



COURSE REPORT
of
Two days Specialized Training
on
“Forest Certification in the Indian Context”
from
15th to 16th July 2021



Central Academy for Forest Education, Kurseong, West Bengal
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Government of India

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Academy for Forest Education (CAFE), Kurseong 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 (15.07.21 and 16.07.21) training programme on **Forest Certification in the Indian Context** for “Training of Other Stake Holders” ie for NGOs. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India sponsors for the second year, the training of Other Stake Holders and training of Personnel of Other Services on topics/themes related to Forestry, Wildlife, Environment Management, and related issues. In this backdrop, training of NGO’s on the theme “Forest Certification in the Indian Context” who are having role in Forest and Environment conservation was conducted. The training was conducted on virtual mode due to the current pandemic COVID-19 situation. More than 40 participants from different States of India registered with overwhelming enthusiasm in this training programme of which 28 attended the training programme.

The Course Director of the training, Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi IFS, Principal In charge, CAFÉ Kurseong gave opening remarks and a brief presentation about the course after which sessions of the course started.

Guest Speakers like Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, CASFOS, Dehradun, Mr. Manmohan Yadav, Professor & Dean, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, Mr. Raju Agasimani, Regional General Manager, CG State Forest Development Corporation, Raipur, Mr. Atul Jindal IFS, Additional managing Director, Forest Corporation of Uttar Pradesh, Ms. Sree Lakshmi IFS, DCF Vanbhavan Office of PCCF, Nagpur, Maharashtra, deliberated on various **Forest Certification in the Indian Context** related topics in this training programme.

The topics covered in this training were overview of Forest resources in India, Sustainable Forest Management - Criteria and indicators, Forest Certification in the Indian Context - Scope and challenges, Forest Certification processes and schemes, Forest Certification & Timber Industry, Forest Certification of Non-timber Forest produce. The detailed timetable showing session-wise topics and resource persons is enclosed as **Annexure 5**.

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		DFE's Letter No. 4-872/DFT-II/2021/1139 Dated 14th July' 2021
Institute's reference number		CAFE/2021-22/TRG(01)/4099
1.	Name and complete address of the Institute (including phone, fax and e-mail)	Central Academy for Forest Education Kurseong Ph: 0354-2331325/302 Email-efrckurseong@gmail.com
2.	Title of the course	Forest Certification in the Indian Context
3.	Duration & period of the Course	Two Days 15 th and 16 th July,2021
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Dr T Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer
5.	Number of officers participated	28 (List attached in Annexure 4)
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)?	13.07.21
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	-
	(d) How many officers received the intimation?	150
	(e) How many officers responded?	28
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	06
	(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	NIL
Enclosure (2 copies each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final course time-table - 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 programme attached.

	course were made in the current course?	
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)	<p>Course Content & Structure including reading material was found to be relevant and highly appreciated by the participants with rating of 91.10%</p> <p>Course aim was met to the full satisfaction & as per feedback, there was increase in knowledge level of the participants.</p>
9.2	Training Faculty (TF)	<p>The participants have rated the training faculty at more than 86.03%</p> <p>Training faculty and their lectures were highly appreciated by the participants.</p>
9.3	Usefulness of the course (UOC)	The participants have given a feedback that the training course will be highly useful immediately and in future for their job with combined rating as 90.44%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given a feedback about overall impression of the course was very good with rating 88.97%
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, 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 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 89.31% 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 personnel in their training academies
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 & The Principal Incharge

ANNEXURE -1**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.	More useful for our trust to execute the forest-based programs	2	NGOs also have role in many dimensions of Forest and environment conservation hence training of NGOs on the said theme was conducted .
2.	One-week course required	4	Suggestion is noted and would be conveyed accordingly.
3.	It is an excellent course, no suggestions	10	The course design and content are taken care of,hence the comments.

