



COURSE REPORT
Of Training on
**“Sensitization on Environmental Management
Issues”**
from
21st to 22nd December 2020
for
Media Personnel



Central Academy for State Forest Service
Dehradun
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Executive Summary

As a part of the scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi, to train ‘Other Stake Holders’ outside the domain of the Forest Department which include the NGO’s, Media Personnel, Lawyers and Defense Counsels, Lecturers and Professors of Science Colleges, Educators and Teachers-in-charge of Ecoclubs etc, the Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun is mandated to conduct a two-day training programme on “Sensitization on Environmental Management Issues” for media personnel.

This theme-based training programme was held from 21st to 22nd December, 2020 for media personnel from national and regional print and electronic media, journalists, editors, radio news readers, reporters and radio and video anchors.

A total of three hundred and forty (340) registrations were received from twenty five States. One Hundred Twenty (120) media personnel attended the said training programme and were awarded with the Course Completion Certificates. The rest of the participants did register but did not attend the training programme partially or completely.

The ‘**Sensitization on Environmental Management Issues**’ module was developed with the experts’ input on the subject and feedback of earlier courses and in-house experience. The methodology followed was online training through 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 training was inaugurated by **Chief Guest** – Ms Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India and **Guest of Honour** - Shri Mike Pandey, noted film maker & environmentalist, in presence of Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun. In the opening remarks, Shri Kunal Satyarthi stressed on the need for such courses intended for other stake holders and also about including officials from departments other than the forest department. Considering that the media is the fourth pillar of Indian democracy, he further added that sensitizing the media personnel with environmentally relevant issues would go a long way in ensuring responsible reporting on environmental issues. The Guest of Honour Shri Mike Pandey, threw light on the current environmental crisis faced by people and other living beings alike, essentially caused by the misdoings of the human beings themselves. He added that how concerted efforts of all the countries of the world is necessary for bringing in sustainable positive changes. The Chief Guest Ms Manju Pandey spoke about the importance of today’s media in environmental education and that how important it is for them to be more than responsible for information they deliver. Environment being technical subject needs extra caution in reporting appropriately for which proper pre-research on the subject is very necessary. After the dignitaries spoke in the inaugural sessions, the later programme was followed by sessions on Forest & Wildlife Conservation: Issues and challenges by Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, ‘Environmental Management in India: Contemporary issues’ by Shri Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer, ‘Judicial Activism in natural resources sector’ by Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, ‘Media coverage of Forest and Wildlife related issues’ by Shri Ishan Kukreti, Senior Journalist, Down to Earth, ‘Civil Society and Green Activism’ by Ms Madhu Sarin, Environmental Activist, ‘Role of Media in conflict/ crisis management in Forest and Wildlife’ by Shri Agni Mitra, IFS, Dy. Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Kolkata, ‘Environmental Journalism- Status and way ahead’ by Shri Ramesh Menon, Adjunct Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Pune.

The training concluded with a Valedictory session presided over by Chief Guest Shri Ramesh Menon, Adjunct Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Pune. Shri Ramesh Menon mentioned that real environmental journalism is going to be real big in its magnitude in the years to come. The latest media like facebook, whatsapp etc. are posing a new challenge to the conventional media like television and radio. Environment today is becoming a hot political issue and is going to define our future, our life styles, value systems and our world. There is lurking uncertainty about the way the environment is behaving in current times and therefore it is necessary to approach it very carefully and that environmental journalism would be at the center of it to deliver its responsibilities.

The sessions in the programme were also supported by co-speakers who were important names from the media houses like Shri Satish K Singh, Senior journalist, Zee News, Shri Siddharth Pandey, Senior Journalist, NDTV, Shri Hridayesh Joshi, Senior Journalist, NDTV, Shri Indrajit Rai, Associate Editor, ABP News and Shri Priyadarshan, Output Editor, TV9. The Co-speakers expressed their opinions and suggestions to the audience after the main speakers spoke. They also interacted with the audience and in practical handling of questions.

The soft copies of articles related to the relevant topics covered during the course, apart from the copies of the presentations made by the experts and the recordings of each sessions were also provided to each trainee as part of the training kit which was shared through Microsoft Share Point.

