



COURSE REPORT

Three days specialized training
on

“Legal Issue in Forest, Wildlife and Environment”

from 14th to 16th December, 2022

for

Lawyers and Defense Counsels



Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Government of India

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Dehradun under the aegis of Directorate of Forest Education (DFE) Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, took a step ahead of its mandate and conducted three days (from 14.12.2022 to 16.12.2022) training programme for “*Lawyers and Defense counsels*” on the theme “*Legal issues in Forests, Wildlife and Environment*”. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India sponsored for the ‘Training of other stakeholders’ and ‘Personnel of other services’ on topics/themes related to Forestry, Wildlife, Environment and related issues. In this backdrop, training of Lawyers and Defense Counsels on the theme of ‘*Legal Issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment*’ was planned and organised. The training was conducted in a physical mode.

The Course Director of the training, Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS gave a brief presentation about the course after which Chief Guest Mr. G.N.Sinha, IFS (Retd.), Professor, UPES presented the opening remarks. In his opening remarks, he warmly welcomed the participants of the training programme. He further stated the importance of collective stakeholder approach in environment conservation for which, this very step to conduct training for other stakeholders is taken up by the CASFOS. In his address he also sensitized the participants regarding the importance of protection of Environment. He further said that not only forest department but also other stakeholders in the society have equally important role in natural resource and environment conservation. He also highlighted and shared with examples, that judiciary has played proactive role in natural resource and environment conservation. He has also put forth various points to ponder upon on environment conservation and human development. He also said that there is a need to strike a balance between sustainable use of natural resources and humane attitude towards weaker sections for their development. He further emphasized that the participants—Lawyers/legal community has an important role in bringing up the same. Guest Speakers like Mr. Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, CGM, FDCM, Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, Mr. A.K Jha, IFS (Retd.), Mr. Ritesh Sarothiya, Dy. Director, WCCB, New Delhi, Mr. Sanjay Sood, IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, PCB, HP and Dr. K. P. Raghuram, Technical Officer, NBA, Chennai, deliberated on various topics related to legal issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment in this training programme. The topics covered in this training were Genesis and Insights of IFA-1927, Legal issues in Natural Resources Governance, Forest Rights Act 2006 & Tribal Livelihood, Insights of Wildlife Protection Act - 1972, Overview of Environmental Law: Evolution, Principal & Environmental Safeguards and Insights of Biodiversity Act – 2002. The detailed timetable showing session-wise topics and resource persons is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

A total of 31 lawyers/Advocate from 5 States across India registered for the training out of which 30 lawyers/Advocates from 05 States successfully completed the training programme. The training programme was very well appreciated by the participants who also requested for more of such training programmes regularly, for keeping up the momentum of conservation of natural resources by effective legal backup. The reduction in the number of participants when compared to registered number was due to the court day for which the participants have suggested to conduct the training in the weekend.

Valedictory session was presided over by chief guest Shri Bharat Jyoti, IFS, Director, IGNFA, Dehradun during which an interactive session with the participants was also held. The participants expressed the need to conduct more such courses so that the delicate matters pertaining to Forest & Wildlife jurisprudence could be handled by Officers of the Judiciary. The participants gave overwhelming response to the course.

A compendium of articles, presentations related to the relevant topics covered during the course, apart from the copies of the presentations made by the experts in each session were provided in soft copy to each trainee as part of the training kit by the Academy.

Overall impact of the training was positive and the feedback and high rating from the participants corroborates the assessment of the organizers.

