculty is assisting ably by the support staff which includes Sports Officer and eminent guest Faculty.

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Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFoS), Burnihat

The oldest of the three CASFoS, this academy came into being in the year 1976. It is located in the beautiful state of Assam in Eastern India. Like other academies, this institution also boasts of all basic requirements of a training organization like lecture halls, library etc. CASFoS, Burnihat has the distinction of being the first Academy for SFS / ACF officers in the country. The Academy is spread in an area of about 23 hectares with offices and most infrastructure facilities located in the Assam side of campus. This Academy had provided induction training to 535 ACF/SFS officers in 15 batches. The Academy started training for FROs from the year 2000 and since then 453 Range Officers in 17 batches have passed out from this Academy as on date.

The hostel of the Academy is bigger than the others as it can house about 120 trainees at a time. The sports and games are conducted in the huge playground in the Academy premises.

The head of the organization is the Principal, assisted by Lecturers, a sports Officer and guest Faculty. The Principal and Lectures are IFS Officers on deputation from various State cadres.

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Central Academy of Forest Education (CAFE), Kurseong

CAFE, Kurseong established in 1974, the CAFE is the only forest training institution under Government of India exclusively to train Forest Range Officers, the training capacity of the college is 40 per batch per year. The Academy is housed in a huge colonial period building and situated on picturesque Saint Mary’s Hill in Kurseong sub-division of Darjeeling district, West Bengal. The College building has three storey with basement and attic. The floor area of the building is 60,198 sq feet. The building has 121 rooms which houses office, Principal’s and Faculty chambers, Classrooms, Conference room, Engineering hall, Library, Hostel, etc. The land area of the institute is 30.57 acres, in which two nos. type-IV quarters, two nos. type – III quarters, one glass house, one football ground, one basketball court, one tennis court are also present besides the main College building. The College hostel can accommodate around 100 persons at a time. There is huge playground for conducting activities to take care of the health and fitness aspects of the training.

The College is headed by the Principal. The faculty consists of Instructors and Assistant Instructors who are drawn from amongst the IFS, SFS and the Range Officer cadre of various states. The core team of Principal and Faculty is supported by Scientist and Sports Officer.

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ACTIVITIES

Induction training of direct recruit State Forest Service (SFS) Officers

The primary focus of the CASFoS, Dehradun, Coimbatore and Burhanihat is the two year Induction Training for the newly recruited SFS Officers. The syllabi includes classroom sessions, practicals, field exercises, qualifying modules, case study tours, extensive tours and a four month On Job Training (OJT) segment. The training follows sandwich pattern; first phase of training at CASFoS for Sixteen months followed by Four months long OJT in respective states; lastly the advanced phase for Four months back at CASFoS.

Input on 19 subjects groups is provided to the Officer trainees, ranging from core forestry to general management and also includes field oriented topics like Policy and Legal Issues, GIS and Remote Sensing. Two simultaneous Induction Training programmes can be conducted in each of the Academies with a capacity to accommodate 40 Officer Trainees per batch per year.
Induction training of direct recruit Forest Range Officers (FROs)

The primary focus of the Central Academy of Forest Education (CAFE), Kurseong is the eighteen months Induction training for the newly recruited FROs. The syllabi include classroom sessions, practicals, field exercises, qualifying modules and extensive tours. At any given time there are two batches of FROs under going Induction training in the College which has a capacity of 40 Trainees per batch per year.

In-service training of SFS Officers and FROs

Another area of focus for the constituent Central Academies and College of the Directorate is conducting short-term training courses for In-service SFS Officers and FROs with the objective to improve their knowledge and skills alongwith orienting the participants with latest developments in the forestry sector. These trainings are in the form of two week long General Refresher Course (GRC) and one week long Theme Based Workshops on specific topics like Wildlife Management, Policy and Legal issues, Human Resource Management, Eco-tourism and Bio-diversity Conservation or Training of Trainers etc.

On an average 24 short-term training courses are organized in a year for In-service SFS Officers and FROs in various training institutions under the control of the Directorate.
ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

Forest Training Institute and Rangers College, Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh

Forestry Training Institute and Rangers College (FTI&RC), Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh was established in September, 1994 for conducts 18 Months Certificate Course for directly recruited Forest Range officers and 6 Months Regular Induction Training for Forest Guards. Besides this the Institute also conducts refresher courses for the DFO / ACF / RFO / Frontline Staff and the Ministerial Staff of the HP Forest Department. Tailor made training courses for other Departments / Projects / HPSFDC Ltd / Community Members / Eco-tourism / Nature Guides are also conducted in this Institute. Three batches of directly recruited Forest Range officers have been passed out from the Institute since 2012. The Institute has also successfully conducted training for 29 Batches of Forest Guards since its inspection in 1994. FTI&RC, Sundernagar is situated at an altitude of 1000 meters above the mean sea level near Van Chetana Kendra DPF Trambari Karnody. It covers an area of 1.2 ha and is about 6 kms from Sundernagar bus stand on National Highway-21 (Chandigarh-Manali Highway).