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 the
SFS officers 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		No. 4-79/Trg.II/OtherStakeHolder-I/2020
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3	Duration & period of the Course	Two Days From 21 st December to 22 nd December, 2020
4	Name & designation of the Course Director	Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer CASFOS Dehradun
5	Number of registrations	340
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)?	16.12.2020
	(c) Details of nominations received from PTI, ANI, Press Clubs, Press Council etc. prior to the course	15
	(d) How many participants received the intimation?	All i.e. both registered and nominated
	(e) How many participants responded?	120 (i.e. inclusive of both registered & nominated) (Details at Appendix- IV)
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.?	No

7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	2 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/convened in the course	8 sessions
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	
	(d) Internal faculty hours	1 hour
	(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 faculty (both in-house and guest faculty) - Final list of 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 MoEFCC
	(b) What changes, on the basis of 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 90.24% 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 as more than 90.79% Training faculty for lectures were highly appreciated by the participants.
9.3	Usefulness of the course (UOC)	The participants have given a feedback that the training course will be highly useful immediately and also in future for their job with combined rating as 91.96%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants are highly impressed by the course and rated it around 87.23% .
9.5	Participants' views about the strengths and weaknesses as well as other aspects pertaining to the course (Please attach summary as Appendix-I.)	Overall the participants have appreciated the course. The suggestions made by them along with Academy's comments are attached.
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.
9.7	Weighted Average	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 89.87% which is found to be very satisfactory.

	(Please attach summary as Appendix-II)	
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. All participants 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 and facility etc. However, the suggestions to have the course in offline mode and in case in online mode, just two sessions in the forenoon will be looked at while designing the future courses.
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 to further improve the courses in future.

(Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer)
Course Director

Countersigned

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Appendix-I

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.	I like the interaction and informative presentation	5	—
2.	Over all good content, very informative discussion and useful to all, inspiring specially for journalists whom are not justifying with their duty.	4	—
3.	Role of Media is very important in every national as well as environment related issues so all media groups/editors are required to involve in such type discussion of national interest.	3	—
4.	Discussions needed with a fair amount of duration to discuss and make it more interactive.	2	Noted
5.	Two fruitful days of my life.. Commendable programme with prominent and experienced speakers who provided in depth insights and exhaustive coverage of each perspective of the training....	2	Noted
6.	The physical course would've been better.	1	Would take up to arrange for one after the COVID pandemic is over

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) = 90.24

- 1.1 Course aims met (92.34)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (89.23)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (90.51)
- 1.4 Reading Material (88.87)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 90.79

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 90.79
 - Contents (91.58)
 - Presentation (90.68)
 - Quality of Discussion/Interaction (90.05)
 - Meeting for Objectives (90.83)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 91.69

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (95.22)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (88.15)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 87.23

Weighted Average for the Course

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (90.24 + 90.79 + 91.69 + 87.23) * 100/375$$

$$= 89.87\%$$

Appendix – III

Details of Topics & Resource Persons

S. No.	Topic	Name	Co-speaker	Contact No.	E-mail
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3.	Judicial Activism in Natural Resources sector	Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India	–	9810298530	sanjay@eldfindia.com
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7.	Environmental Journalism- Status and way Ahead	Shri Ramesh Menon, Adjunct Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media& Communication, Pune	Shri Priyadarshan, Output Editor for TV 9	9811633769	journalistramesh@gmail.com