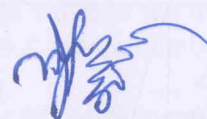
Format for reporting evaluation of refresher course conducted by the institute/organization for other stake holders sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GOI, New Delhi as per the merged format of MoEF&CC and JICA

Course Report

MoEF&CC /DFE's letter number and date		4-898/प्रशि0- 11/वशिनि-2022 / 3283, दिनांक- 25.11.22
Institute's reference number		File No. 4-129/TRG.I/LIFW&E/CASFOS/ 2022-23/5117, dated 23/11/2022
1.	Name and complete address of the Institute (including phone, fax, and e-mail)	Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun Ph: 01352-2754575/2754648 Email-casfos.dd-mef@gov.in
2.	Title of the course	Legal issues in Forests, Wildlife and Environment
3.	Duration & period of the Course	Three Days 14 th to 16 th December, 2022
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer
5.	Number of officers participated	30 (Details at Annexure-IV)
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)?	16.11.2022
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	31
	(d) How many officers received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many officers responded?	31
6.2	(a) Were the course expectations of the participants ascertained by the institution?	Yes
	(b) If yes, how, and when (dates)?	By direct interaction and in form of feedback on prescribed proforma collected during the course
7.1	a) Was the course conducted at the institution's campus? If no, where?	Yes
	(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.?	Yes, Residential facility was arranged in the Executive Hostel of IGNFA, Dehradun
7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	3 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/covered in the course	6 Session
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	-
	(e) Guest faculty hours	9 hrs
	(f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s) if any	01 day

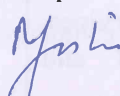
Enclosure (2 copies each):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final course timetable - List of faculties (both in-house and guest faculty) - Final list of participants - The background material supplied to the participants 		
8	(a) Had the same or similar course been conducted earlier under the sponsorship of the MOEF&CC/Department of Personnel and Training (Government of India)?	Yes, under the sponsorship of the MoEF&CC
	(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 at Annexure-II refer to question number in Part C or Part D of the feedback form.)	
9.1	Course Content and Structure (CCS)	Course Content & Structure including reading material was found to be relevant and highly appreciated by the participants with rating of 94.64% Course aim was met to the full satisfaction & as per feedback, there was increase in knowledge level of the participants.
9.2	Training Faculty (TF)	The participants have rated the training faculty at more than 93.35% Training faculty and their lectures were highly appreciated by the participants.
9.3	Usefulness of the course (UOC)	The participants have given feedback that the training course will be highly useful immediately and in future for their job with combined rating as 84.38%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given feedback about overall impression of the course was very good with rating 91.96%
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, Classroom facilities, Computer facilities and Recreation facilities and Time management etc.)	The expectations of the participants regarding level of infrastructural facilities available in the training Institute has been met to certain extent. The participants were expected to be more punctual for the scheduled sessions.
9.7	Weighted Average of the course	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 92.54% 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 to have more such training on a regular basis and to conduct training for practicing lawyers in the weekend rather than in weekdays could be considered for future.

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 the suggestions for further improvement of the course in future.
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(Pradeep Wahule, IFS)
Course Director

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Principal


(MEENAKSHI JOSHI)

PRINCIPAL

**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	Whole programme was very nicely organized by the Academy. It was useful to improve our knowledge regarding environment laws.	12	Noted. The participant's view is encouraging.
2	The place, location, subjects, services, lectures everything was arranged and managed in too good manner.	2	
3	Presentations were sometimes repetitive, if the course/session can be planned as per the topics the repetition can be avoided.	1	Noted for the future session
4	Need more such workshop to improve our legal understanding regarding forest and wildlife issues.	1	Noted
5	Duration of course is required to be given as one week and in forest there would be some visits of village and villagers shows what difficulty officers and villagers faces.	2	Its a good suggestion which could be incorporated in future
6	Needs improvement is the interruption of the staff members in between lectures for attendance, filling forms and other things.	1	Noted
8	Topic to be added like: Population, The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960. & some topic on Uttarakhand	1	Noted

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 calculation. (cf; where number of grade is 4, percentage value be 100, 75, 50, 25)

Average of numerical value of factors consisting of the element is a numerical value of the element.

