



COURSE REPORT
of
Two days Training
on
“Legal Issues in Forests, Wildlife & Environment”
from
20th to 21st September 2021
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 two days (20.9.21 and 21.9.21) training programme for Lawyers and Defense counsels on the theme “Legal issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment”. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India sponsored for ‘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 on virtual mode due to the current pandemic COVID-19 situation.

The Course Director of the training, Dr T. Beula Ezhil mathi IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS gave a brief presentation about the course after which Mr Kunal Satyarthi IFS, Principal, CASFOS 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 the 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. Uttam Kumar Sharma IFS, Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Supreme court Advocate, New Delhi, Mr. A.K Jha Retd IFS, Mr R. S. Thakur, IPS, Mr Raghuram, Technical officer from NBA and Mr Sanjay Upadhyay, Supreme court Advocate, New Delhi, deliberated on various topics related to Legal issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment in this training programme. The topics covered in this training were Legal issues in Natural Resource Governance- An overview, Insights of Indian forest Act 1927, Judicial Activism in Environmental sector, Forest Rights Act 2006 and Tribal livelihood, Biological Diversity Act

2002- implementation status, Insights of Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Important Supreme court and High court Judgements of Forests and wildlife The detailed timetable showing session-wise topics and resource persons is enclosed as Annexure 5.

A total of 118 lawyers/defense counsels/law students from 16 States across India registered for the training out of which 32 lawyers/defense counsels/law students from 10 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.

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 through the Academy's website www.casfosddn.nic.in and, through the SharePoint link provided to the participants, from where they could also download the recordings of all the sessions.

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

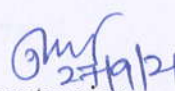
Course Report

MoEF&CCs /DFE's letter number and date		4-872/प्रशि0-।।/वशिनि-2021/1944, दिनांक- 10.09.21
Institute's reference number		4-401/trg-II/Legal Issue/CASFOS/2021-22/2193, dt. 06.09.21
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 Fax-0135-2756168 Email-casfos.dd-mef@gov.in
2.	Title of the course	Legal issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment
3.	Duration & period of the Course	Two Days 20 th and 21 st September, 2021
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Dr T Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer
5.	Number of officers participated	32 (Details at Appendix-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)?	03.09.2021
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	118
	(d) How many officers received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many officers responded?	32
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?	No, it was 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	7
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	-
	(e) Guest faculty hours	10.5 hrs
	(f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s) if any	NIL
Enclosure (2 copies each): - 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 below 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 93.23% 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 90.90% 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 90.97%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given feedback about overall impression of the course was very good with rating 89.58%

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 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 perfect throughout the course.
9.7	Weighted Average of the course	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 91.18% 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 would be checked up in 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.


 (Dr T Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS)
 Course Director


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 Principal

Course Director's comments on participants' view 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	No weakness in the course and overall, the course was excellent, Informative, and motivating	25	Every part of the course like planning, resource persons etc was taken care of and hence the comments.
2	Training for lawyers shall be at the week end due to court days	3	Suggestion is noted and would be considered for the future Course for lawyers.
3	Addition of case studies would make the course more complete	3	Suggestion is noted and would be considered for the future Course for lawyers.
4	The course should be offline for better interaction	5	The Course was supposed to be offline but due to the pandemic guidelines and approval from ministry, it was conducted online

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

1. Course Content and Structure (CCS) = 93.23

1.1 Course aims met (95.83)

1.2 Increase of knowledge (91.67)

1.3 Relevance of content (94.44)

1.4 Reading Material (90.97)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 90.90

2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = (90.90)

2.2 Contents (91.83)

2.3 Presentation (91.77)

2.4 Quality of Discussion/Interaction (89.00)

2.5 Meeting for Objectives 91.00)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 90.97

3.1 How useful to you immediately (90.97)

3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (90.97)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 89.58

Weighted Average for the Course

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (93.23+90.90+90.97+89.58) * 100/375$$

