



COURSE REPORT
of
One-Week Online Training
on
“Legal Issues in Forests”
from
17th to 22nd October 2022
For
SFS Officers & Senior FROs Officers



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 conducted one-week (17.10.22 and 22.10.22) online training programme for In-Service SFS Officers and Senior FROs on the theme “Legal Issues in Forestry”.

The Course Director of the training, Dr T. Beula Ezhil Mathi IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS gave a brief presentation about the course after which Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi IFS, Principal, CASFOS presented the opening remarks. In her opening remarks, she warmly welcomed the participants of the training programme. She further stated the importance of the course and how it would be useful to the participants. She appreciated the different topics which are going to be discussed in the training programme. She 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 while implementing various acts and rules. The inaugural session was graced by the presence of Chief guest Mr Anurag Bharadwaj IFS, Director, Directorate of Forest Education. In his address, he sensitized the participants regarding the importance of implementation of various forest acts and rules for effective conservation of Forests and Environment in this development scenario. He also highlighted and shared with examples, that the forest development has always 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 further emphasized that the participants -Senior RFOs and ACFs has an important role in bringing up the same. Lastly, he congratulated CASFOS team for making the topics of the training well suited for the present-day scenario. Guest Speakers like Mr. Abilash Damodaran IFS, Dr C Ramesh IFS, Mr. A.K Jha Retd IFS, Mr Sanjeev Gaur IFS, Dr Sivabala S IFS, Mr Suneet Bharadwaj IFS, Mr Rajendra Dhongade Retd Forest Officer deliberated on various topics related to Legal issues in Forestry, in this training programme. Speakers like Mr M Sajid Sultan IFS, Mr Arshdeep Singh IFS, Mr Gajendra Narwane IFS shared case studies related to various acts like Wildlife Protection Act (WPA), Forest Rights Act (FRA), Forest Conservation Act (FCA) respectively which was well received by the participants. The topics covered in this training were Overview of Forest policy and law in India, Indian forest Act 1927, Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Forest Rights Act 2006 and Tribal livelihood, Critical Wildlife Habitat, Forest Conservation Act and the new rules 2022etc. The

detailed timetable showing session-wise topics and resource persons is enclosed as Annexure 5.

A total of 38 participants from 14 States across India registered for the training out of which 29 Forest Officers from 13 States successfully completed the training programme. The training programme was very well appreciated by the participants who also requested for more of such training programme regularly in the offline mode, for keeping up the momentum of effective implementation of various Forest laws.

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

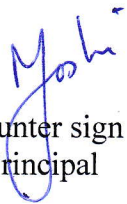
Course Report

MoEF&CCs /DFE's letter number and date		4-910/Trg-II/DFT-2022/67-104, dt. 06.04.2022
Institute's reference number		4-910/प्रशि0-॥/व.शि.नि.-2022 / 2545 दि. 29.09. 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 Fax-0135-2756168 Email-casfos.dd-mef@gov.in
2.	Title of the course	Legal issues in Forestry
3.	Duration & period of the Course	One-week online training 17 th and 22 nd October, 2022
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Dr T Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer
5.	Number of officers participated	29 (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)?	06.04.2022
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	38 Participants from 14 States
	(d) How many officers received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many officers responded?	29
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	Not applicable as the course was conducted online

	in the institution's own hostel or in a hotel etc.?	
7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	One - Week
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/covered in the course	14
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	1.5 hrs
	(e) Guest faculty hours	13.5 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 93.13% 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 92.22% 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 96.25%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given feedback about overall impression of the course was very good with rating 85.83%

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 91.57% 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 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

ANNEXURE -1**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	Inclusion of State Acts/Rules in this training Programme	3	Suggestion is well noted for the future training course
2	Resource Person from Judiciary/Lawyers was suggested	3	Suggestion is well noted for the future training course
3	Training topics were very good and covered extensively	10	Every aspect of the training was very well planned hence the comments
4	Good lectures and apt course contents just that the online module does not provide opportunity for proper interaction. So please conduct offline training	29	Suggestion is well noted and would be communicated to the competent authority

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) = 93.13

- 1.1 Course aims met (93.33)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (90.00)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (95.00)
- 1.4 Reading Material (94.17)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 92.22

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = (92.22)
- 2.2 Contents (92.45)
- 2.3 Presentation (92.79)
- 2.4 Quality of Discussion/Interaction (91.77)
- 2.5 Meeting for Objectives 91.89

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 96.25

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (95.83)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (96.67)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 85.83

Weighted Average (WA) for the Course

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (93.13 + 92.22 + 72.18 + 85.83) * 100 / 375$$