Gujarat Forest Rangers College, Rajpipla, Gujarat

Gujarat Forest Rangers College has been established in February 1979 with as objective of Training Range Forest Officers from different states. This college is in a campus known as Vadiya Palace presently in Rajpipla Ta. Nandod, Distt. Narmada, Gujarat. The palace was built by the then King of Rajpipla, who letter on sold the palace to the govt. of Gujarat in 1965 at the cost of ₹ 7.50 lakhs. The total area of Vadiya Palace is around 64.08 ha out which the GFRC occupies the area of 56.08 ha and 8.00 ha is occupied by government Ayurvedic pharmacy.
The First batch of Range Forest officer trainees underwent the basic training during 1979-81 with strength of 31 trainees and subsequent batches after that it continued up to 1998-2000 and till then 485 Range Forest Officers took training in 15 different batches. The college has trained trainees from a total of 9 states and 1 UT. The alumni are spread over Utter Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, U.T. of Diu and Daman and Dadra nagar Haveli.

The college also has conducted short and long term courses, and front line staff training. The college has also conducted training for surveyor, Clerks and accountants of the Department. It is also conducts Training / Workshop with NGO/IFMCS.

The college also has different facilities in form of Classrooms, Conference room, Library, Computer lab, Sports ground. The college is also having facility of Video Conferences, Virtual Class rooms and using these technique international experts interacted with trainees on various occasions. Training in the field of Weapon, Motor Mechanics, and First aid will also be imparted.

Faculties for training have been selected from serving and retired senior Forest Officers as well as from selected institutions such as MS University, Baroda and Navasari Agriculture University etc. Few other institutes / department will also be involved like Police, Surveys and Health with intent to provide quality inputs to the trainees.

Karnataka State Forest Academy, Gungargatti, Dharwad

The erstwhile Forest Training Institute, Gungargatti, Dharwad, established in 1996, has been upgraded to Karnataka State Forest Academy (KSFA), Dharwad. The construction of the Institute started in 1992 under World Bank aided social forestry project and was completed in 1996 under Western Ghats project. It was established as a Forest Training Institute in the year 1996 with the aim to provide in-service training to officers of Karnataka Forest Department and induction training to newly recruited staff.

Located at a distance of 12 km from district head quarters Dharwad, the campus is spread over an area of 42.16 ha.

In January 2015, Government of India approved the proposal for setting up RFO Academy at FTI, Gungargatti, Dharwad and it was upgraded to the status of Forest Academy and renamed Karnataka State Forest Academy, Dharwad and received accreditation and recognition by the DFE.
as one of the Training Institutions in the country for imparting forestry training to Range Officers.

**Kundal Academy of Development, Administration and Management (Forests), Kundal (Maharashtra)**

KADAM (Forests) was established by the Government of Maharashtra in 2012, by upgrading the status of the erstwhile 'Forestry Training School' to 'Kundal Academy of Administration, Development and Management (Forests).

This Academy caters to the training needs of Range Forest Officers, Assistant Conservators of Forest and other senior level officers from within and outside the State. The Academy has been declared as a 'District Level Training Institute' under State Training Policy of Maharashtra. The Academy will provide mandatory training under State Training Policy Evaluation Agency (STPEA), which comprises of Foundation Training, Refresher Courses, Post-Promotional Courses, and Orientation Courses. A special feature of the Academy is to provide exposure and training of parasailing, paragliding, rappelling, rock-climbing, skiing and various field management exercises.

**Odisha Forest Rangers College, Angul**

Odisha Forest Rangers College, Angul has been establish in the year, 1979 to impart training to the newly recruited Forest Ranger of Odisha and other states like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman Nikobar Island, Assam, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. From 1979 to 1990, duration of the course was 1 (One) year. Thereafter duration of course revised to 2 (Two) years and again as per Entrance and Training Rules (revised), 2004 duration of course was reduced to 18 months only.

Total 430 no. of Forest Ranger Trainees have been trained in 15 (Fifteen) Batches from this
Institution from 1979 till 1994-96. Now 97 no. Forest Ranger Trainees are undergoing training since dated 09.03.2018.

The Forester trainees in this Institution has been conducted from the year, 1964-65. Total 1360 no. of Forester trainees have been trained from 1964-65 till 2016-17. The Forest Guard Trainees started from 1957-58. Total 7803 of Forest Guard Trainees have been trained from 1957-58 till 2016-17.

Besides the above, refresher course approved by the DFE, Dehradun for Frontline Staff and Ministerial Staffs of Forest Department are being conducted in this Institution.

**Tamil Nadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore**

Tamil Nadu Forest Academy was started by the then Government of Madras Presidency as the Madras Forest College in the year 1912. F.A. Lodge, who was the Conservator of Forests in Coimbatore, was responsible for the establishment of this college at Coimbatore. It was the second Forest Rangers College to be established in India, after Dehradun. It was set up to meet the rising demand for trained Foresters in the country, especially those from the South India. F.L.C. Cowley Brown was its first Principal.