1. Course Content and Structure (CCS) = 94.64

- 1.1 Course aims met (94.64)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (91.96)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (96.43)
- 1.4 Reading Material (95.54)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 93.35

2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 90.23

- Contents (91.95)
- Presentation (90.69)
- Quality of Discussion/Interaction (88.24)
- Meeting for Objectives (90.04)

2.2 Assessment of the Field Visit = 96.48

- Contents (97.41)
- Meeting for Objectives (95.56)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 84.38

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (83.93)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (84.82)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 91.96

5. Logistic = 97.59

- 5.1 Residential accommodation (98.52)
- 5.2 Food quality (98.52)
- 5.3 Classroom facilities (98.52)
- 5.4 Time management (94.81)

Weighted Average for the Course

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

$$\text{WA} = (\text{CCS (100\%)} + \text{TF (100\%)} + \text{UOC (75\%)} + \text{OIC (100\%)} + \text{L(75\%)} * 100/450$$

$$\text{WA} = (94.64 + 93.35 + 63.28 + 91.96 + 73.19) * 100/450$$

$$= 92.54\%$$



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest Mr. G.N.Sinha, IFS (Retd.), Professor, UPES



Opening Remarks by Ms. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS



Brief description about the course by Mr. Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Course Director



Lecture session by Mr. Sanjay Sood, IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, PCB, HP



Lecture session by Mr. Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, CGM, FDCM, Maharashtra

Details of Topics & Resource Persons

Sl. No.	Topic	Name	Contact No.	E-mail
1.	Genesis and Insights of IFA-1927	Mr. Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, CGM, FDCM, Maharashtra	9422716247	gaursanjeevgaur@gmail.com
2.	Legal issues in Natural Resources Governance	Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, New Delhi	8882132533 9810044660	ritwickdutta@gmail.com
3.	Forest Rights Act 2006 & Tribal Livelihood	Mr. A. K. Jha, IFS, (Retd.), PCCF, Maharashtra	9822601595	dr_arvindjha@yahoo.com
4.	Insights of Wildlife Protection Act, -1972	Mr. Ritesh Sarothiya, Dy. Director, WCCB, New Delhi	9424791452	riteshsarothiya@gmail.com
5.	Overview of Environmental Law: Evolution, Principal & Environmental Safeguards	Mr. Sanjay Sood, IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, PCB, HP	7018951635	sanjaysoodifs@gmail.com
6.	Insights of Biodiversity Act, - 2002	Dr. K. P. Raghuram, Technical Officer, NBA, Chennai	9884164904	techbs@nba.nic.in

Annexure- IV**Details of Participants**

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11	Ms. Gunjan Arora	Advocate	9599246427	gunjan.arora@nic.in	New Delhi
12	Mr. Tanay Shanker Sharma	Advocate	8890369998	tanayshankersharm38@gmail.com	Rajasthan
13	Mr. Daulat Singh	Advocate	9414851306	daulatsinghswm@gmail.com	Rajasthan
14	Mr. Shankar Datt Pant	Advocate	9412003018	advdpant108@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
15	Mr. Rajesh Trivedi	Advocate	9927099715	rajeshtrivediadv83@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
16	Mrs. Shefali Kumar	Advocate	9634164975	shefalikumar72@gmail.com	Uttarakhand