$$= \mathbf{91.57\%}$$

DETAILS OF TOPICS & RESOURCE PERSONS

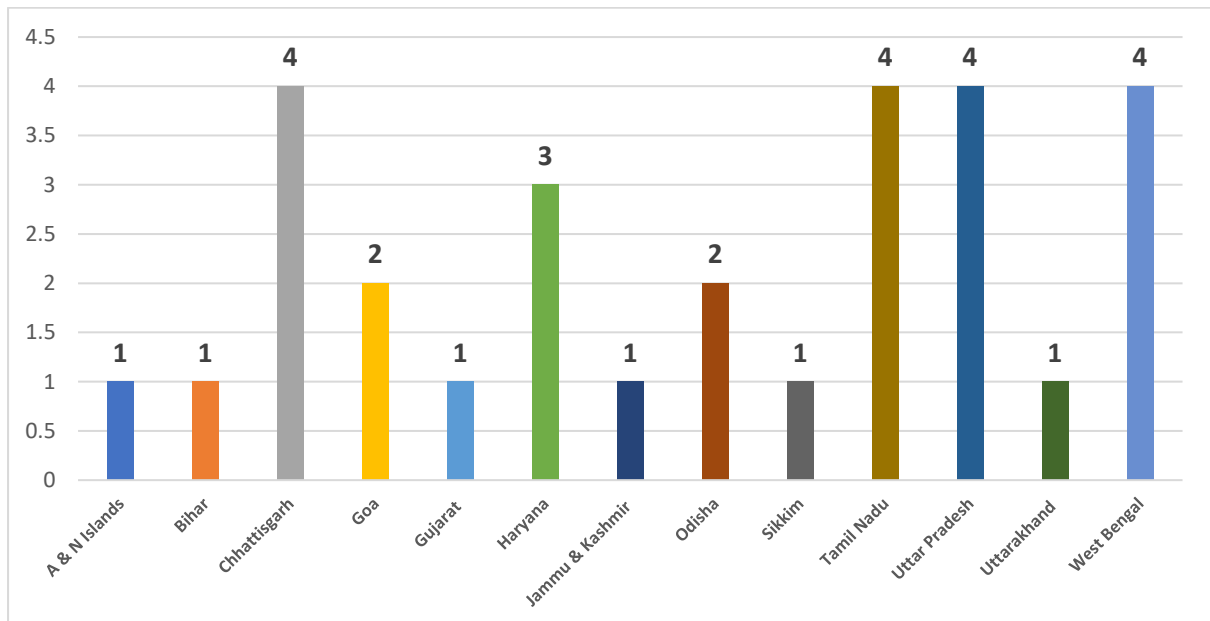
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3.	Indian Forest Act 1927 / Practicalities of Indian Forest Act, 1927	Mr. Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, Chief General Manager, FDCM, Maharashtra	9422716247	gaursanjeevgaur@gmail.com
4.	Legal Procedures involved in Forest Cases	Mr. Mohammed Sajid Sultan, IFS, AIGF, NTCA, New Delhi	9797670930	aig2-ntca@nic.in
5.	ST and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006	Mr A K Jha (Retd.) Former PCCF, Maharashtra	9822601595	dr_arvindjha@yahoo.com
6.	Critical Wildlife Habitat	Dr. Sivabala S, IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun	7579008479	vetbala@gmail.com
7.	Case Studies of IFR and CFR	Dr. Arshdeep Singh, IFS, DFO, J&K	7780953225	dforajouri@gmail.com
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12.	Legal Aspects of Human – Wildlife conflict (I case study)	Smt. Abharna K. M., IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun	7083802670	am199@ifs.nic.in

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

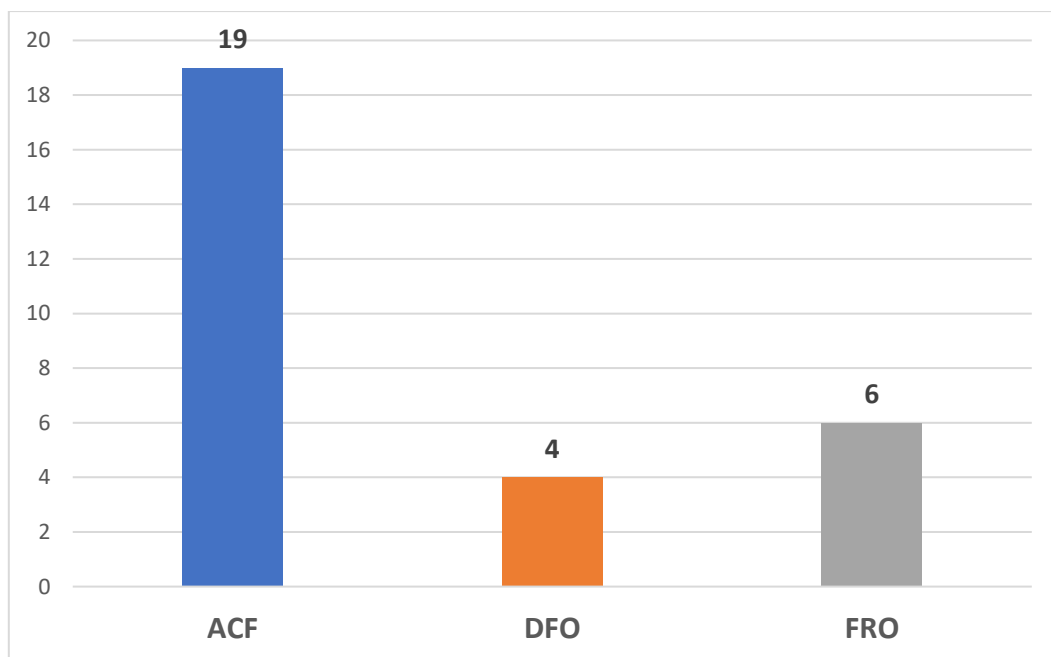
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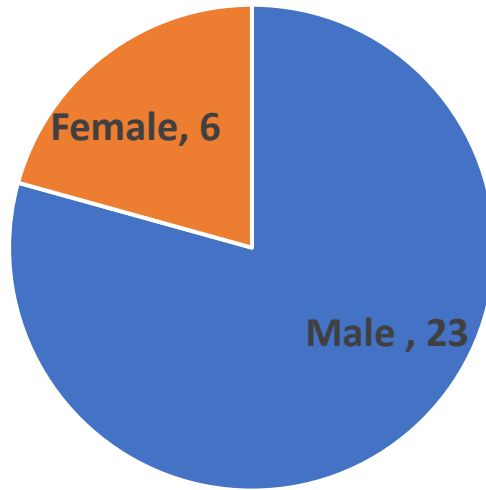
STATE WISE PARTICIPANTS



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GENDER PROFILE





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on

LEGAL ISSUES IN FORESTRY

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Date / Time	Session I	Tea Break (1115 hrs – 1130 hrs)	Session II	Lunch Break (1245 hrs – 1345 hrs)	Session III
	0945 hrs – 1115 hrs		1130 hrs – 1300 hrs		1400 hrs – 1530 hrs
17.10.2022 (Monday)	Inaugural Session (AB, MJ, TB)		Overview of Forest Policy and Law in India (AD)		IPC, CrPc and IEA for Forest Officers (CR)
18.10.2022 (Tuesday)	Indian Forest Act 1927 (SG)		Practicalities of Indian Forest Act, 1927 (SG)		Legal Procedures involved in Forest Cases (MS)
19.10.2022 (Wednesday)	ST and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 (AKJ)		Critical Wildlife Habitat (SS)		Case Studies of IFR and CFR (AS)
20.10.2022 (Thursday)	Wildlife Protection Act (1972) (RD)		Practicalities of WPA (1927) (RD)		Wildlife Forensics (SKG)
21.10.2022 (Friday)	Forest Conservation Act (SB)		Interesting Case Studies of FCA (GN)		Legal Aspects of Human – Wildlife conflict (T1 case study) (AKM)
22.10.2022 (Saturday)	Valedictory Session (MJ, TB)		Feedback and Valedictory		