$$= 91.18$$

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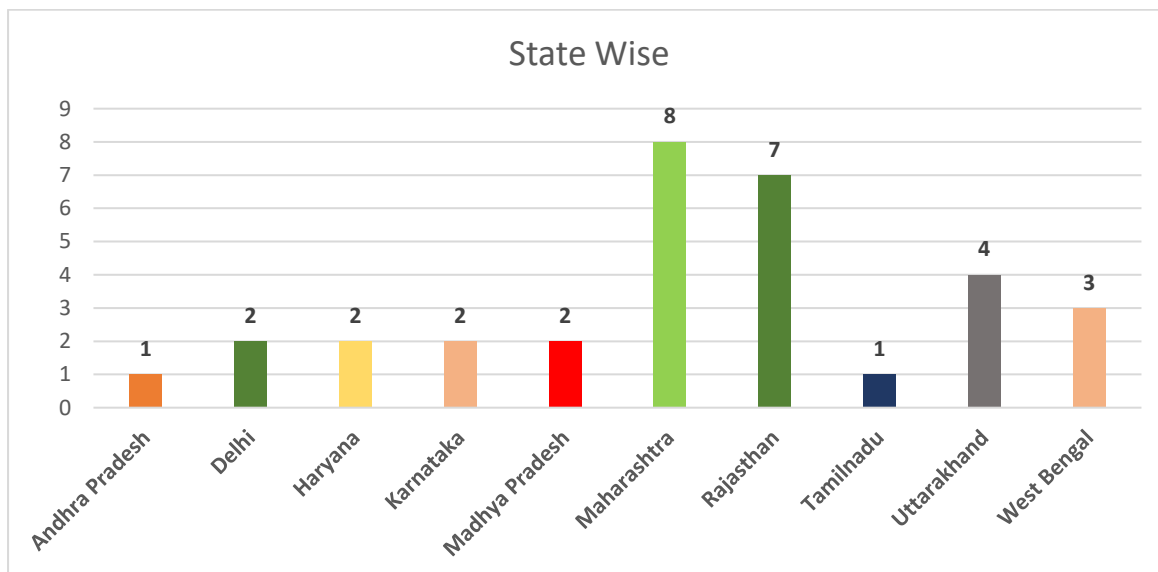
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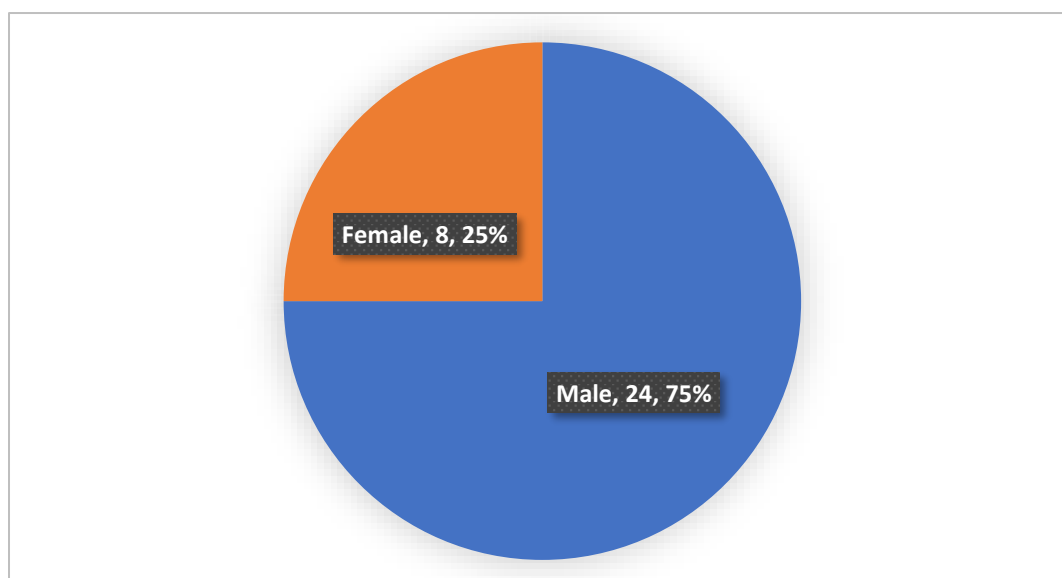
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STATE WISE PARTICIPANTS



GENDER PROFILE



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ANNEXURE 5

Two days' training on

'Legal Issues in Forest, Wildlife and Environment'

