



COURSE REPORT
on
People and Forest Interface

22nd to 23rd September, 2021
for

Non-Governmental Organizations and CommunityBased Organizations



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Central Academy for State Forest Service,
Burnihat

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The importance of the social dimension of forestry in today's world need not be overly emphasized. With human populations exploding across the globe; the pressure on forests for meeting the needs of fuelwood, fodder, timber, and land has proportionately increased. The stress on natural ecosystems due to this anthropogenic pressure has assumed dimensions of war for the natural ecosystems and their myriad inhabitants. A recognition of the human dimension of forestry led to the implementation of Social & Community forestry programme in the 1970s and 1980s. Further recognition of the people's rights on forests and their role in forestry came in the form of the Joint Forest Management (JFM) Resolution in 1991. A decade and a half later, the Scheduled Tribes and other Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 was enacted, which further intensified this recognition of people's stake in the forests.

With this background, the Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Burnihat under the aegis of Directorate of Forest Education (DFE) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change conducted a two days online training programme for Non-Governmental Organizations and Community Based Organizations on the theme 'People and Forest Interface' on 22nd and 23rd September, 2021. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India sponsored this training under the programme 'Training of other Stakeholders'. The training was conducted on virtual mode due to the current pandemic COVID-19 situation. More than 108 participants from 18 States/UTs across the country registered for this training and finally based on the criteria of 75% attendance, a certificate of participation was distributed to 41 participants from 18 States/UTs.

The training module on 'People and Forest Interface' was designed with the objective that properly informed and aware NGOs/CBOs will be able to exert a positive influence on the portrayal of forest and environmental issues to the society thereby helping to understand and appreciate the indispensability of people's participation in forest management initiatives. The module was developed with the experts' input on the subject.

The methodology followed was online training through the Microsoft Teams platform, wherein the participants were registered online through a registration form. Thereafter, all the registered participants were given a link to join the training sessions.

The Inaugural session was chaired by Mr. C. P. Marak, IFS (Rtd.), Ex-PCCF & HoFF, Government of Meghalaya. In his inaugural speech, Mr. C. P. Marak emphasized on role of NGOs and Community based Organization in bring People closer to forests and inculcate awareness among people in protection and conservation of forest Resources. He gave an overview of the changing scenario of Forests and wildlife conservation and management in the country. He appreciated good works of NGOs and Community organization in Conservation of Natural resources and also urged them to bridge the gap between forests and people.

The deliberations began with a session on Bamboo and Livelihood by Ms. K. M. Abharna, IFS, Director, BRTC, Chandrapur; Human-Wildlife Conflict- Role of NGO's in Conflict Resolution: Case study by Sh. Dipankar Ghosh, Director, Director, Wildlife & Habitats Programme, WWF-India; Role of NGOs in Citizen Science Initiative by Shri Narayan Sharma, Asstt. Professor, Cotton University, Guwahati. The second day of the training programme began with a session on Role of NGO's in Community Participation & Income generation activities: case study by Ms. Anshu Pragyan Das, DCF, Ecotourism, Odisha, followed by a session on Community Mobilization for rehabilitation of wild animals by Mr. Naveen Pandey, Deputy Director & Vety Advisor, The Corbett Foundation, Bokaghat. All the sessions were very informative and interactive.

Though the course was not residential and hence an important component of the training, involving interaction amongst the participants during leisure time was missing. However, this was compensated by the dedicated sessions wherein the participants shared their experiences.

The Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. C. Ramesh, IFS Principal, CASFOS. He emphasized on the need for voluntary and willful participation of communities which would help in conflict resolution over the limited natural resources. He exhorted the participants to work with communities as it was the most appropriate pathway for the sustainable growth of the country.

Resource persons were selected based on their experience in relevant topics and on feedbacks from the trainings conducted in the past. A total of Six resource persons conducted training sessions. The detailed time table showing session-wise topics and Resource Persons is enclosed as Annexure- 4.

The copies of the presentations made by the experts in each session were shared in soft copy to participants through the Whatsapp group.

Format for reporting evaluation of Training course conducted by the institute/ organization for other stakeholders sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GOI, New Delhi as per the merged format of MoEF & CC and JICA