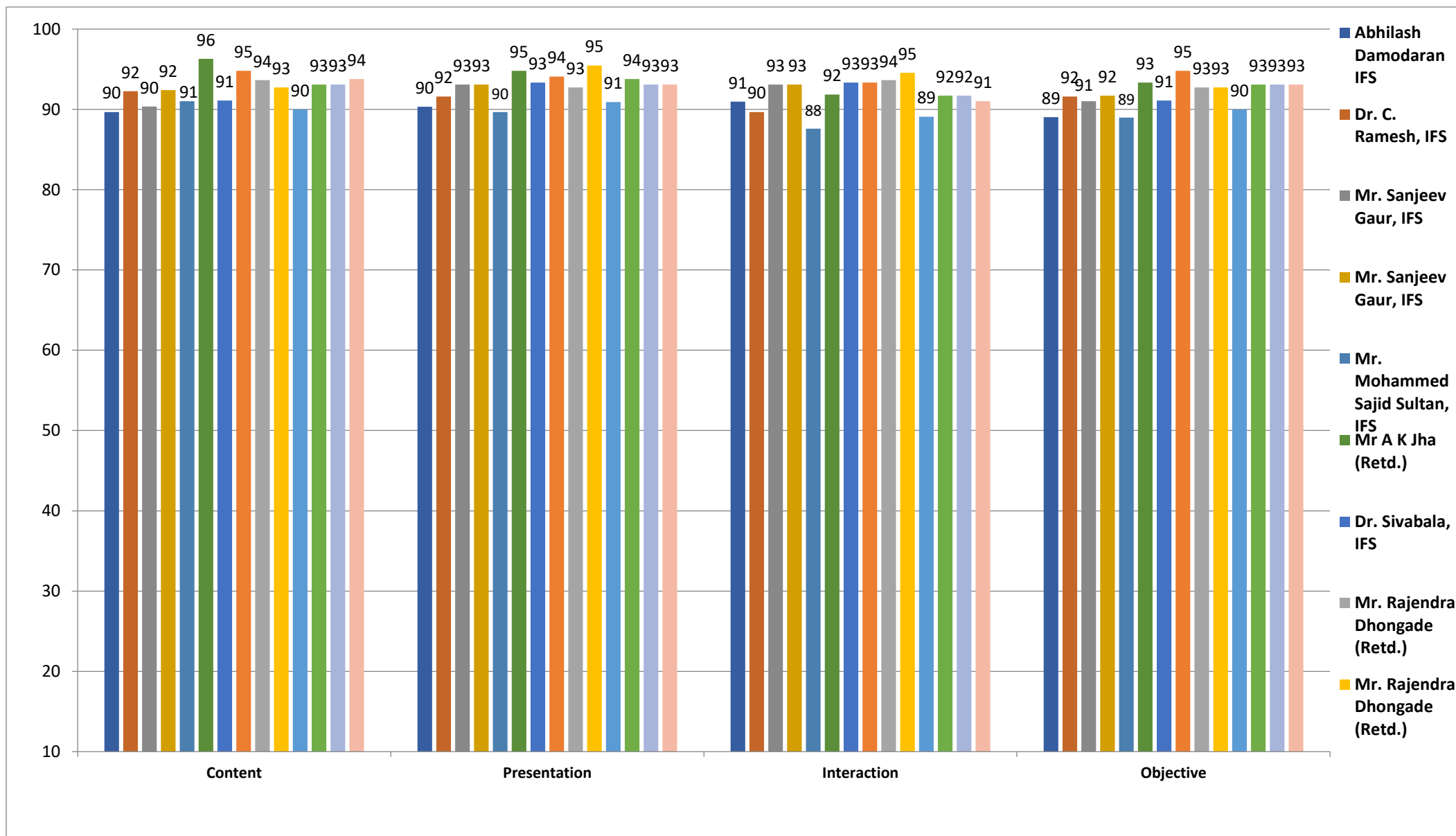
Abbreviations:

AB: Mr. Anurag Bhardwaj, IFS, Director, DFE, Dehradun
MJ: Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun
TB: Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun
AD: Mr. Abhilash Damodaran IFS, CF Himachal Pradesh
CR: Dr. C. Ramesh, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Burnihat
SG: Mr. Sanjeev Gaur, IFS, Chief General Manager, FDCM, Maharashtra
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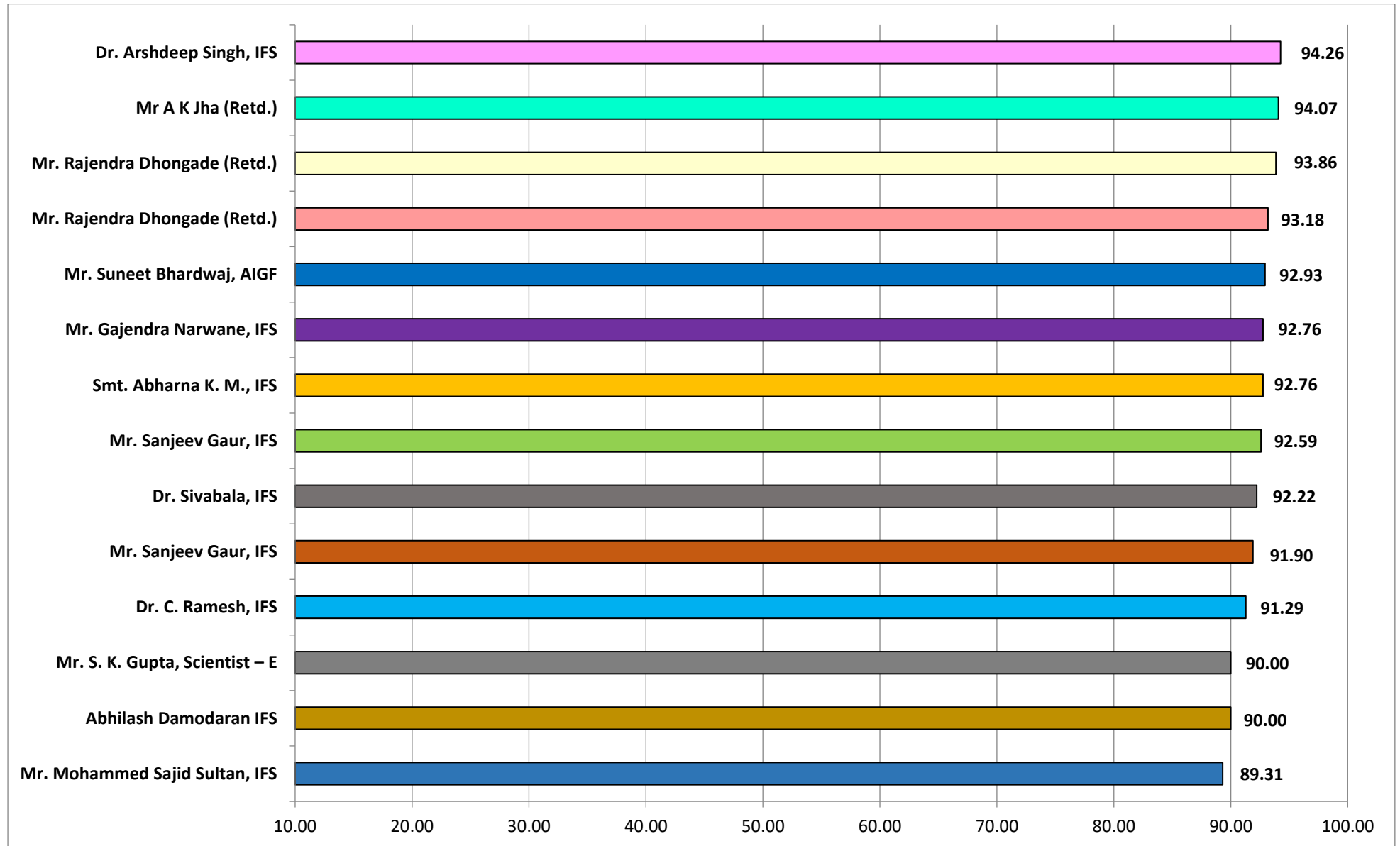