for Lawyers and Defense Counsels

20th and 21st September, 2021

Schedule

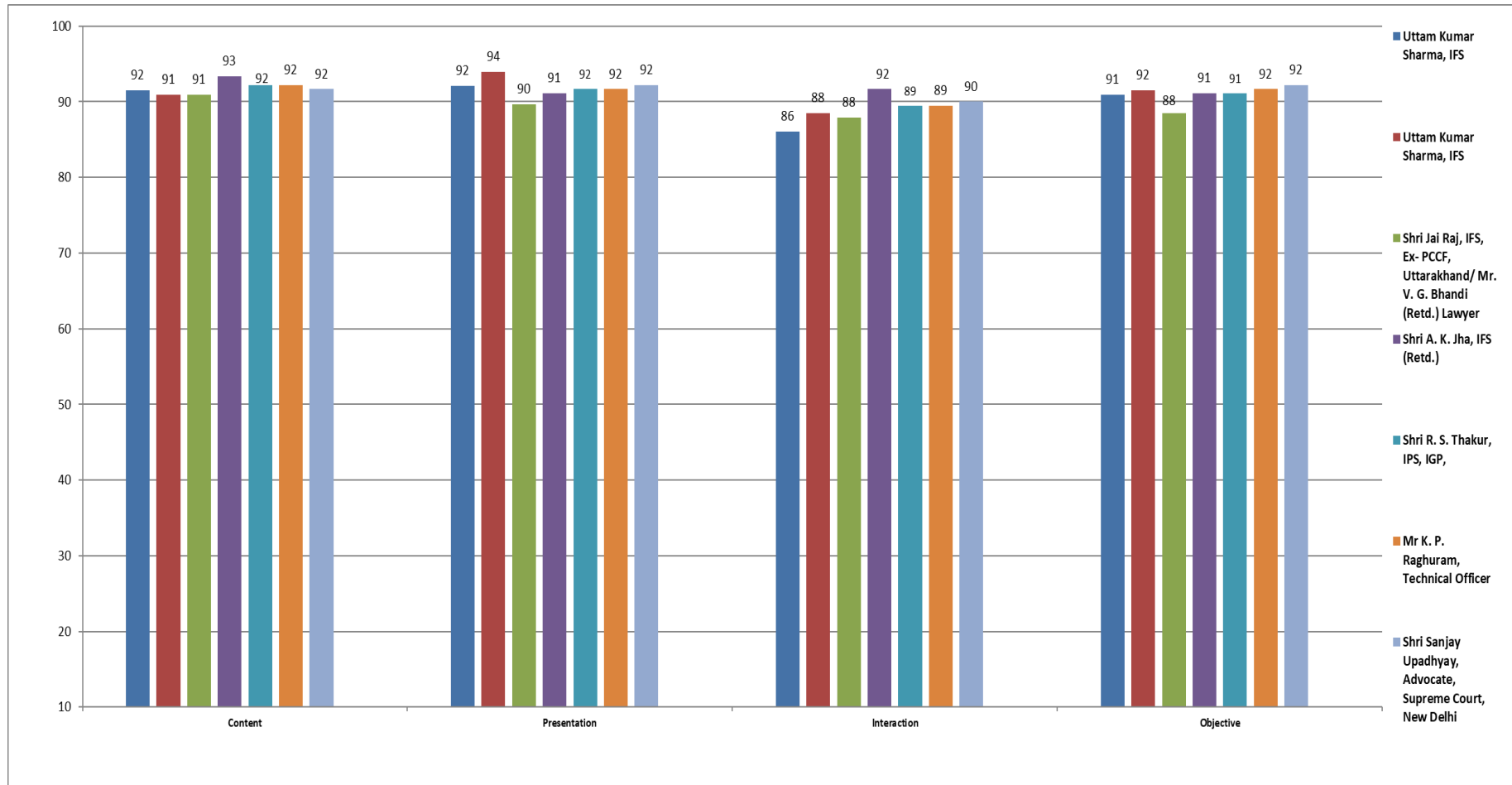
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Date/ Time	0930-1100	1100- 1115	1115-1245	1245 - 1345	1345-1515	1515 - 1530	1530-1630	1630-1700
20.09.21 (Mon)	Inaugural Session (KR, AD, PW, TB, AP)	Tea Break	Legal Issues in Natural Resource Governance (US)	Lunch Break	Insights of Indian Forest Act, 1927 (US)	Tea Break	Group Discussion (JR/VGB)	Question and Answer Session (TB)
21.09.21 (Tue)	Forests Rights Act, 2006 & Tribal Livelihood (AKJ)		Biological Diversity Act, 2002 : Implementation Status (KR)		Insights of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (RST)		Important Supreme Court and High Court Judgements related to Forests and Wildlife (SU)	Valedictory and Experience Sharing (JR ,TB)

Abbreviation:

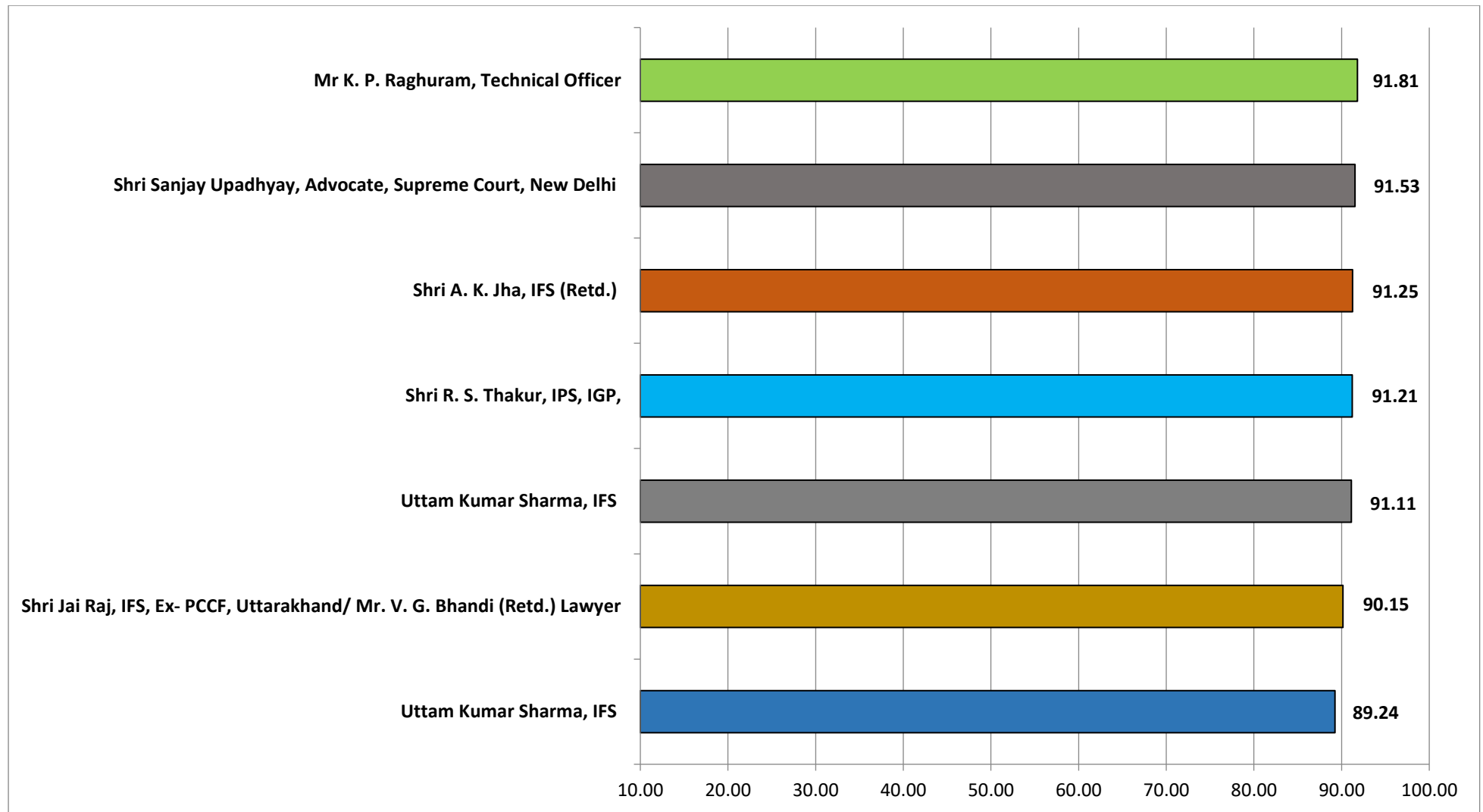
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ANNEXURE - 6