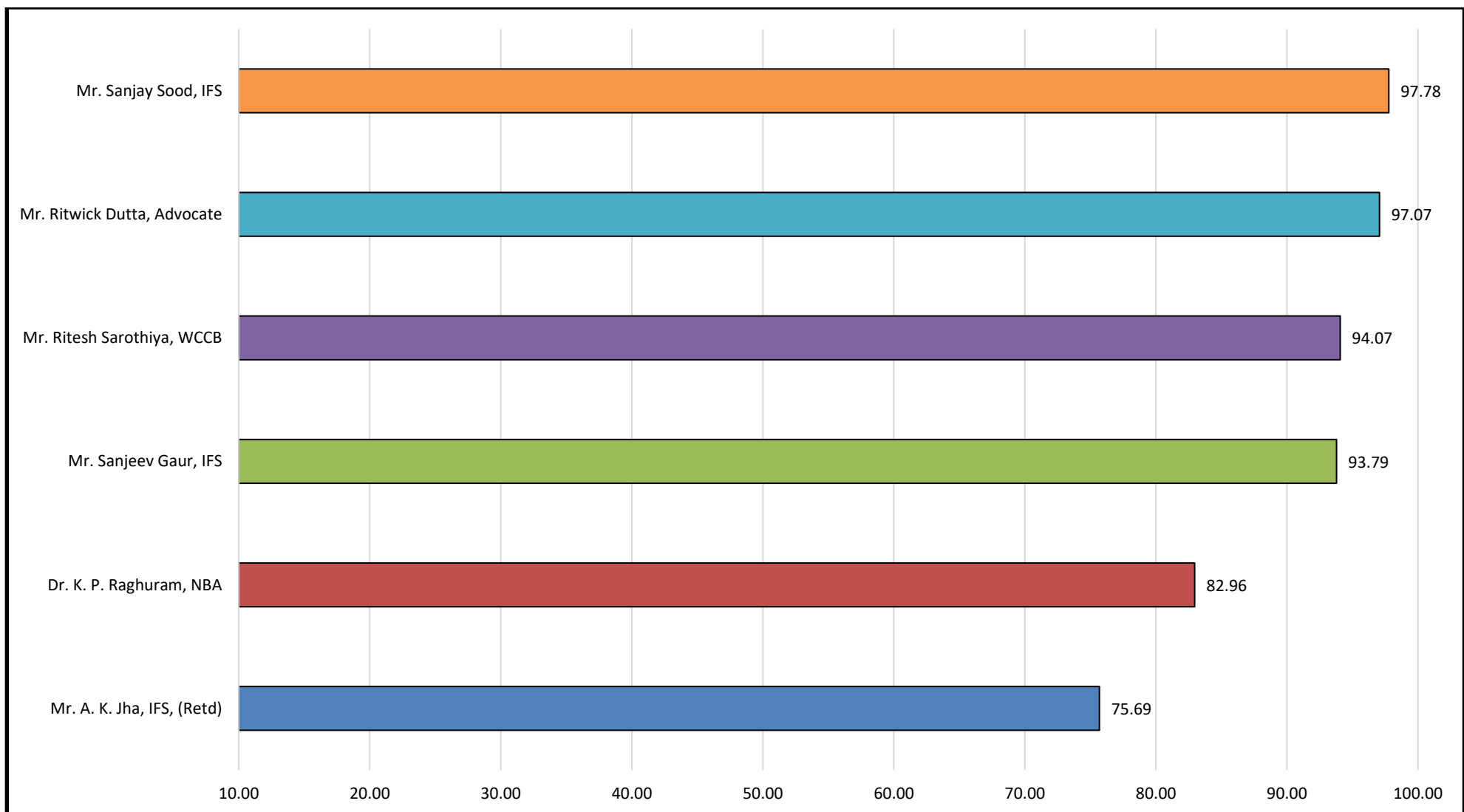
Sl. No.	Name of the Participants	Designation	Contact No.	Email Id	State
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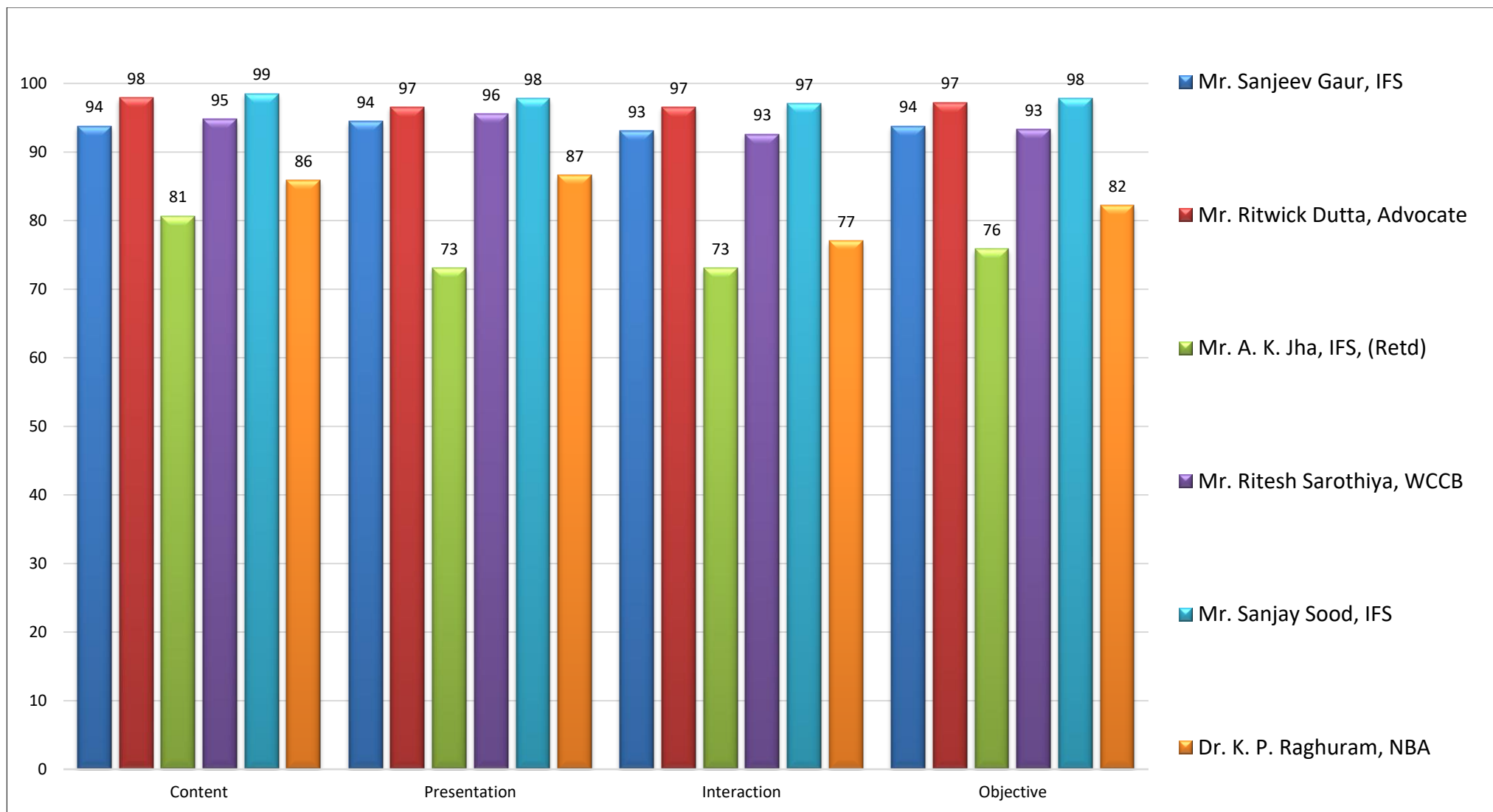
S. No.	DATE/ DAY	TIME	TOPIC TO BE COVERED AND RESOURCE PERSON
1	Day-1 14.12.2022 Wednesday	0900-0945	Registration
		0945-1115	Inaugural Address Shri G. N. Sinha, Professor, UPES Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer Shri Amlendu Pathak, IFS, Lecturer Smt. Abharna KM, IFS, Lecturer Shri Ankit Gupta, Scientist-C
		1115-1130	Tea Break
		1130-1300	Genesis and Insights of IFA-1927 Shri Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, CGM, FDCM, Maharashtra
		1300-1400	Lunch Break
		1400-1530	Legal issues in Natural Resources Governance Shri Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, Legal Initiative for Forest and Env.
		1530-1545	Tea Break
		1545-1715	Forest Rights Act 2006 & Tribal Livelihood Shri A. K. Jha, IFS, (Retd), PCCF, Maharashtra
2	Day-2 15.12.2022 Thursday	0945-1715	Field Visit
3	Day-3 16.12.2022 Friday	0950-1115	Insights of Wildlife Protection Act, -1972 Shri Ritesh Sarothiya, Dy. Director, WCCB, New Delhi
		1115-1130	Tea Break
		1130-1300	Overview of Environmental Law: Evolution, Principal & Environmental Safeguards. Shri Sanjay Sood, IFS, APCCF & Member Secretary, PCB, HP.
		1300-1400	Lunch Break
		1400-1530	Insights of Biodiversity Act, - 2002 Dr. K. P. Raghuram, Technical Officer, NBA, Chennai.
		1530-1545	Tea Break
		1545-1715	Experience Sharing & Valedictory Shri Bharat Jyoti, IFS, Director, IGNFA Shri Anurag Bhardwaj, IFS, DFE Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer