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) = 92.10

- 1.1 Course aims met (91.91)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (90.44)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (94.12)
- 1.4 Reading Material (91.91)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 86.03

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 86.03
- 2.2 Contents (87.62)
- 2.3 Presentation (84.58)
- 2.4 Quality of Discussion/Interaction ((85.45)
- 2.5 Meeting for Objectives (86.45)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 90.44

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (89.71)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (91.18)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 88.97**Weighted Average for the Course**

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (92.10 + 86.03 + 67.83 + 88.97) * 100 / 375$$

$$= 89.31 \%$$

DETAILS OF TOPICS & RESOURCE PERSONS

S. No.	Topic	Name of Resource Person	Mobile No.	E-mail
1.	Overview of forest resource in India	Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, CASFOS, Dehradun	<u>9412050571</u>	<u>abhilashifs@gmail.com</u>
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3.	Forest Certification in Indian Context- Scope and Challenges	Shri Raju Agasimani, Regional General Manager, CG State Forest Development Corporation, Raipur, Chattisgarh	<u>9424413670</u>	<u>agasimaniraju@gmail.com</u>
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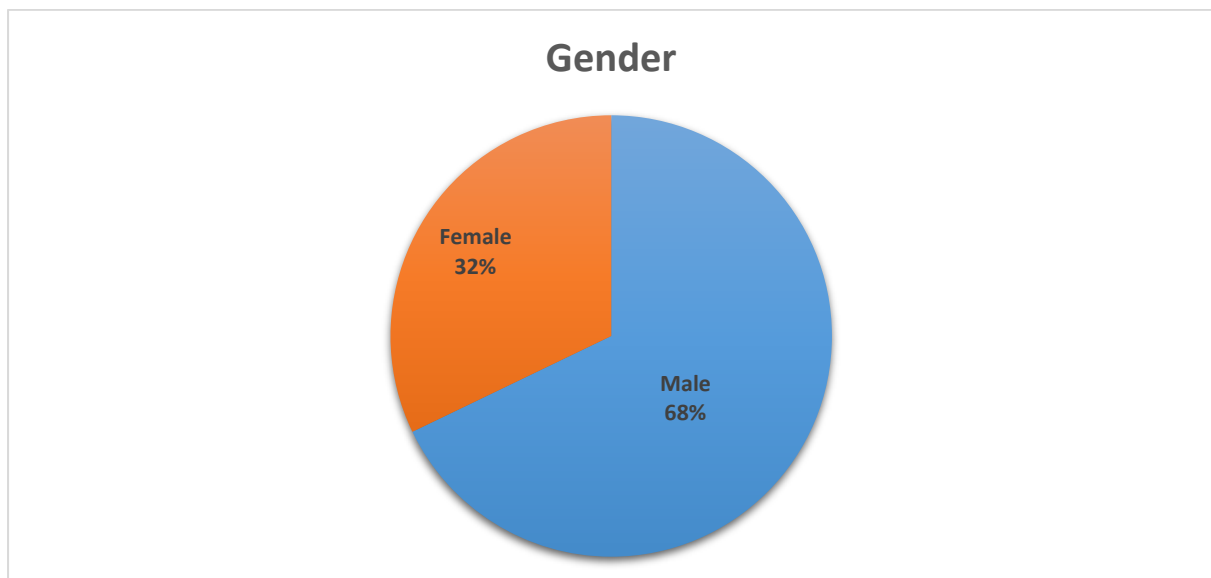
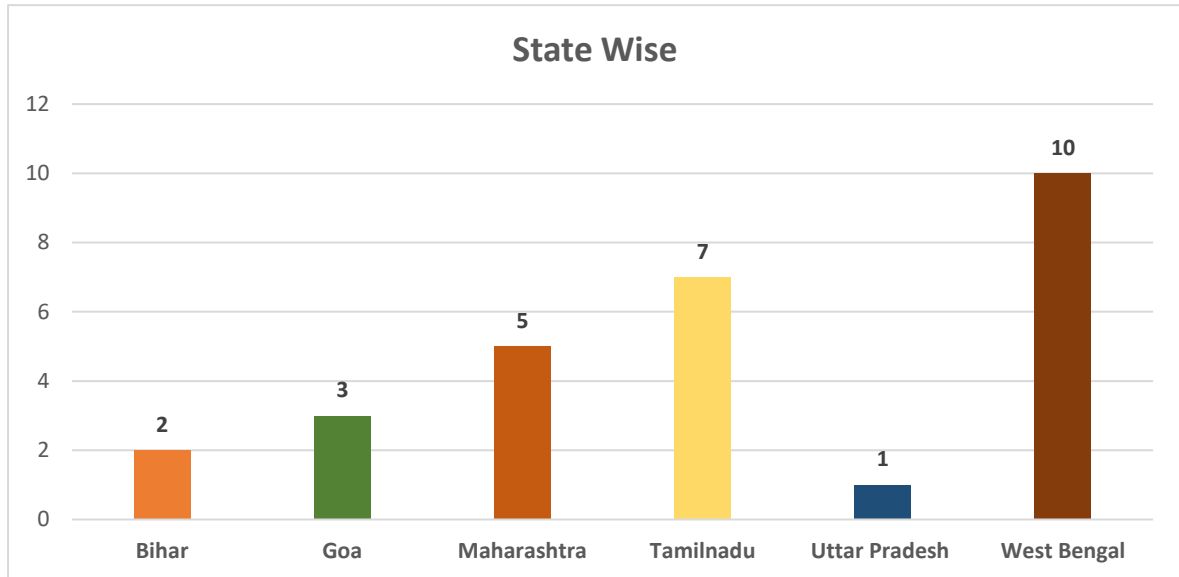
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***** Schedule *****

