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On 6th April, 2022, the Officer Trainees of the 35th SFS Induction Course, CASFOS, Dehradun interacted with Dr. S. Kerketta, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India. Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, Principal, CASFOS,



Dehradun and all the faculty members were present during the session. The Officer Trainees were asked to give reviews regarding the training at CASFOS, Dehradun

and to provide constructive ideas regarding further improvement of the training programme. The response from the Officer Trainees was very positive and interesting ideas came to the forefront during the interaction. Dr.



Kerketta also apprised the Officer Trainees about various new initiatives that have

already been taken to revamp the existing training programme and syllabi.

Welcome Programme for Mrs Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Mrs Abharna KM, IFS and Mr Ankit Gupta, Scientist

On 20th April, 2022, a welcome programme was organized by Officers' Club, CASFOS, Dehradun for Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun and faculty members, Mrs. Abharna KM, IFS and Mr. Ankit Gupta, Scientist. Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, has an impeccable record of working in diverse areas of forestry in the Centre and State.

She has earlier served as an Additional Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand and Joint Director (Forest Geoinformatics Division), Forest Survey of



India. The academy also welcomed the two new faculty members who have a very good reputations in their respective fields of work. Ex-faculty member, Mr. Abhilash Damodaran, IFS also graced the occasion as a special guest.

Earth Day Celebrations



On 22nd April 2022, Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor by CASFOS, Dehradun along with the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya, FRI, Dehradun. Earth Day is celebrated every year to generate awareness about our environment. The theme of this year's

Earth Day is '*Invest in Our Planet*'. On this occasion, a visit to plantation site and



butterfly walk were organized for the students. Students also kept water-filled clay vessels for birds at several places in the campus.

A skit was organized to sensitize students regarding various environmental issues like pollution, greenhouse effect, global warming, ozone depletion and acid rain. Later, students took a pledge for environmental conservation. The event was concluded with the distribution of certificates for their participation by Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun.

Timber Engineering Field Visit to Mohand

On 23rd April 2022, Timber Engineering Field Visit to Mohand was organized for the Officer Trainees of CASFOS, Dehradun. They were accompanied by guest lecturer Dr. S. R. Reddy, FRI, Forest Management Division. The Officer trainees visited one Compartment of Mohand Range and a nearby felling site where they were briefed about various ongoing felling operations. They also had firsthand experience regarding Forest mensuration exercise including measurement of DBH (Diameter at Breast Height), Tree altitude, wood defects etc. The Officer Trainees visited the Timber Depot of Uttar Pradesh Forest Corporation, Khuznawar Block, Mohand Range where they were briefed about the Working Plan, cutting, debarking, sawing, stacking, storing and seasoning techniques. The team also visited a tree translocation site and learnt transplantation techniques as well.

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