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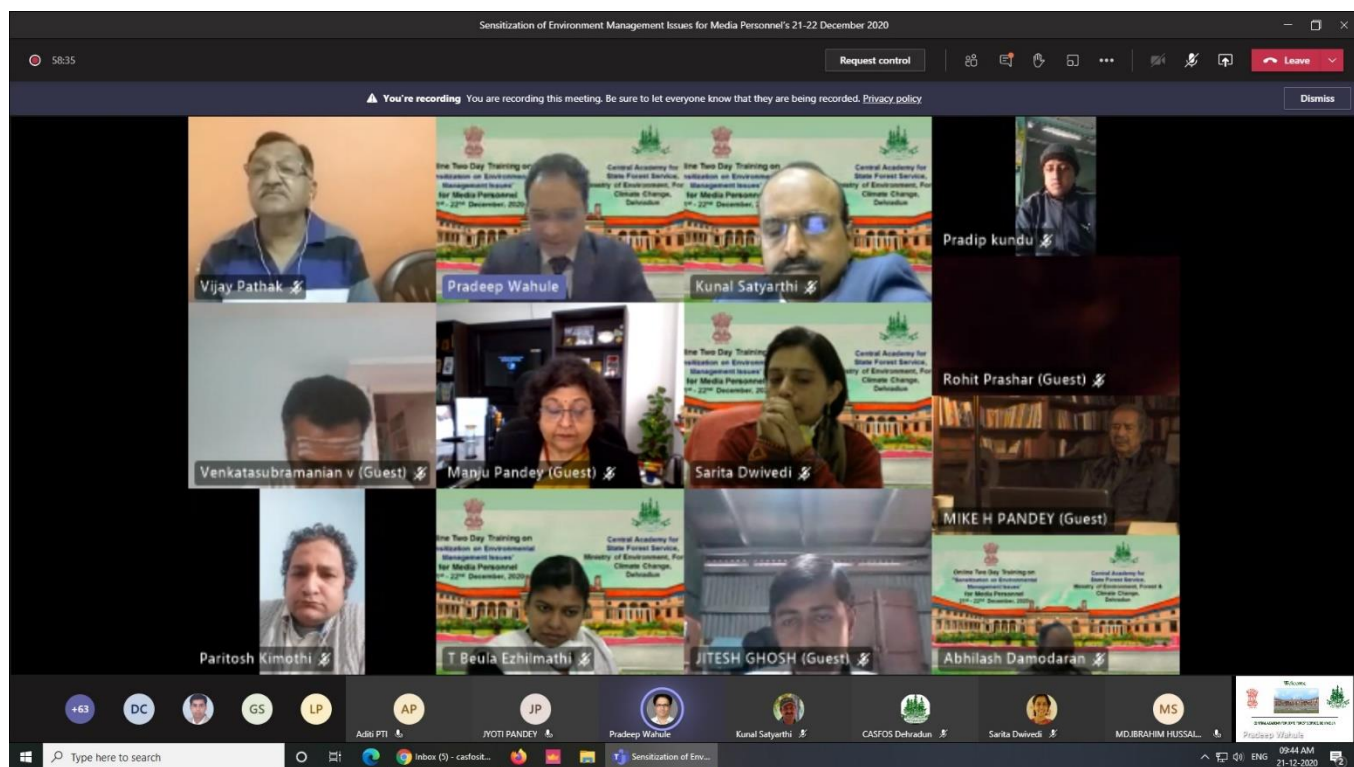
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