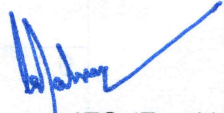
Course Report

MoEF&CCs /DFE's letter number and date		MoEF&CC No.15-2/2021-RT dated 30.06.2021 & No.4-872/Trg-11/DFT-2018/1994 dated 14.09.2021
Institute's reference number		CASFOS/BHT/10-244(III)pfi/2021-22/1009 dated 09.09.2021
1.	Name and complete address of the Institute (including phone, fax and e-mail)	Central Academy for State Forest Service, Burnihat ,Email: casfos-burnihat@gov.in Course email: pfiburnihat@gmail.com
2.	Title of the course	People and Forest Interface
3.	Duration & period of the Course	Two Days 22 nd and 23 rd September, 2021
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Mr. C.A.Rahman IFS(Rtd) Contractual Associate Faculty
5.	Number of officers participated	41(Details at Annexure – 4)
6.1	(a)Did the institute get in touch in advance with the participants of the course?	Yes
	b) If yes, when (mention the date of communication to the officers)?	13.09.2021
	(c)Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	108
	(d)How many officers received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many officers responded?	108
6.2	(a)Were the course expectations of the participants ascertained by the institution?	Yes
7.1	a) Was the course conducted at the institution's campus? If no, where?	No, it was conducted through online platform
	(b)Whether the course was "residential" or non-residential. If residential, whether the residential facilities were provided in the institution's own hostel or in a hotel etc.?	Not applicable as the course was conducted online

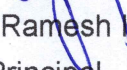
7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	2 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/covered in the course	8 sessions
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	2 hours
	(e) Guest faculty hours	6 hours
	(f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s), if any	NIL
Enclosure (2 copies each):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final course time-table - List of faculties (both in-house and guest faculty) - Final list of participants - Course Flier 		
	(a) Had the same or similar course been conducted earlier under the sponsorship of the MOEF&CC/ Department of Personnel and Training (Government of India)?	Yes, under the sponsorship of the MoEFCC, such trainings were held for other stakeholders earlier also.
8	(b) What changes based on the feedback received in the previous course were made in the current course?	Course programme attached.
9	Feedback received from current course participants in terms of: (*1.1, 2.1..... shown below refer to question number in Part C or Part D of the feedback form.)	
9.1	Course Content and Structure(CCS)	In overall Course Content & Structure highly appreciated by participants with 93.60% rating. Participants agreed that the Course aim was met to their full satisfaction and rated it 95.73%. There was increase in knowledge level of the participants as assessed by them with rating of 90.85%. The contents of the course and reading material were found relevant and highly appreciated by participants by rating it with 93.90% and 93.90% respectively.
9.2	Training Faculty (TF)	The participants have overall rated the training faculty at 92.98% . Training faculty and their lectures were highly appreciated by the participants by rating the Contents of their deliberations, Presentation skill, Quality of discussion/interaction and the extent in meeting the objectives at 92.98%, 94.07%, 93.60%, 91.13% and 93.13%,

		respectively.
9.3	Usefulness of the course (UOC)	The participants have given a overall feedback that the training course will be highly useful by rating 91.46% as per them, it will be highly useful immediately and in future for their job with ratings of 87.80% and 95.12% respectively
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given feedback about the overall impression of the course was very good with rating 92.07%
9.5	Participants' views about the strengths and weaknesses as well as other aspects pertaining to the course	Overall the participants have appreciated the course. The suggestions made by them along with Academy's comments are attached. (Annexure-1)
9.6	Logistics (including Residential accommodation, Food quality, Class room facilities, Computer facilities and Recreation facilities and Time management etc.)	The internet connectivity at the Academy was excellent throughout the course. However, some of the participants did not have very good connectivity at times during the course. Time management was excellent throughout the course.
9.7	Weighted Average of the course	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 92.60% which is found to be very satisfactory
10	General remarks of the Course Director on the nature and extent of participant's involvement in the course including attendance punctuality and interest evinced	The participants were enthusiastic and expressed their keenness to learn. Majority of the participants were punctual and appeared very interactive during the sessions.