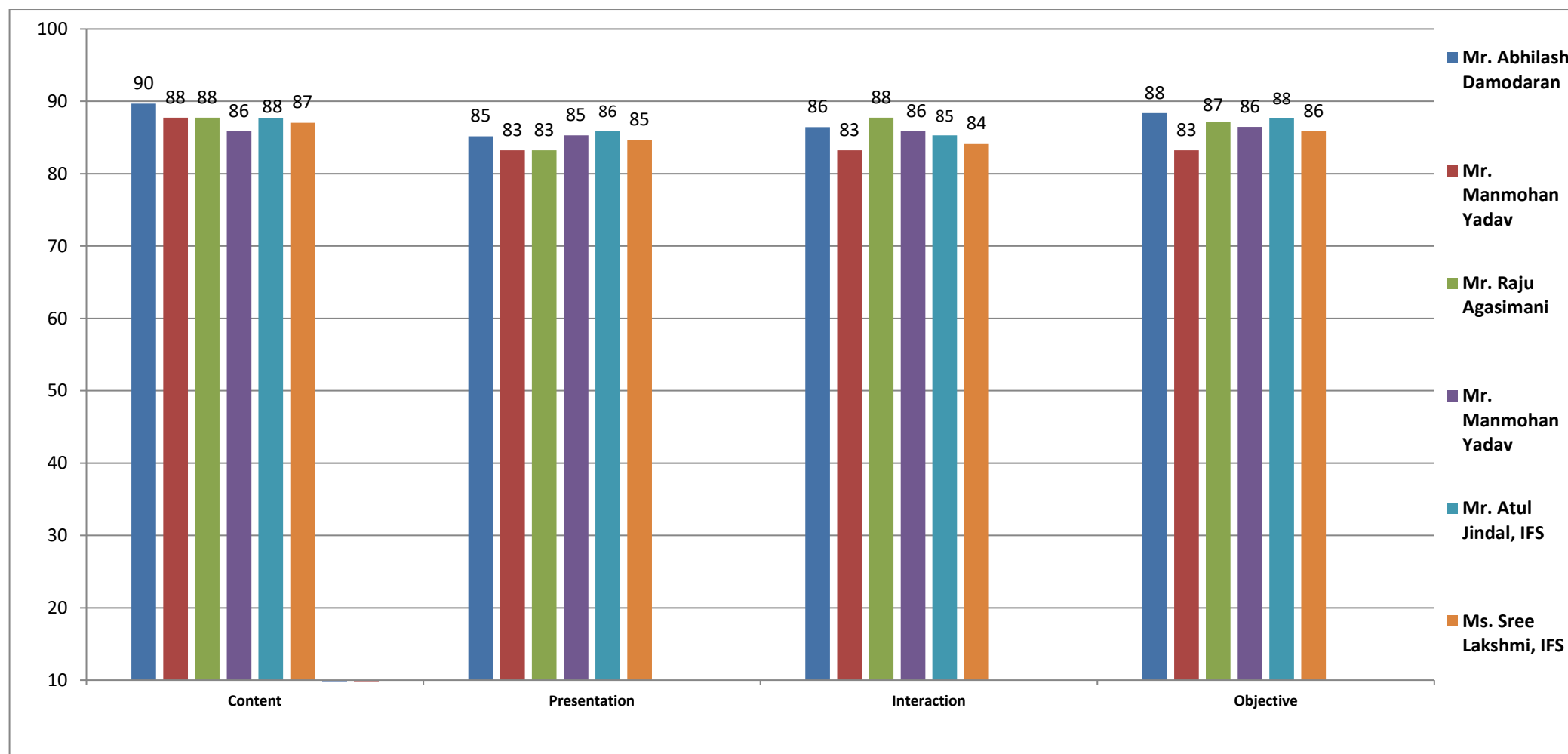


Date/ Time	Session I		Session II		Session III		Session IV
	1000-1100 hrs		1115-1245		1400-1530		1545-1715
15.07.21 (Thursday)	Registration and Inaugural Session (TB)	Tea Break 1100-1115	Overview of Forest resources in India (AD)	Lunch Break	Sustainable Forest management –Criteria and Indicators (MM)	