SVB: Mr. Sivabala S, IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun
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SB: Mr. Suneet Bhardwaj, AIGF, FCA, Division MoEF&CC
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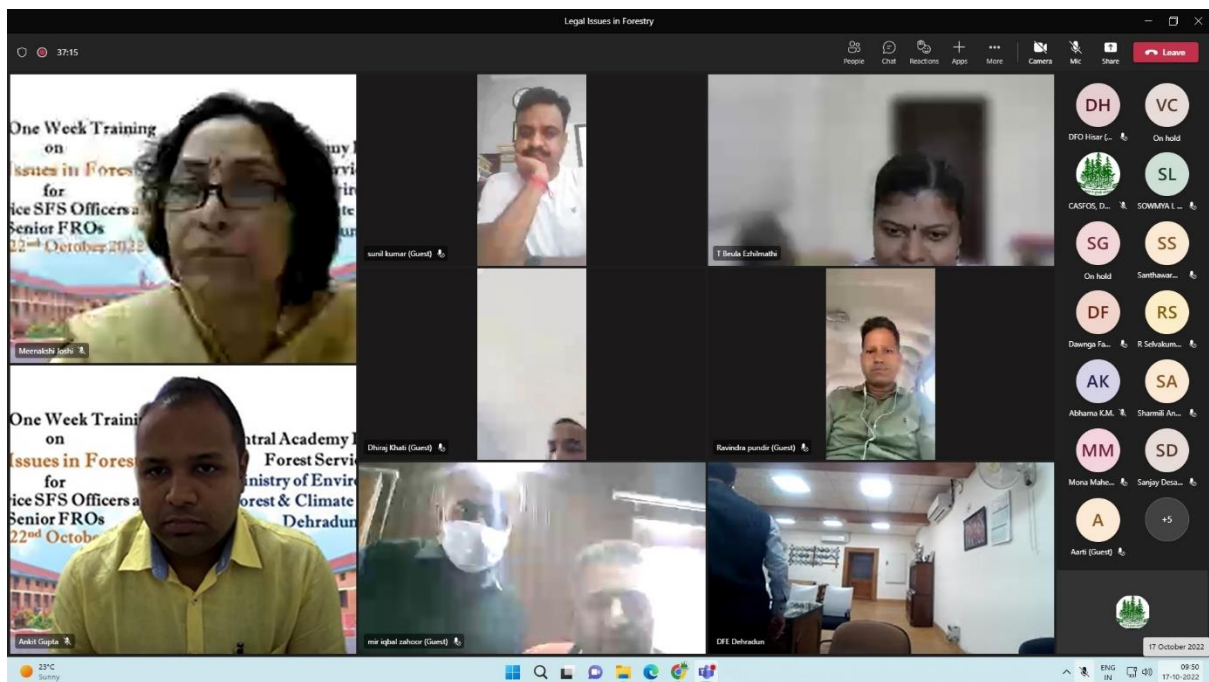
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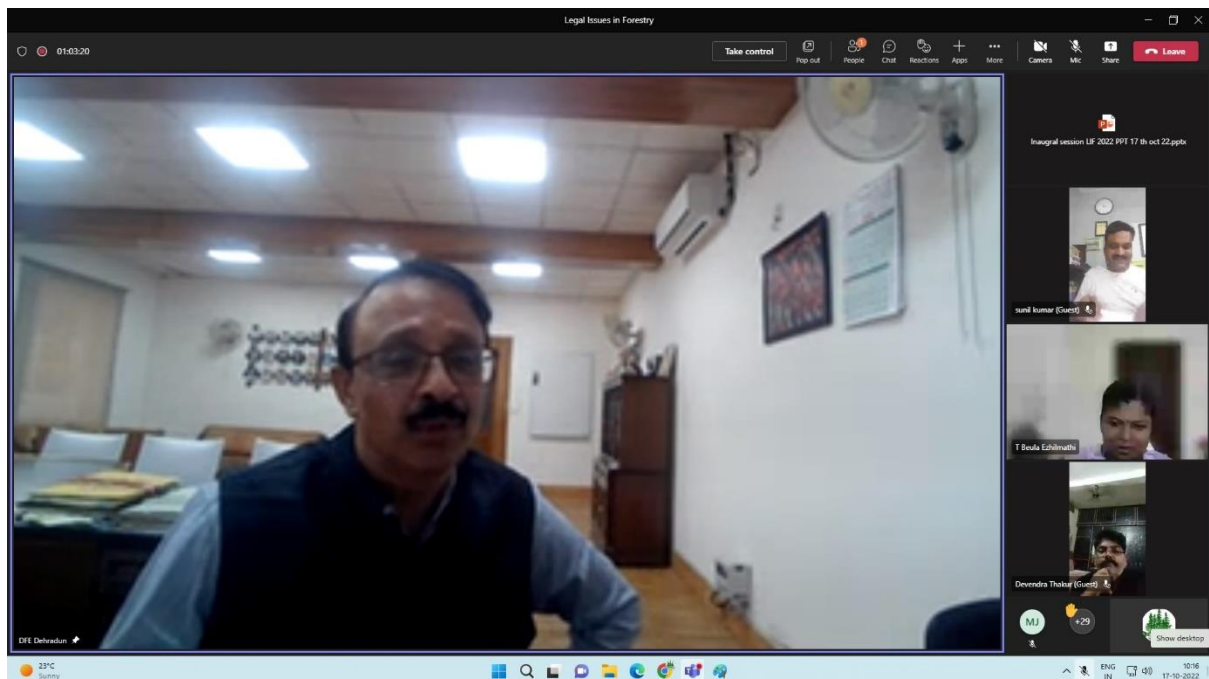
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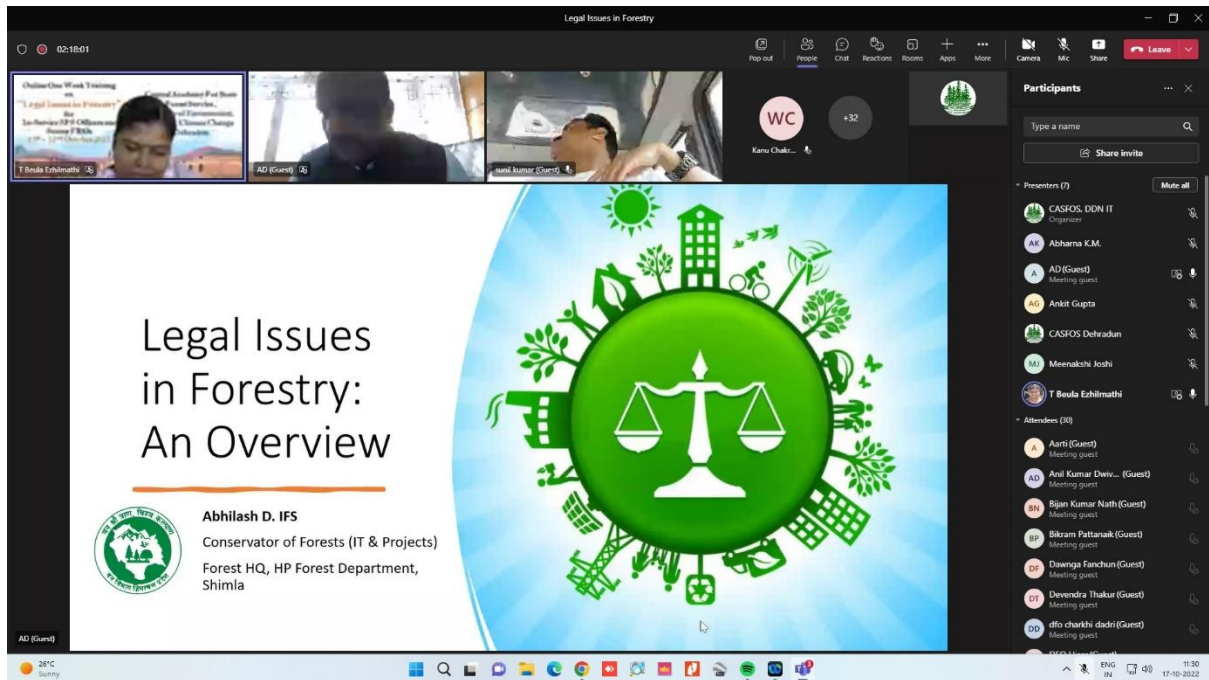
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INAUGURAL SESSION