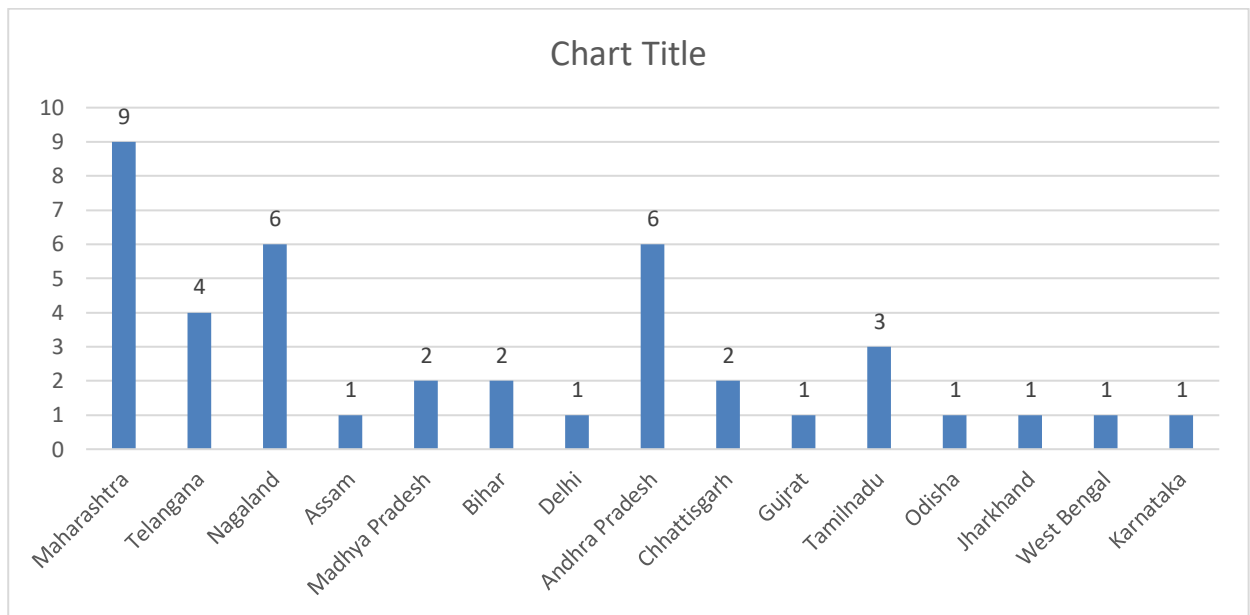
11	Suggestion highlighting the areas of improvement in the Course for future by Course Director	Feedback received is excellent in all aspects of course design, content, quality, etc. However, the suggestions of the participants to have more such training on a regular basis would only be possible, if the faculty & staff position of this Academy improves. Conducting of offline training as suggested by participants will be as per policy of Government.
12	Comments of the Institution on how the feedback is proposed to be recycled into future programmes in terms of course content, methodology, etc.	As reported by the participants, they were immensely benefitted by the course. Academy will try its level best to incorporate their suggestions for further improvement of such Course in future.