PARAMETER WISE FEEDBACK OF RESOURCE PERSONS



OVER ALL FEEDBACK OF RESOURCE PERSONS



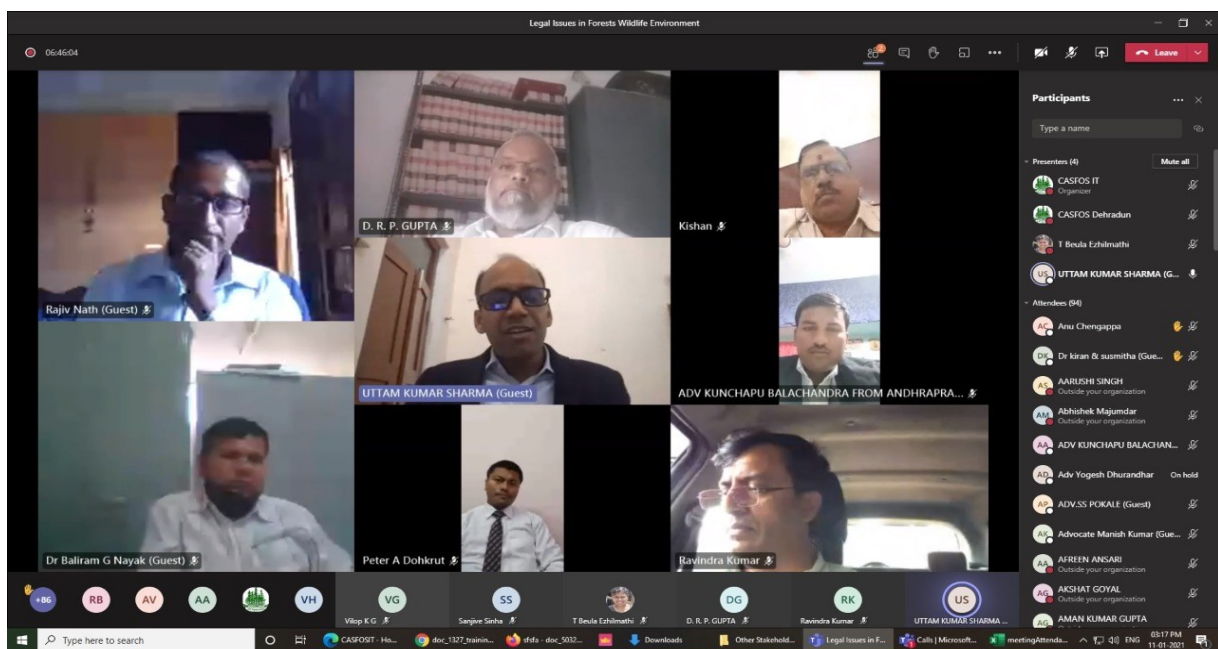
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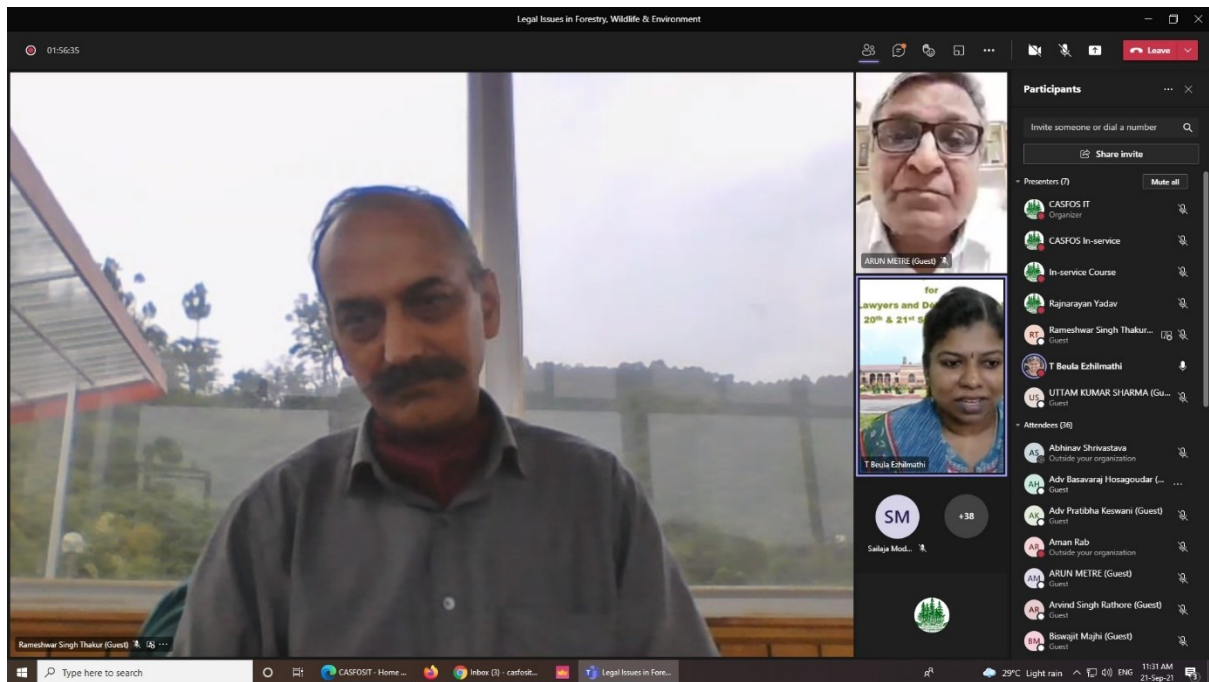


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