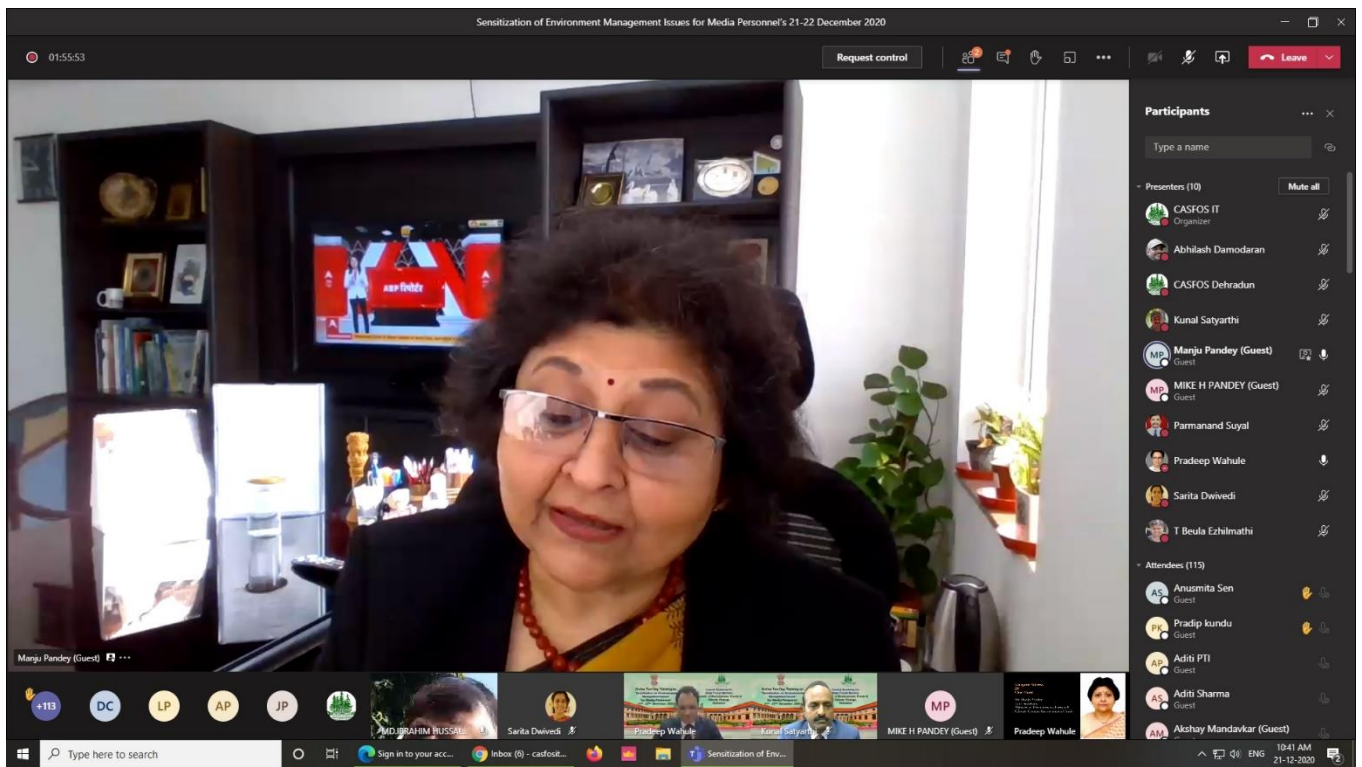
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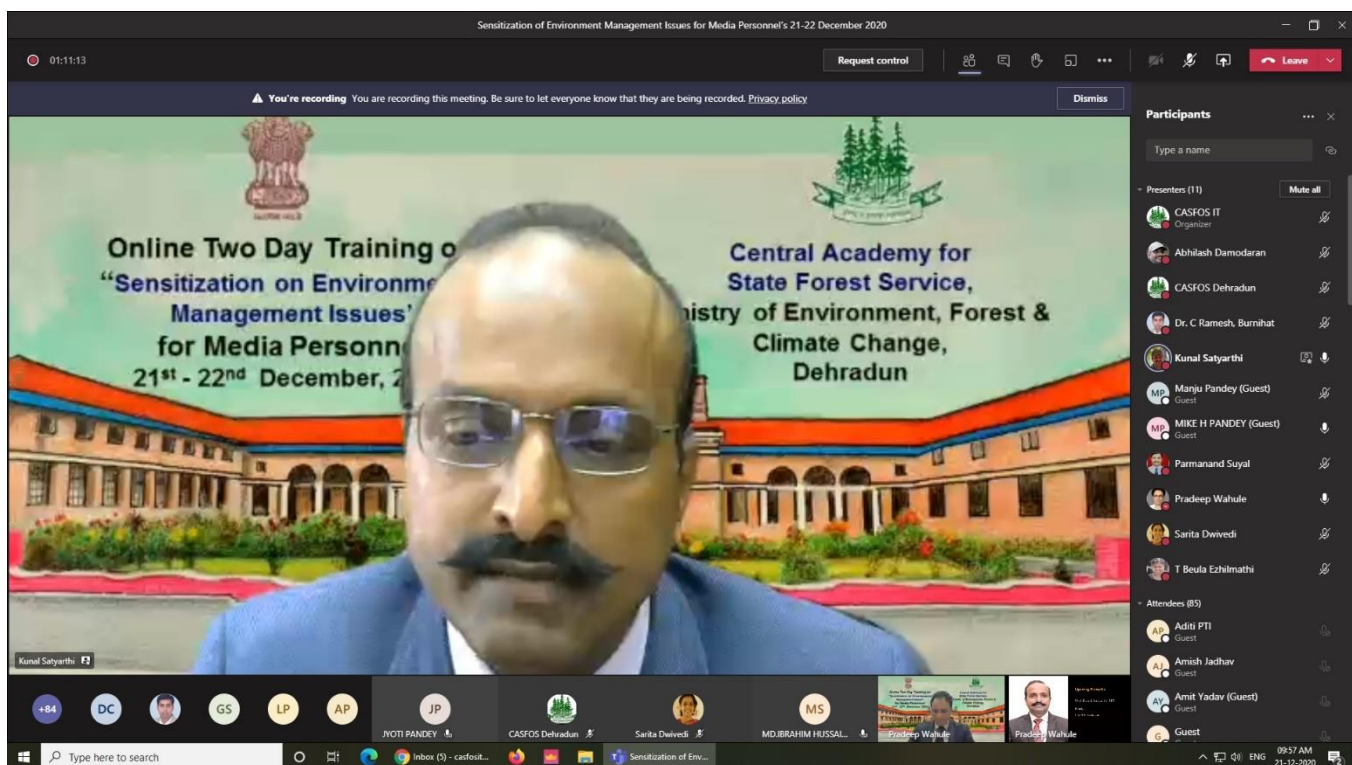
Inaugural Session