 C. A. Rahman IFS (Retd.)
 Course Director

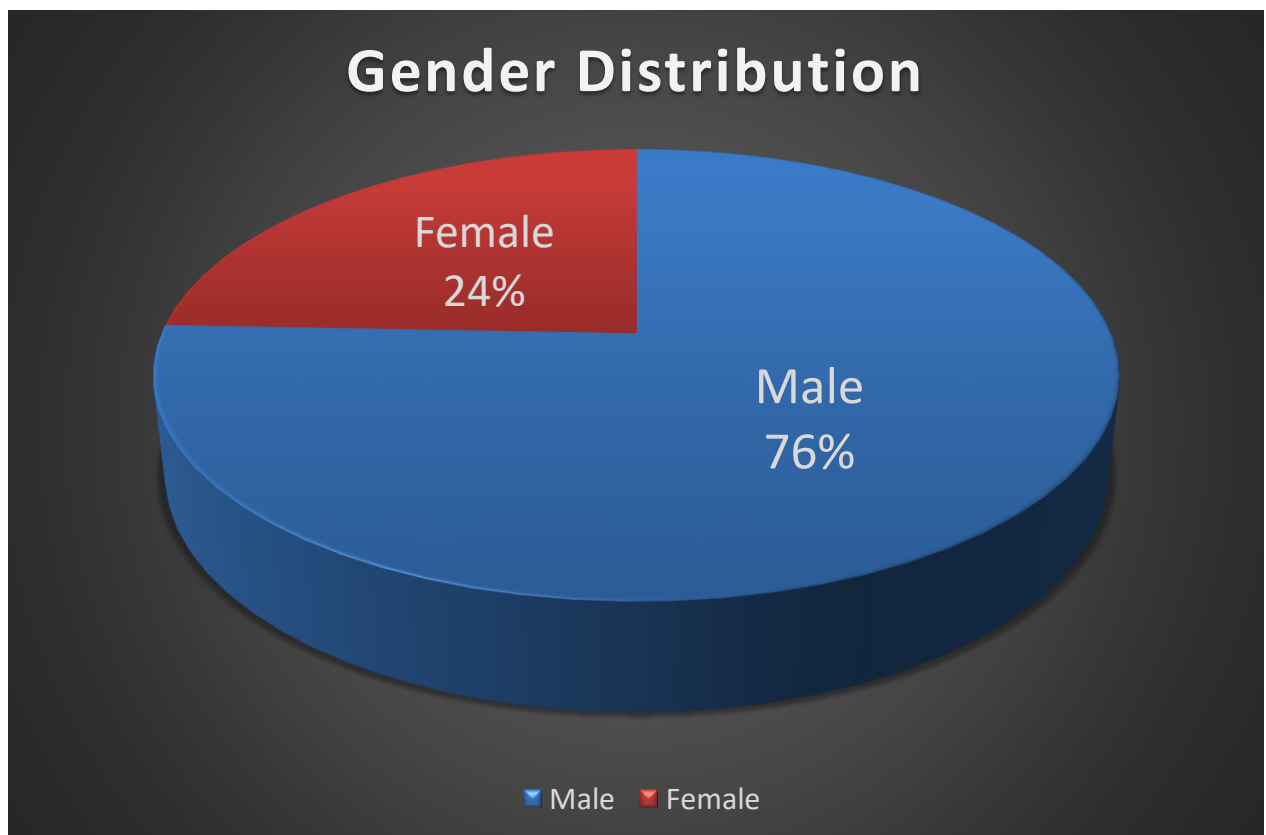
Countersigned


 Dr. C. Ramesh IFS
 Principal
 CASFOS, Burnihat

State wise Number of Participants



Gender Distribution of Participants



Course Director's comments on participants' views about the strengths and weakness pertaining to the course

S.No	Participants' views	No. of participants who have expressed the view	Course Director's Comments
1.	This type of training is needed on regular basis and in offline mode	30	The suggestion is noted and would be conveyed to the concerned authorities
2.	No weakness in the course and overall the course was excellent, Informative and motivating	28	Every aspect of the course conduction was very well taken care of which yielded positive remarks
3.	Grassroot community organizations should also be involved or called for such type of training as they are the persons who are working with close counter of the people.	24	We have invited all popular NGOs who are working for Conservation of forests, wildlife and other natural resources and also members of village level committees members from organizations of JFMC, VSS, EDC etc. However, we found some of the could not join the online platform due to remoteness and connectivity issues
4.	The training should be conducted offline	18	The Offline training will be possible as per the policy decision of the Government.

Numerical Value of Feedback and Weighted Average

For calculation of numerical value of feedback, each factor is valued as percentage value to the top grade given to the factor. If no answer is provided, it is excluded from the calculation. The average of numerical value of factors consisting of the element is a numerical value of the element.

1. Course Content and Structure (CCS) = 93.60

- 1.1 Course aims met (95.73)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (90.85)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (93.90)
- 1.4 Reading Material (93.90)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 92.98

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 92.98
- 2.2 Contents (94.07)
- 2.3 Presentation (93.60)
- 2.4 Quality of Discussion/Interaction (91.13)
- 2.5 Meeting for Objectives (93.13)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 91.46

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (87.80)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (95.12)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 92.07

Weighted Average for the Course

For calculation of Weighted Average (WA), the following formula is used.

$$\text{WA} = (\text{CCS (100\%)} + \text{TF (100\%)} + \text{UOC (75\%)} + \text{OIC (100\%)} * 100 / 375$$

$$\text{WA} = (93.60 + 92.98 + 68.59 + 92.07) * 100 / 375$$

$$= 92.60\%$$

Details of Topics and Resource Persons

S. No.	Topic	Name of Resource Person	Mobile No.	E-mail
1.	Mr. C. P. Marak, Ex-PCCF & HoFF, Shillong, Meghalaya	Inaugural session - overview of 'Forest and Wildlife Conservation in India'	9436117922 9436999161	cpmarak1@gmail.com
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3.	Sh. Dipankar Ghosh, Director, Wildlife & Habitats Programme, WWF- India	Human-Wildlife Conflict: Role of NGO's in Conflict Resolution: Case study	9968661133	dghose@wwfindia.net
4.	Shri Narayan Sharma, Asstt. Professor, Cotton College Guwahati University	Role of NGOs in Citizen Science Initiative	8095647720	narayansharma77@gmail.com
5.	Ms. Anshu PragyanDas, DCF Ecotourism, Odisha	Role of NGO's in Community Participation & Income generation activities: case study	9777782620	anshu1410@gmail.com
6.	Mr. Naveen Pandey, DD & Vety Advisor, The Corbett Foundation, Bokaghat	Community Mobilization for rehabilitation of wild animals	9954375058	naveen.vet@gmail.com

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Two days Online Training on **“People and Forest Interface”** for **NGOs, & Community Based Organisation** **22nd to 23rd September, 2021**

Schedule

Session*		22.09.2021 (Wednesday)	23.09.2021 (Thursday)
I	0915-1015	Inaugural session Overview of Forest and Wildlife Conservation in India (CPM)	Role of NGO's in Community Participation & Income generation activities: Case study. (APD)
II	1020-1120	Bamboo and Livelihood (KMA)	Community Mobilization for rehabilitation of wild animals (NP)
III	1125-1225	Human-Wildlife Conflict: Role of NGO's in Conflict Resolution: Case study (DG)	Interaction & Discussion (CR/ CAR)
IV	1230-0130	Role of NGOs in Citizen Science Initiative (NS)	Valedictory Session

***5 minutes break in-between sessions**

ABBREVIATIONS:

CPM: Mr. C. P. Marak, Ex-PCCF & HoFF, Shillong, Meghalaya

CR: Dr. C. Ramesh IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Burnihat

CAR: Shri C. A. Rahman IFS (Retd.), CAF, CASFOS, Burnihat

KMA: Ms. K M Abharna, IFS, Director, Bamboo Research & Training Centre, Chandrapur

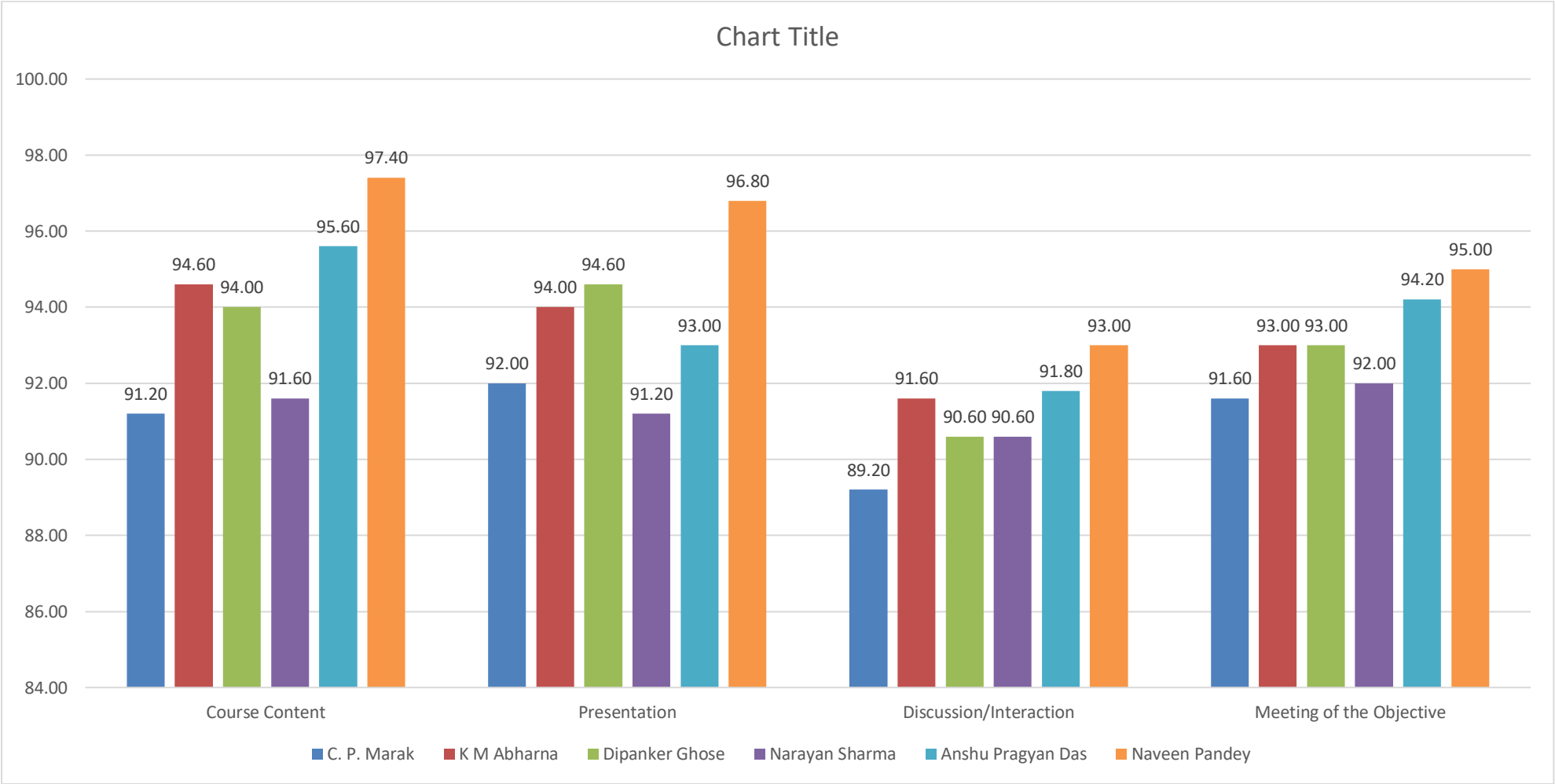
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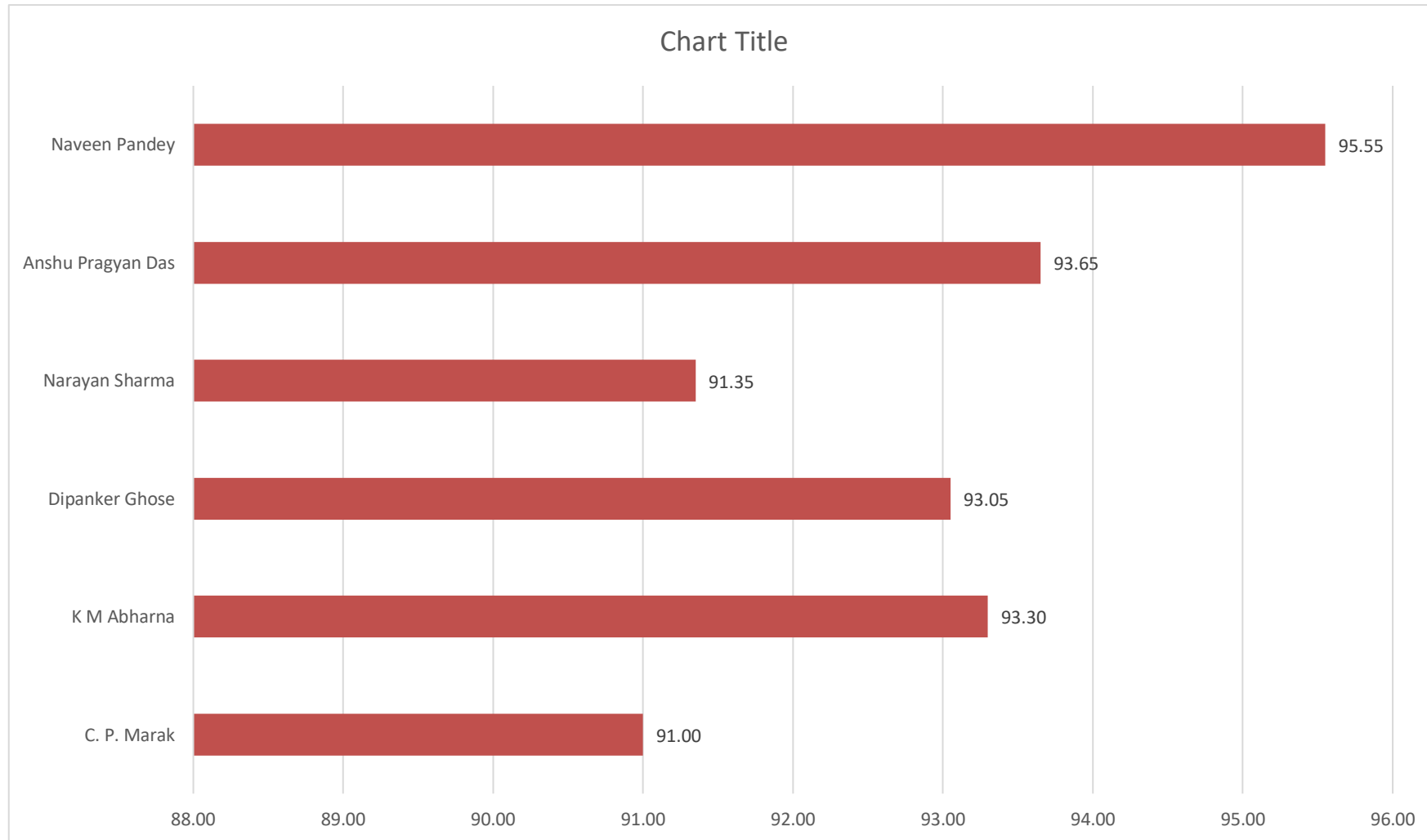