The College functioned from the municipal hospital building initially. An extent of 165 acres of land in the present R.S. Puram was acquired for constructing a new building for the college. The foundation of the new college building was laid by His Excellency Lord Pentland, then Governor of Madras, on 9th April, 1913. His Excellency was kind enough to inaugurate the majestic building subsequently on 14th October, 1915. The college building with its superior quality red-brick finish, represents an elegant Indo-saracenic architecture and is a prominent landmark in Coimbatore city.

Today it is reckoned as one of the premier institutions of the country conducting in-service or induction training for Forest Personnel from Forest Watchers to IFS officers. Over the last 14 years of its existence, the Academy has moulded and equipped many batches of forest officials with professional knowledge and skills required for them to discharge their duties as professional foresters. Many forest officials have spent their formative years after induction at this Academy.
Since inception, this institution has trained about 5211 Rangers, 1362 Foresters, 54 ACFs and more than 1000 Forest officers and staffs under regular induction and in-service trainings as well as under various theme-based trainings.

**Telangana State Forest Academy, Hyderabad**

The training institution was done during the year 1926 at Nizamabad with objective to train Forest Guards. Subsequently, it was shifted to Mahabubabad during the year 1928. It was upgraded with capacity to train Foresters during the year 1930. The training centre was again shifted to Yellendu during the year 1949 by developing the infrastructure and it was started catering to the training needs of Andhra region also. However, during the year 1987 a State Institute of Forestry Training (SIFT) was established at Dulapally with an objective to give training to the field staff to enhance the skills commensurate with the changing technology and methods. It was renamed as AP Forest Academy during the year 2001 and the Foresters’ training was shifted from Forest School Yellendu.

The AP Forest Academy has been catering to the training needs of both newly recruited (induction) and in-service staff (refresher) of forest department. The Forest Guards (FG) training was also shifted to APFA during the year 2006 with a view to provide better training facilities and academic inputs through renowned resource persons. During the year 2014, after bifurcation of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh state, and formation of Telangana state, the Academy is renamed as Telangana State Forest Academy (TSFA).

**Uttarakhand Forestry Training Academy, Haldwani (Uttarakhand)**

Uttarakhand Forest Training Academy (UFTA) was established in 1978 as a part of Uttarakhand Forest Department. It is one of the premier Institutions under
Uttarakhand Forest Department, with a distinction of imparting wide array of training to wide spectrum of candidates. It was established in 1978 as a part of Uttar Pradesh Forest Department.

Since its inception, UFTA has accomplished mile-stones of enormous magnitude and is ranked amongst the top Forestry Training Institutes of India. Under the administration and management of Uttarakhand Forest Department, the UFTA imparts induction training to Range Officers, Foresters and Forest Guards. It also offers quarterly courses to Frontline Staff and Forest Corporation Employees. It is ideally located at Haldwani, District Nainital (Uttarakhand) which has train and bus connectivity to other parts of country.

The administration of the academy is headed by an officer of the Indian Forest Services (IFS), of the rank of Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), one Additional Director (CF), number of Deputy Directors, both from Indian Forest Services as well as Provincial Forest Service, and Assistant Directors and Forest Range Officers serve under him for the smooth functioning of administrative as well as academic works of the academy. Apart from these, academy has some other faculty members for imparting training to the trainees. Team of clerical staff, Foresters and Forest Guards carry out other day to day activities of the academy.

The institute has outstanding and sprawling infrastructure with large administrative and academic block, guest houses, and hostels for boys and girl's trainees, mess, library, playground, interpretation centre, gymnasium and auditorium etc. The library of UFTA has possessed big asset with an extensive collection of books. The administrative and teaching staffs resides in the campus itself, offering student a robust and sound technical and academic support round the clock. The UFTA administration ensures the availability of high and sophisticated gadgets for the training purpose so that the students are accustomed to prevalent use of technologies in their fields.
Supporting State Governments for Capacity Building of Forest Frontline Staff

The Directorate helps the State Governments in training and capacity building of Forest Frontline Staff comprising of Forest Guards, Foresters and Deputy Rangers. This is done by providing funds to the State Forest Training Institutes for organizing short-term two week refresher courses for the Forest Frontline staff. On an average financial assistance for organizing 50-100 such training courses is provided in a year to various States and UTs of the country.

Externally Aided Projects

The Directorate is implementing a five year Technical Cooperation Project for the “Capacity Building of State Forest Training Institutions and SFS colleges” assisted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project duration is from March 2009 to March 2014. The project aims to improve the In-service training including Training of Trainers (ToTs) and other In-service courses for SFS Officers by designing improved modules based on extensive survey to assess the training needs in the forest sector throughout the country. This project will also complement another JICA assisted ODA Loan Project titled “Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training of Personnel” by conducting training of “Master Trainers” drawn from the State Forest Training Institutes of eleven participating states.
Field Forester Journal

The Field Forester is an educational Journal launched by the Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun seeking to inculcate reading and writing habits amongst officer trainees as well as serving foresters of state forest departments through a new popular educational Journal named “Field Forester”. Success / failure stories as a bridge between young and senior forests are being documented. The trainees of the Central Academies and State Forest Training institutes are targeted to satisfy the mandate of the initiative initially and would be broadened to include field foresters as well as the general public later on.
Glimpses