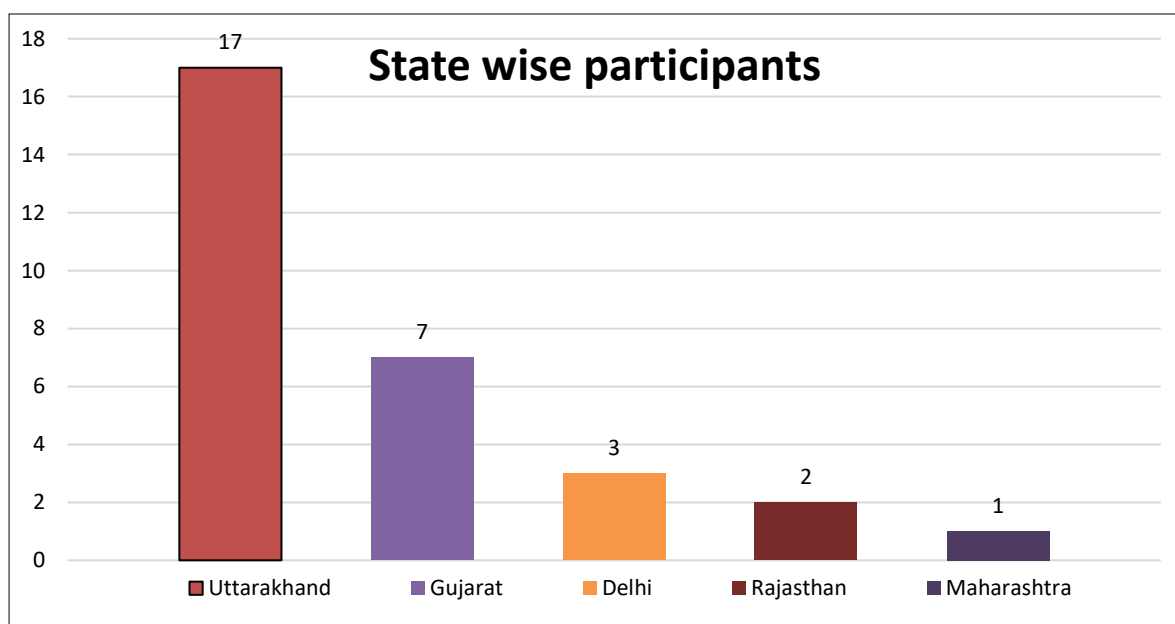
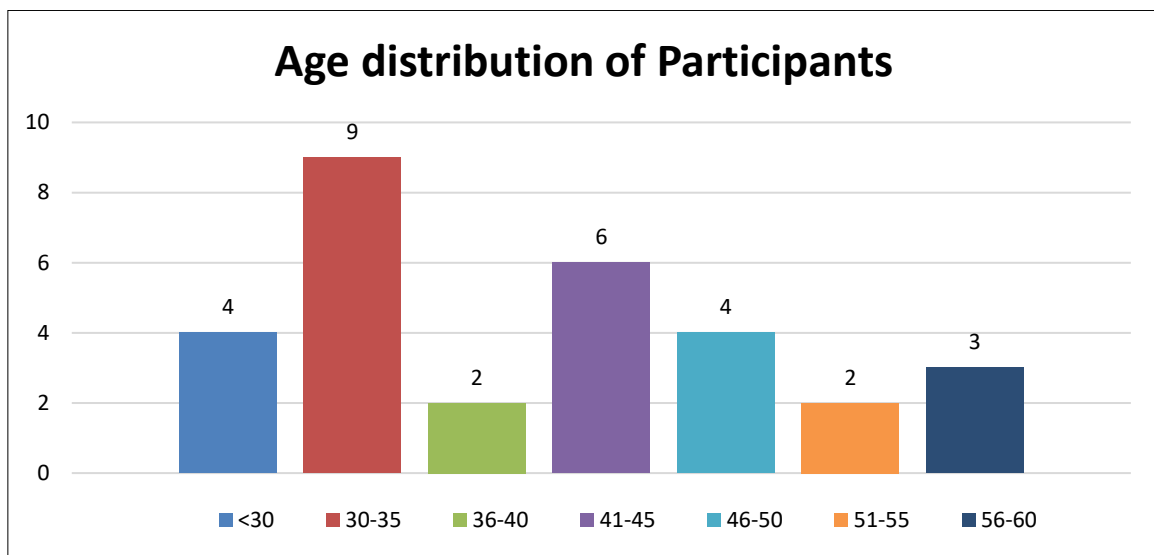
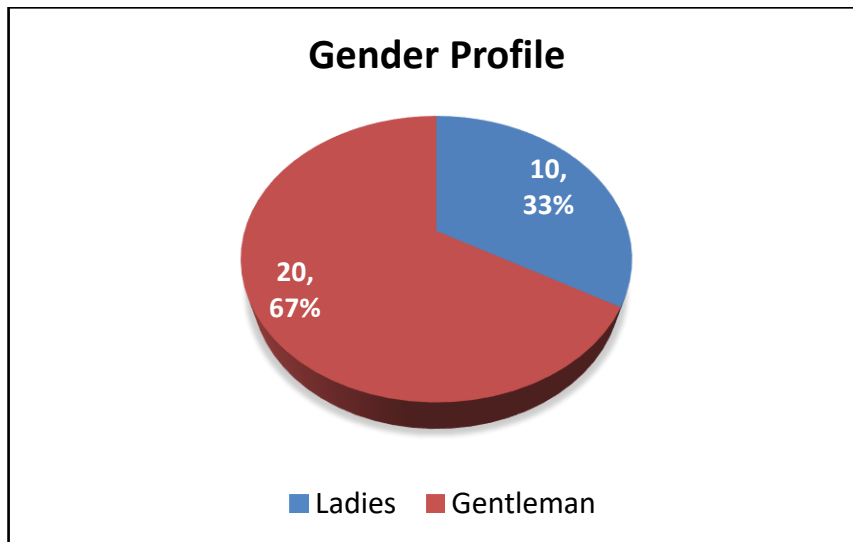
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Overall Feedback of Resource Persons on all Parameters



Parameter wise breakup of feedback of Resource Person





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STANDING ROW 3 : SH. DAULAT SINGH, SH. TANAY SHANKAR SHARMA, SH. CHIRAG A. PRAJAPATI, SH. MANOJ KUMAR MISHRA, SH. LAL CHAND YADAV, SH. RAJEEV SHARMA, SH. ANUBHAV GARG, SH. RAJENDRA KUMAR DESHWAL, SH. MANOJ KUMAR MALHOTRA, SH. SHANKAR DATT PANT

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