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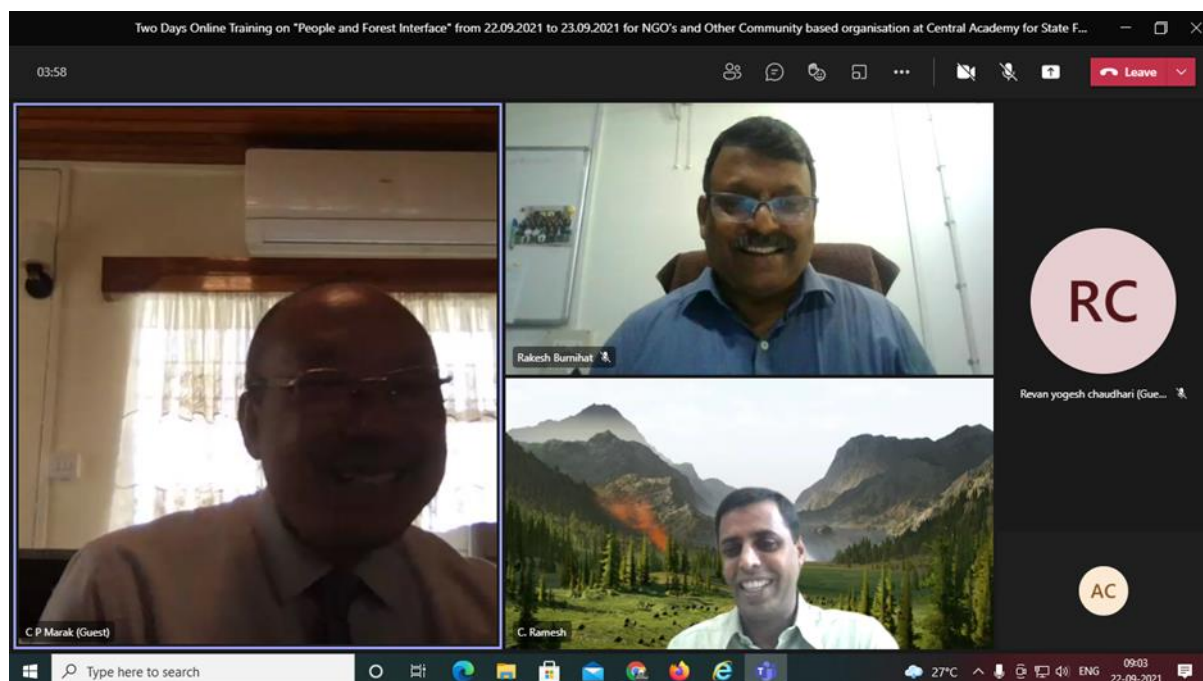
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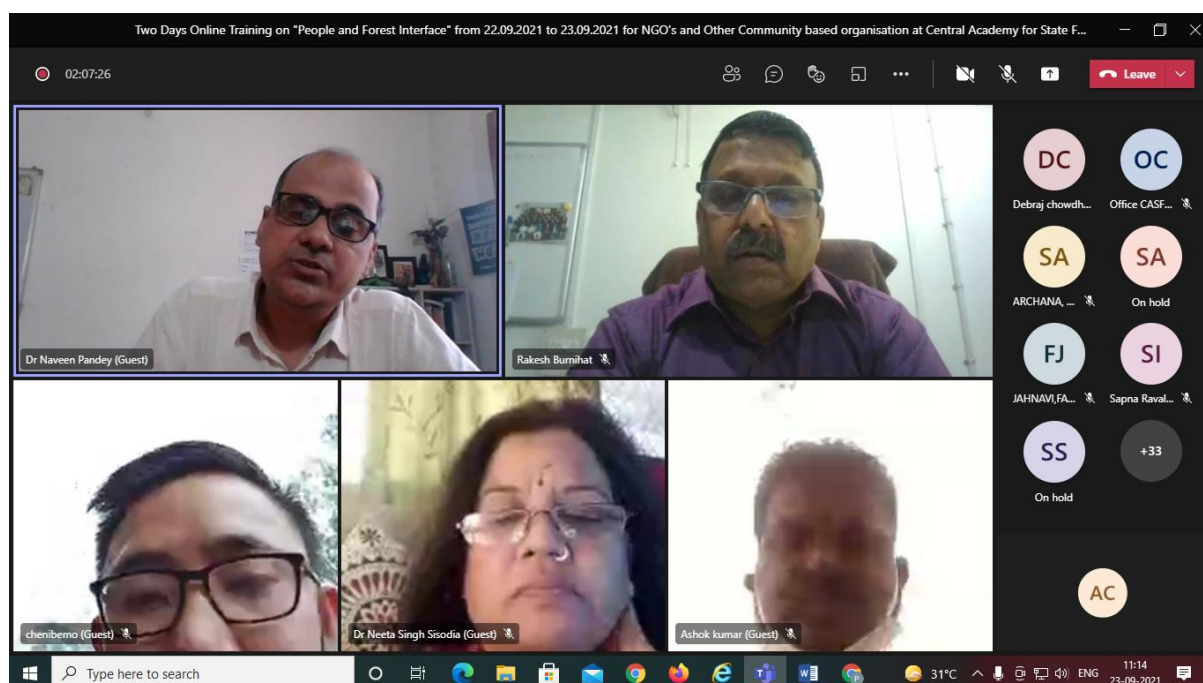
OVER ALL FEEDBACK OF RESOURCE PERSONS