Inaugural Session of Chief Guest Ms Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC Govt. of India



Guest of Honor Shri Mike Pandey, Film maker & Environmentalist



Principal Shri Kunal Satyarthi, CASFOS Dehradun



Lecture session of Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India



Lecture session of Agni Mitra, IFS, Dy. Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau



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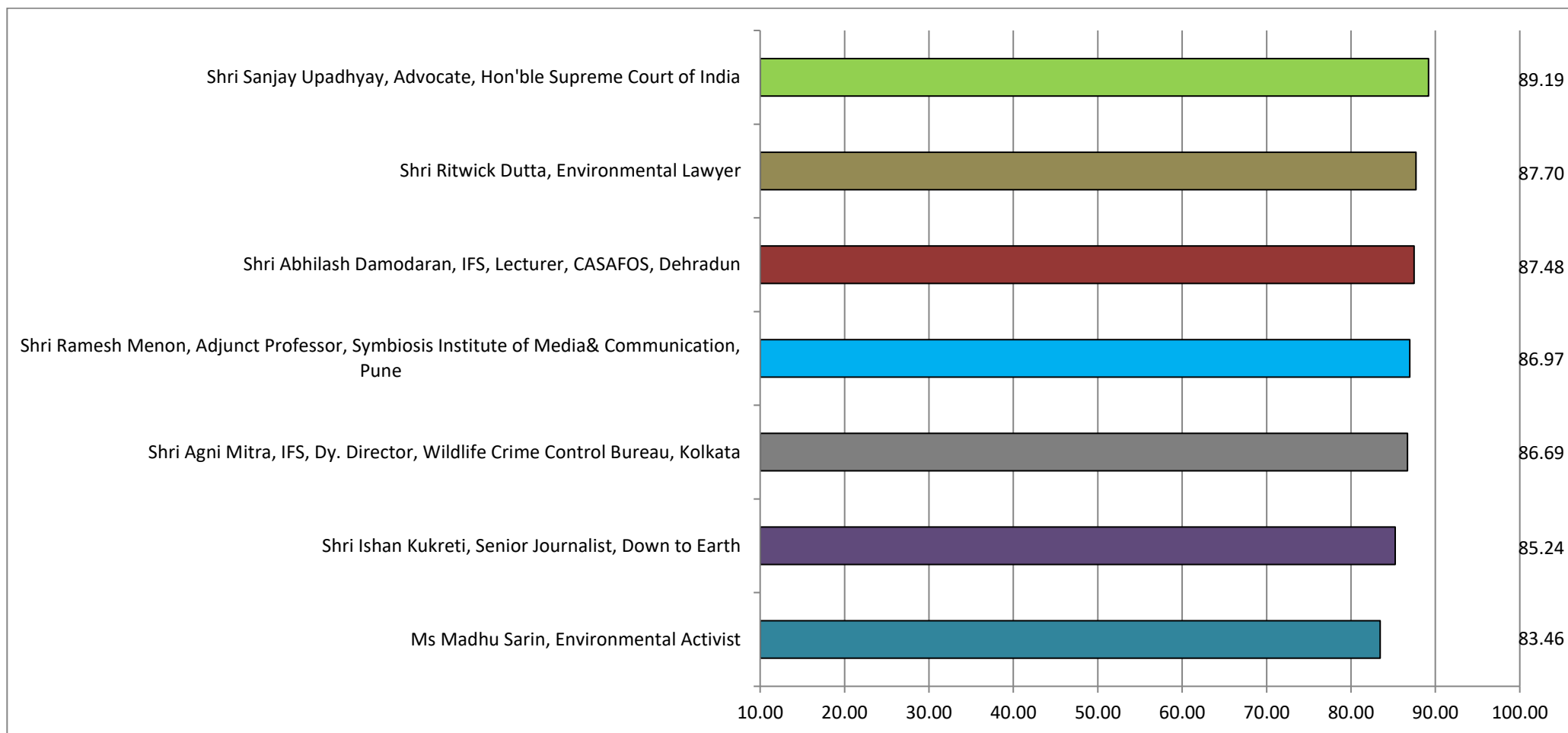
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Date	Session-I 0930-1030		Session-II 1045-1145		Session-III 1200-0100		Session-IV 0200-0330
21/12/2020 (Monday)	Inaugural Session (Chief guest-MNP) (Guest of Honor-MKP)	1030-1045 - Break	Forest and Wildlife Conservation: Issues and challenges (Lead speaker -AD) (Co-speaker-SKS)	1145-1200 - Break	Environmental Management in India: Contemporary issues (Lead speaker-RD) (Co-speaker-SP)	0100-0200 - Lunch Break	Judicial Activism in natural resources sector (Lead speaker -SU) (Co-speaker -SK)
22/12/2020 (Tuesday)	Media coverage of Forest and Wildlife related issues (Lead speaker -IK) (Co-speaker-HJ)		Civil Society and Green Activism (Lead speaker -MS) (Co-speaker -ND)		Role of Media in conflict/ crisis management in Forest and Wildlife (Lead speaker -AM) (Co-speaker -IR)		Environmental Journalism- Status and way ahead (0200-0300) (Lead speaker-RM) (Co-speaker -PD) Feedback and Valedictory (03:00pm-03:30pm)