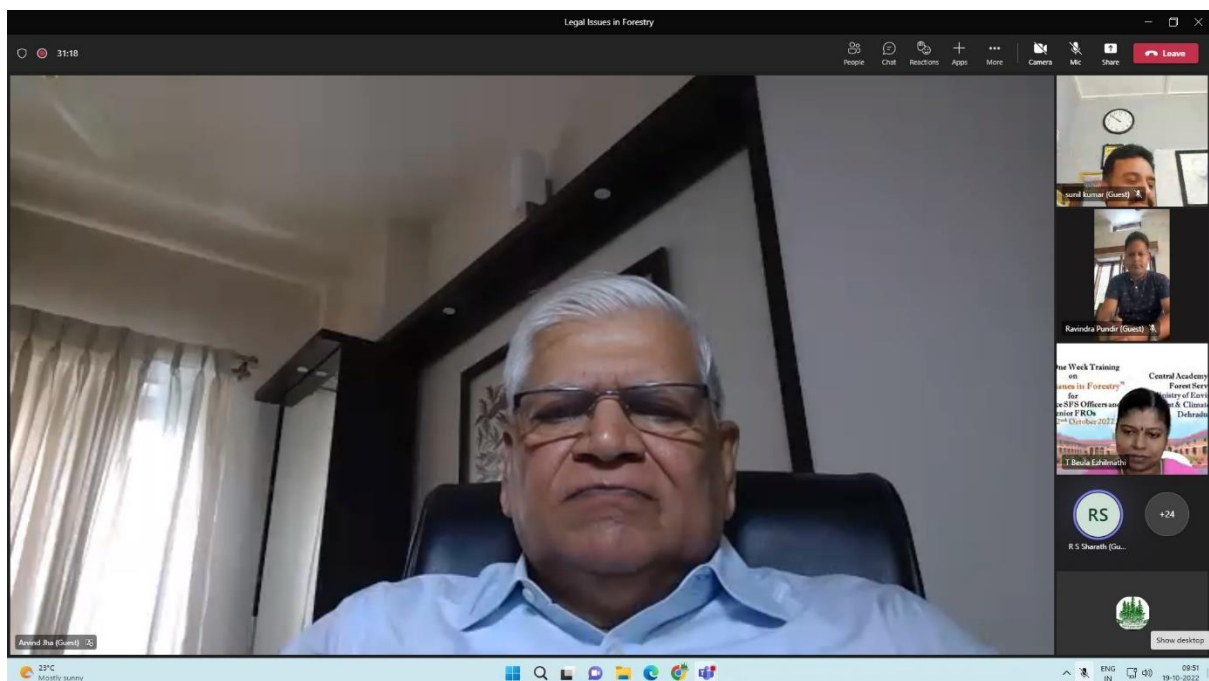


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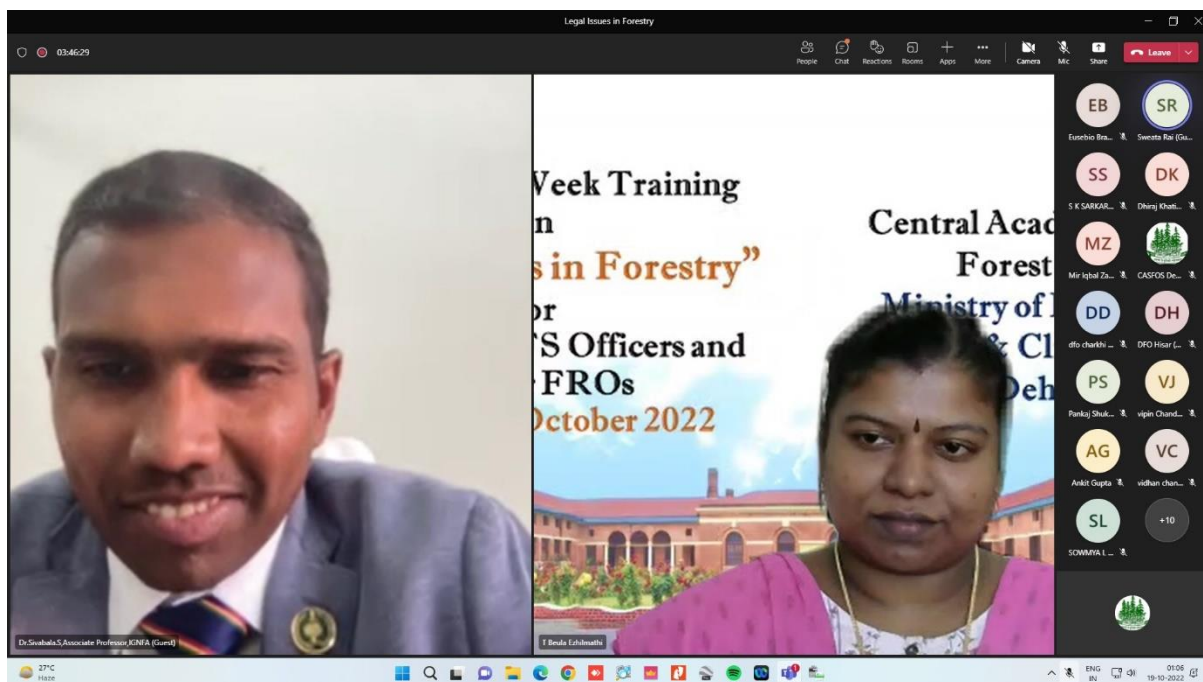
Lecture Session by Mr. Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, CF, Himachal Pradesh