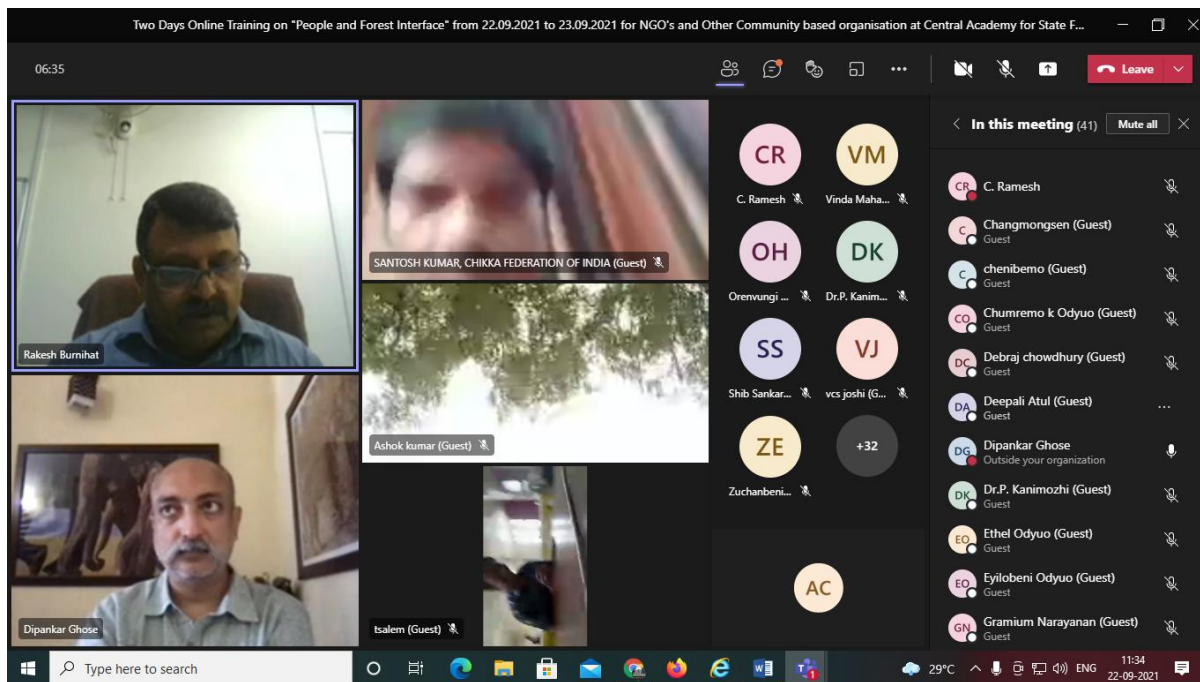
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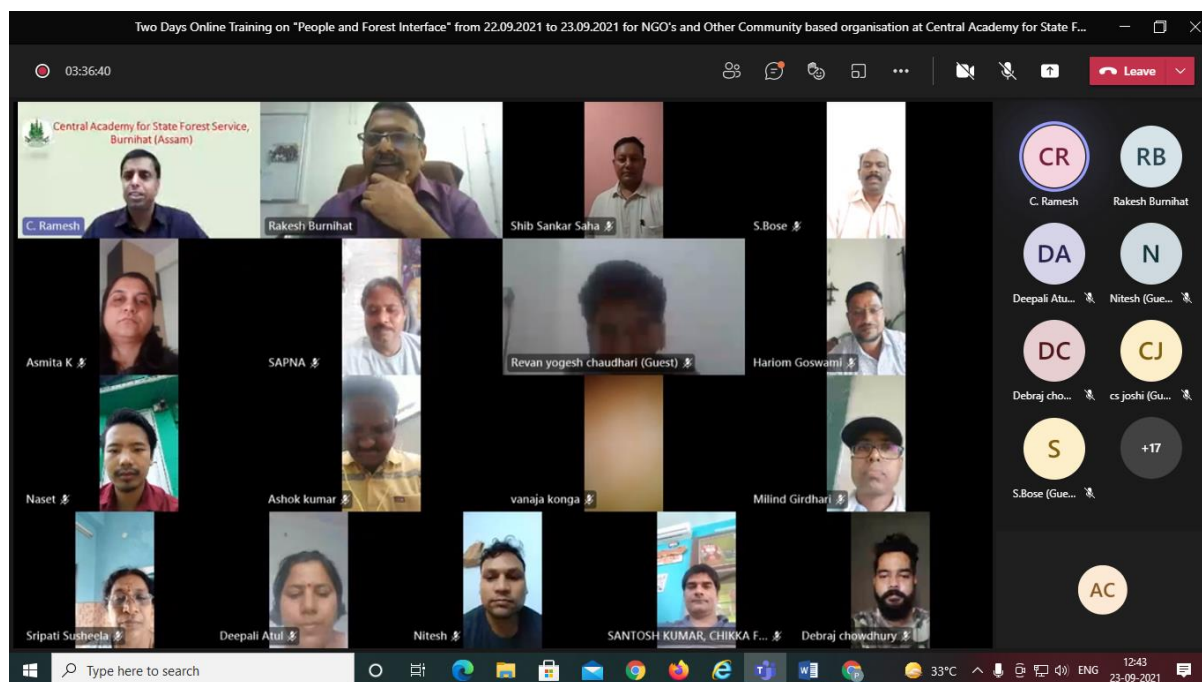
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Session of Dr. Naveen Pandey



Session of Shri Dipankar Ghose



Feedback Session