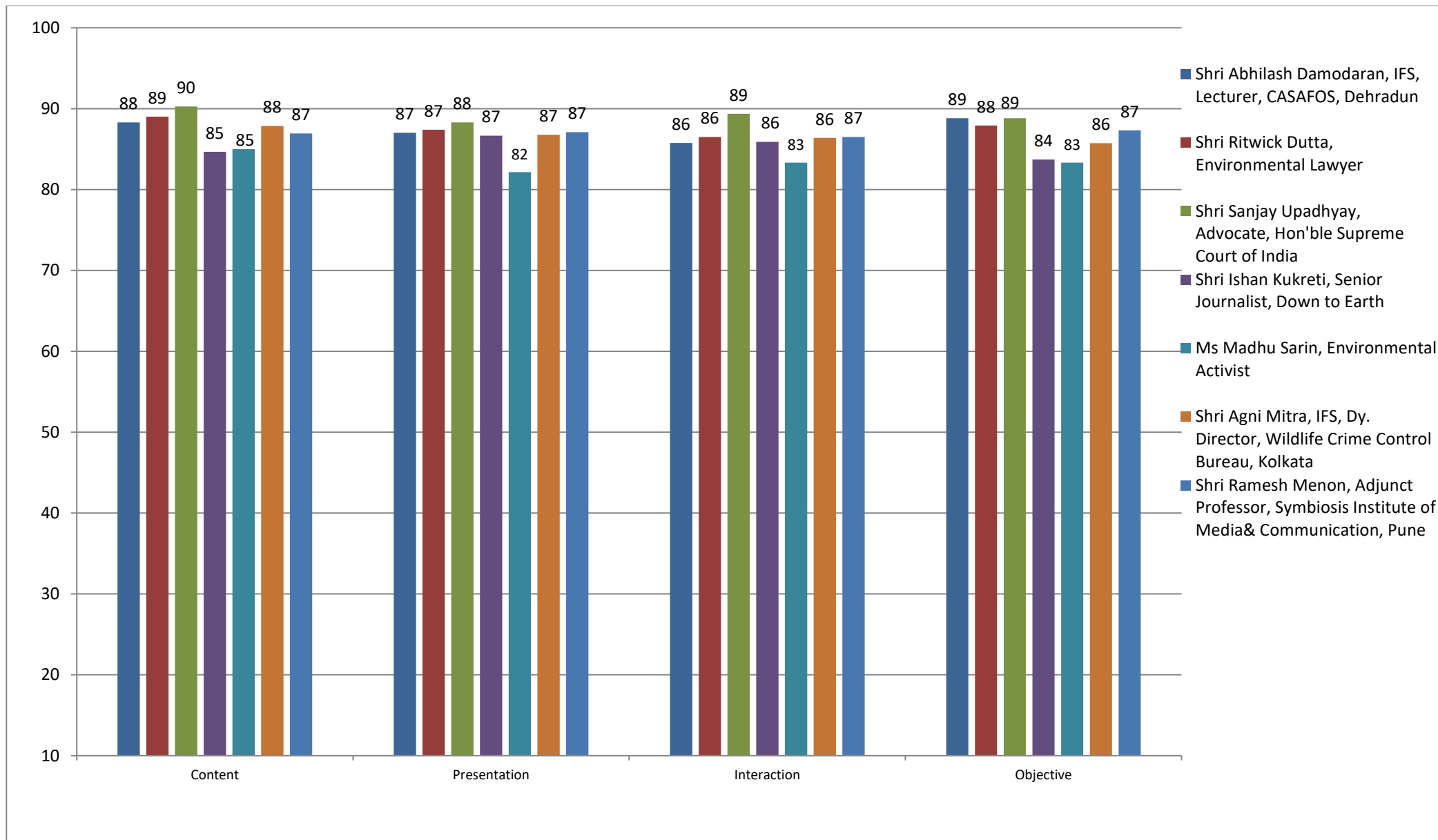
Resource Persons:

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IK: Shri Ishan Kukreti, Senior Journalist, Down to Earth
MKP: Shri Mike Pandey, Film maker & Environmentalist
MNP: Ms Manju Pandey, Joint Secretary, MoEFCC, Govt. of India
MS: Ms Madhu Sarin, Environmental Activist
RD: Shri Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer
RM: Shri Ramesh Menon, Adjunct Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Pune
SU: Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India
HJ: Shri Hridayesh Joshi, Senior Journalist, NDTV
IR: Shri Indrajit Rai, Associate Editor, ABP News
ND: Shri Nidhi, Senior anchor, Republic Hindi
PD: Shri Priyadarshan, Output editor for TV 9
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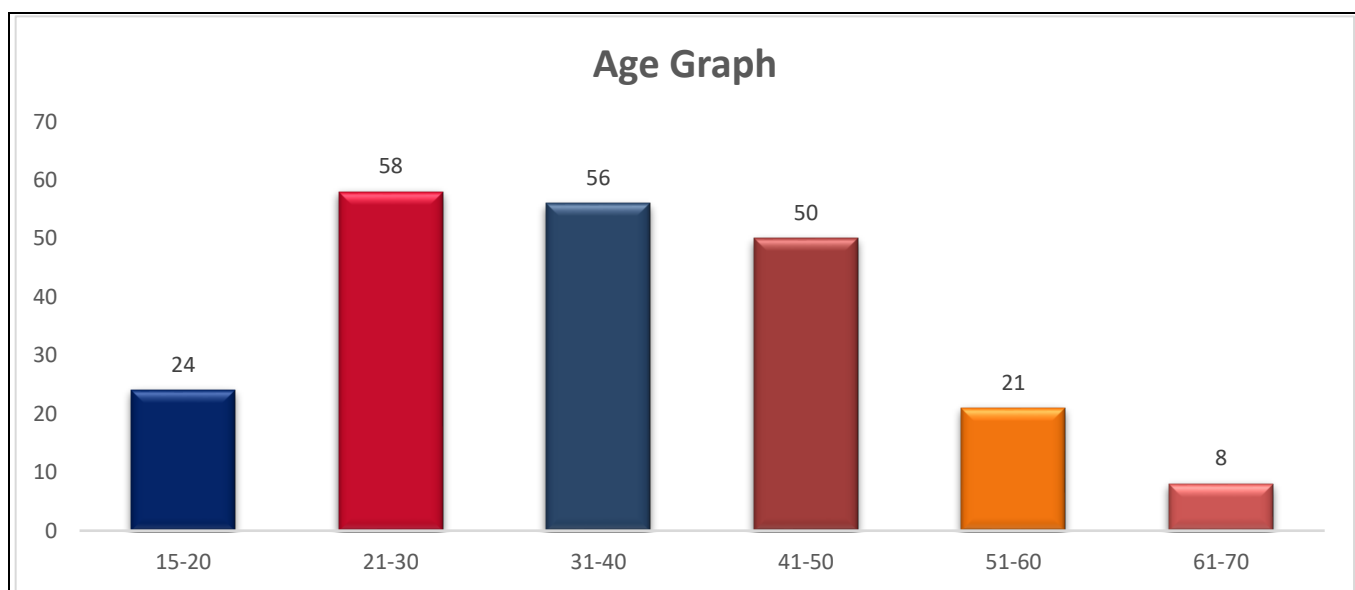
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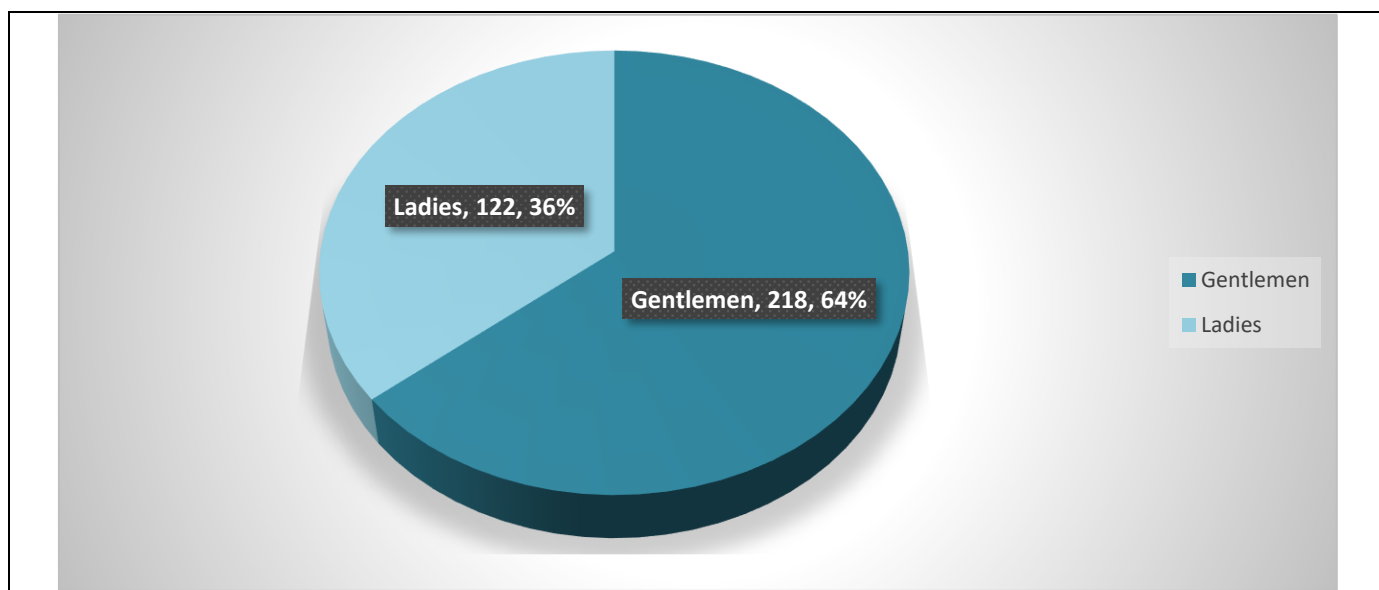
Overall Feedback of Resource Persons on all Parameters