Topic – Overview of Forest Policy and Law in India

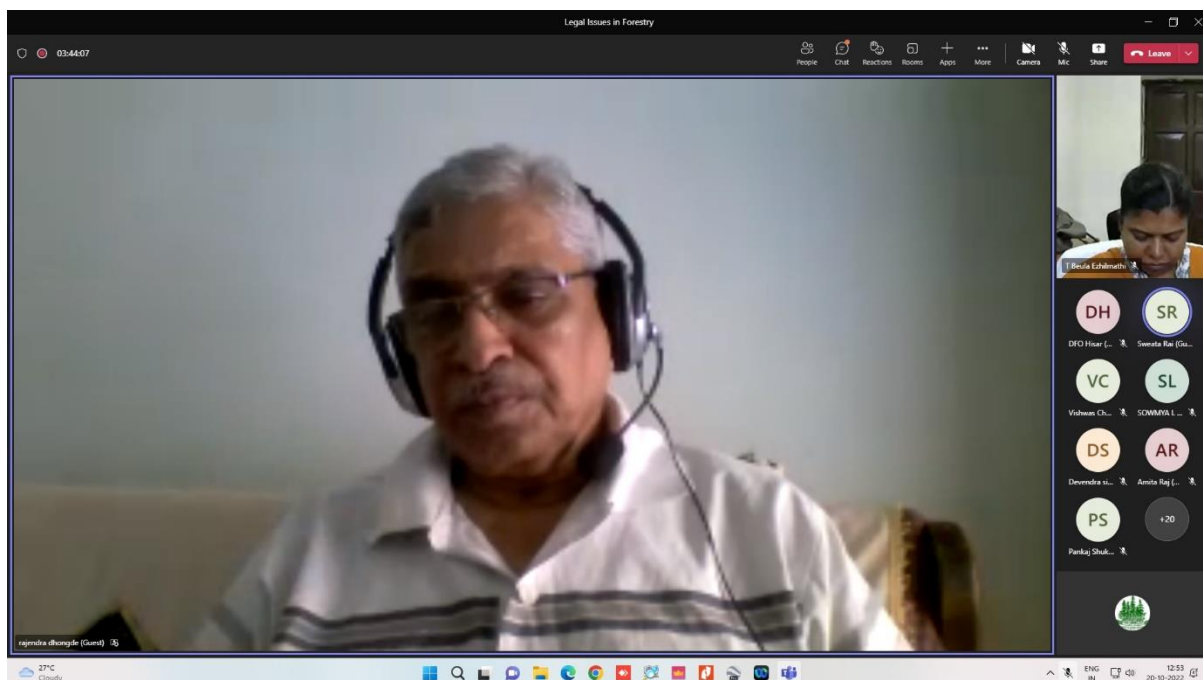


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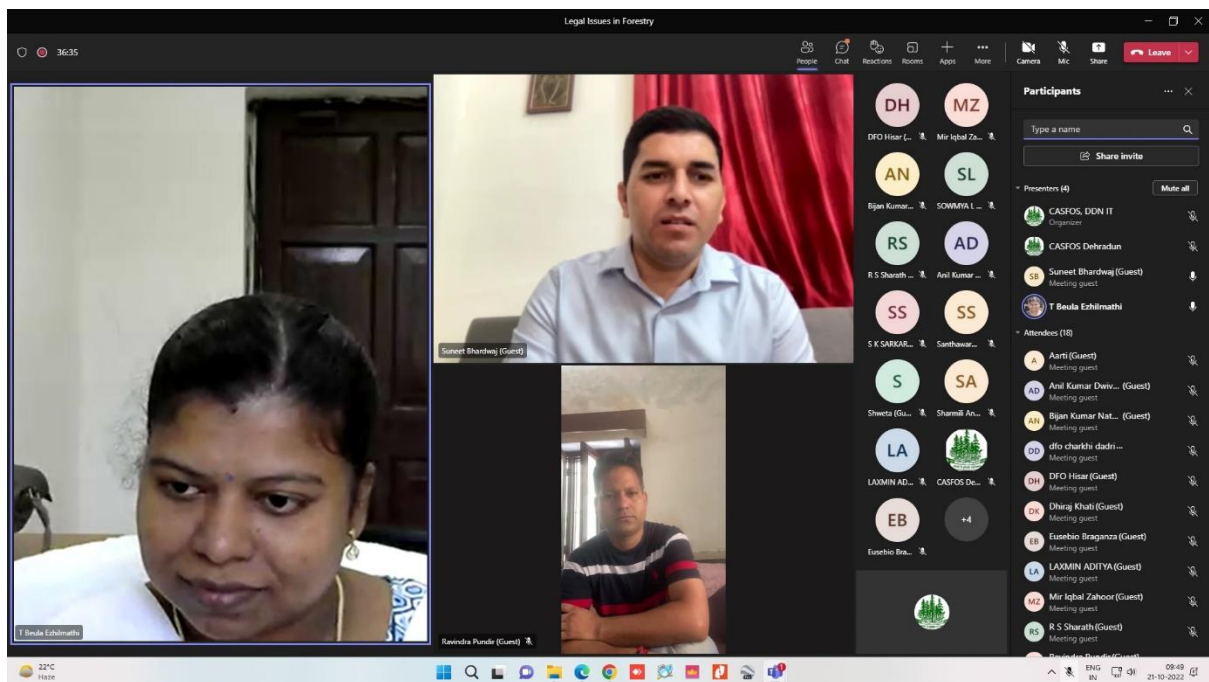
Topic – ST and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006



Lecture Session by Dr. Sivabala S. IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun
Topic – Critical Wildlife Habitat



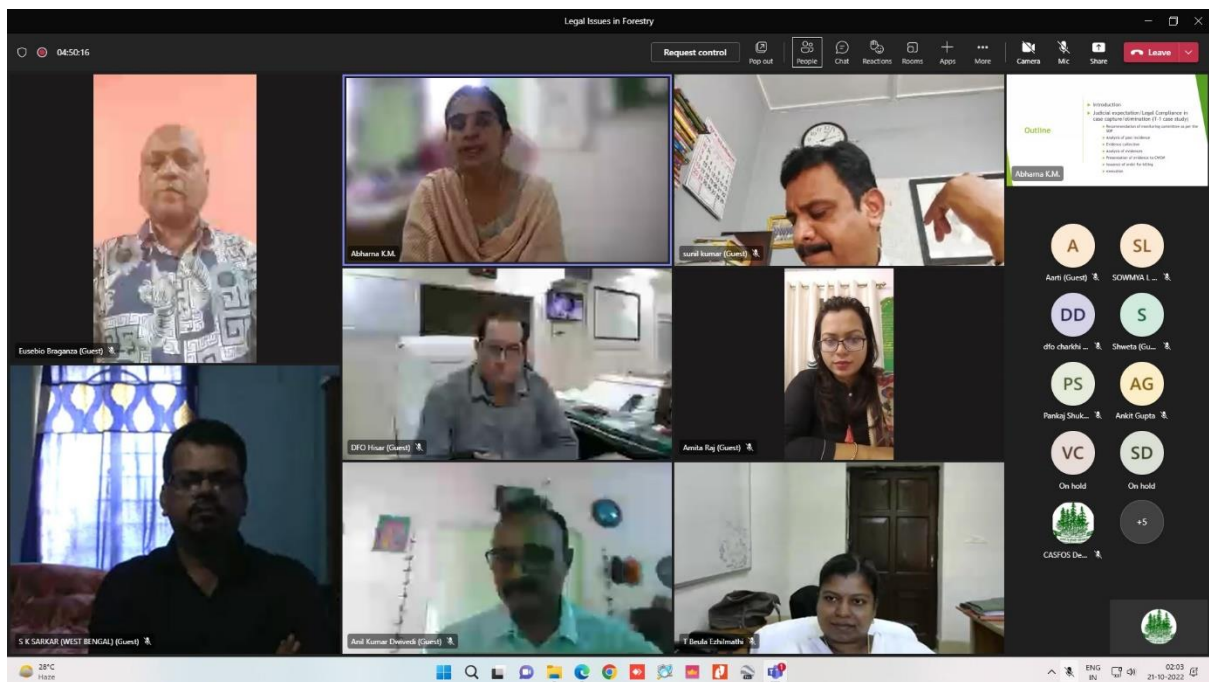
Lecture Session by Mr. Rajendra Dhongade (Retd.), Forest Officer, Maharashtra
Topic – Wildlife Protection Act (1972) & Practicalities of WPA (1927)