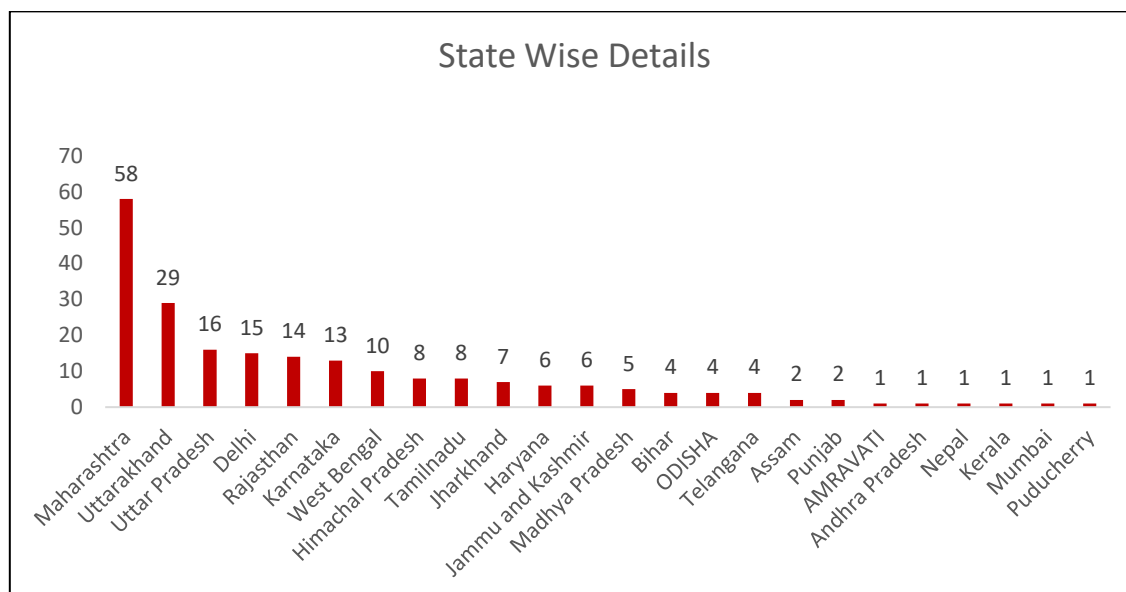
Parameter wise breakup of feedback of Resource Persons



Age distribution of Participants



Gender Chart of Participants



**State wise details of nominated participants
(340 participants from 25 states)**