Lecture Session by Mr. Suneet Bhardwaj, AIGF, FCA, Division MoEF&CC
Topic – Forest Conservation Act



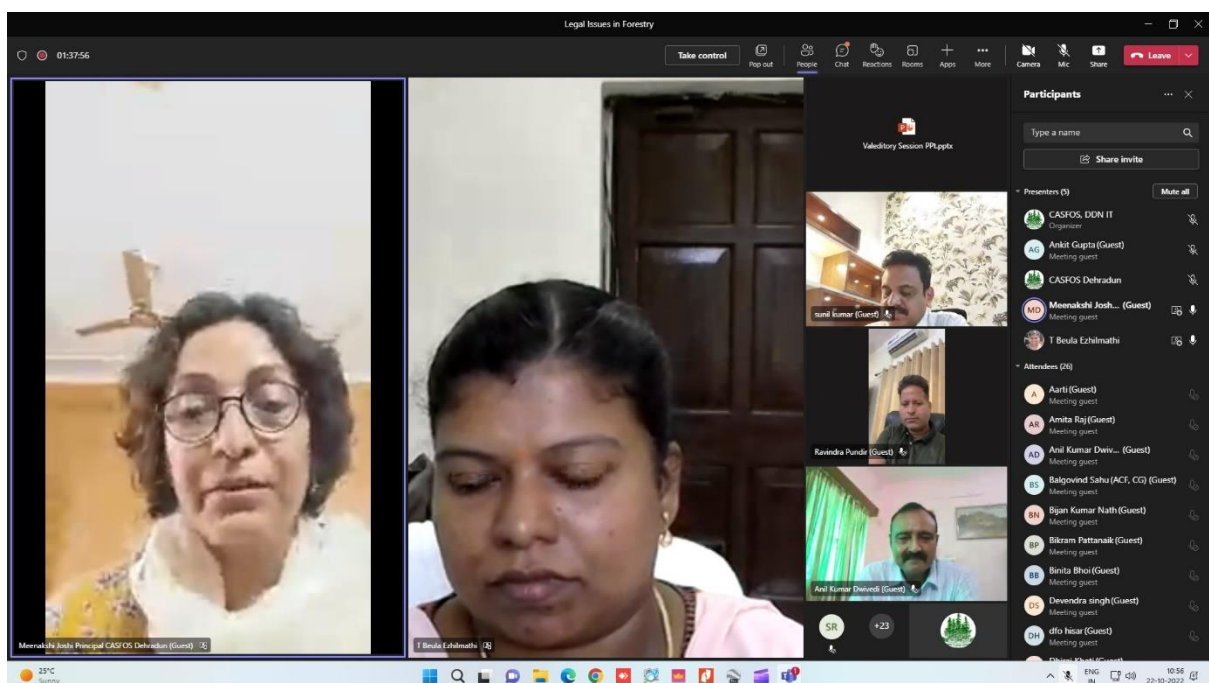
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Topic – Interesting Case Studies of FCA

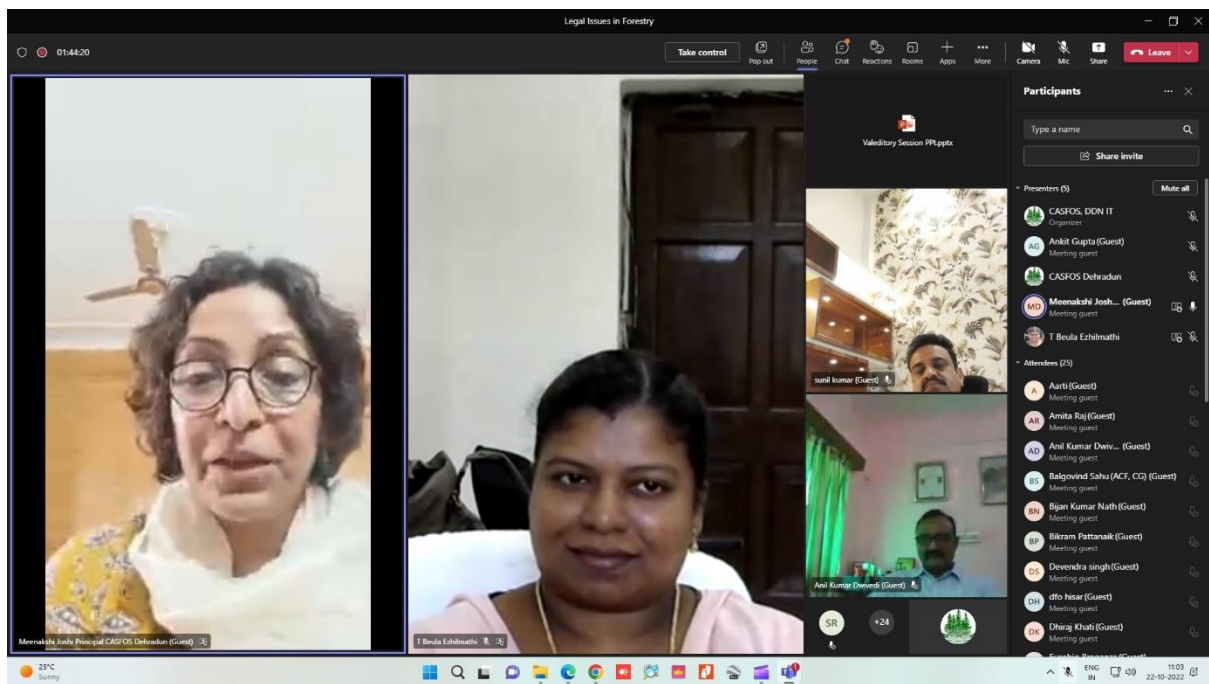


Lecture Session by Smt. Abharna K. M. IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun

Topic – Legal Aspects of Human – Wildlife conflict (I case study)

VALEDICTORY SESSION





Session Group Photo