Tea Break 1530-1545	Forest Certification in the Indian context-scope and challenges (RA)
16.07.21 (Friday)	Forest Certification-Processes and Schemes (MM)		Forest Certification and Timber Industry (AJ)		Forest Certification of non-timber forest produce (SL)		Valedictory Session (TB)

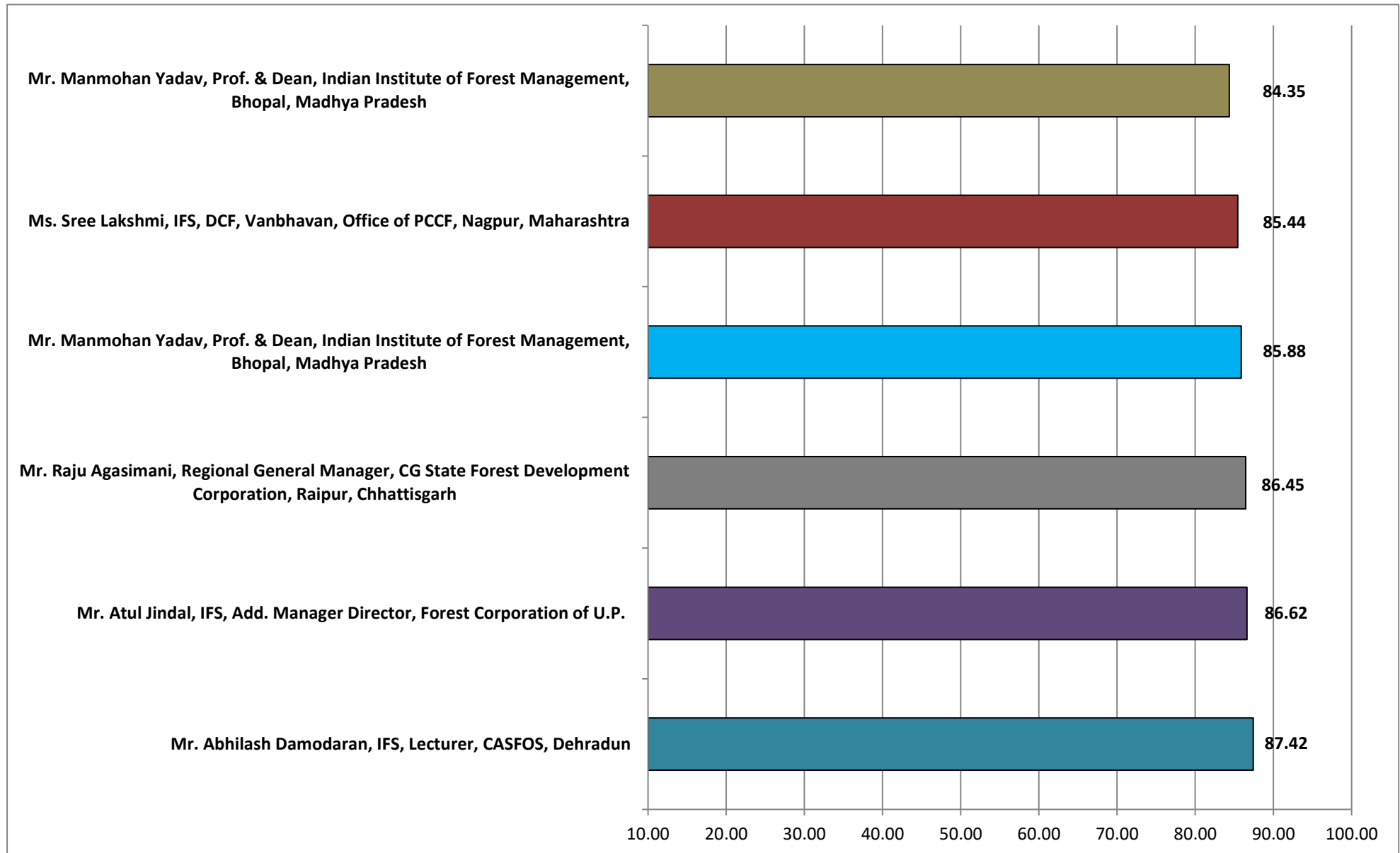
ABBREVIATIONS:

AD – Mr. Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun. MM – Mr. Manmohan Yadav, Prof. & Dean, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. RA – Mr. Raju Agasimani, Regional General Manager, CG State Forest Development Corporation, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.	AJ – Mr. Atul Jindal, IFS, Add. Manager Director, Forest Corporation of U.P. SL – Ms. Sree Lakshmi, IFS, DCF, Vanbhavan, Office of PCCF, Nagpur, Maharashtra. TB – Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Principal Incharge, CAFÉ, Kurseong.
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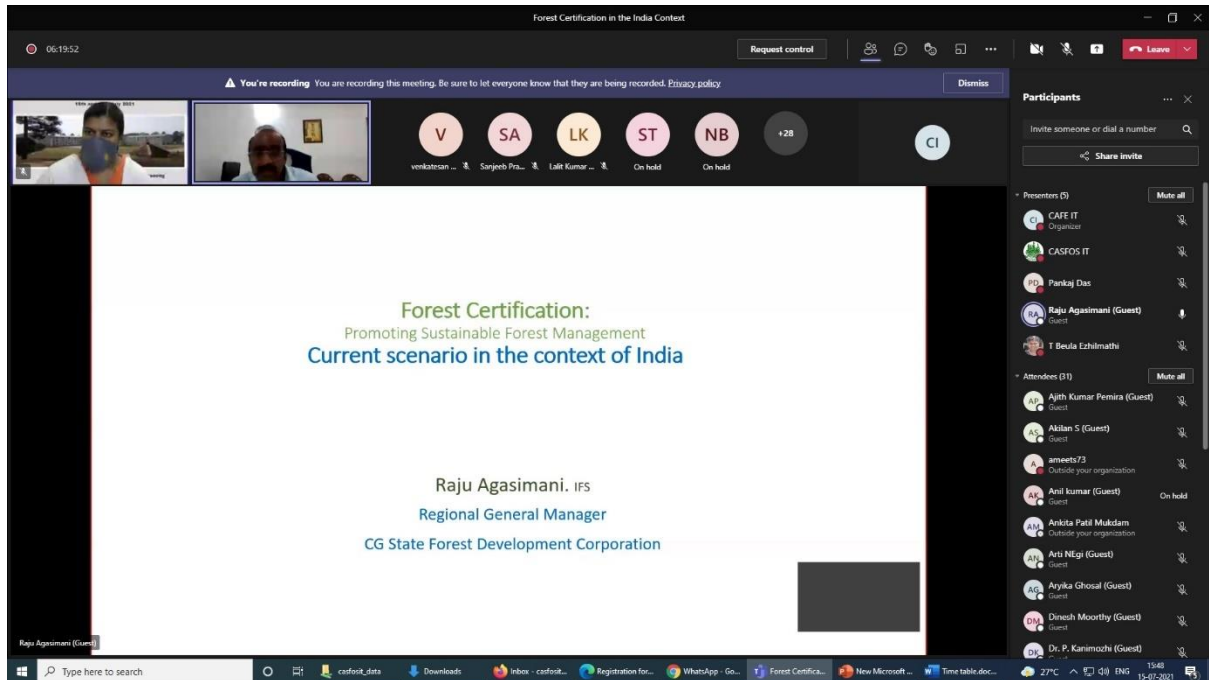


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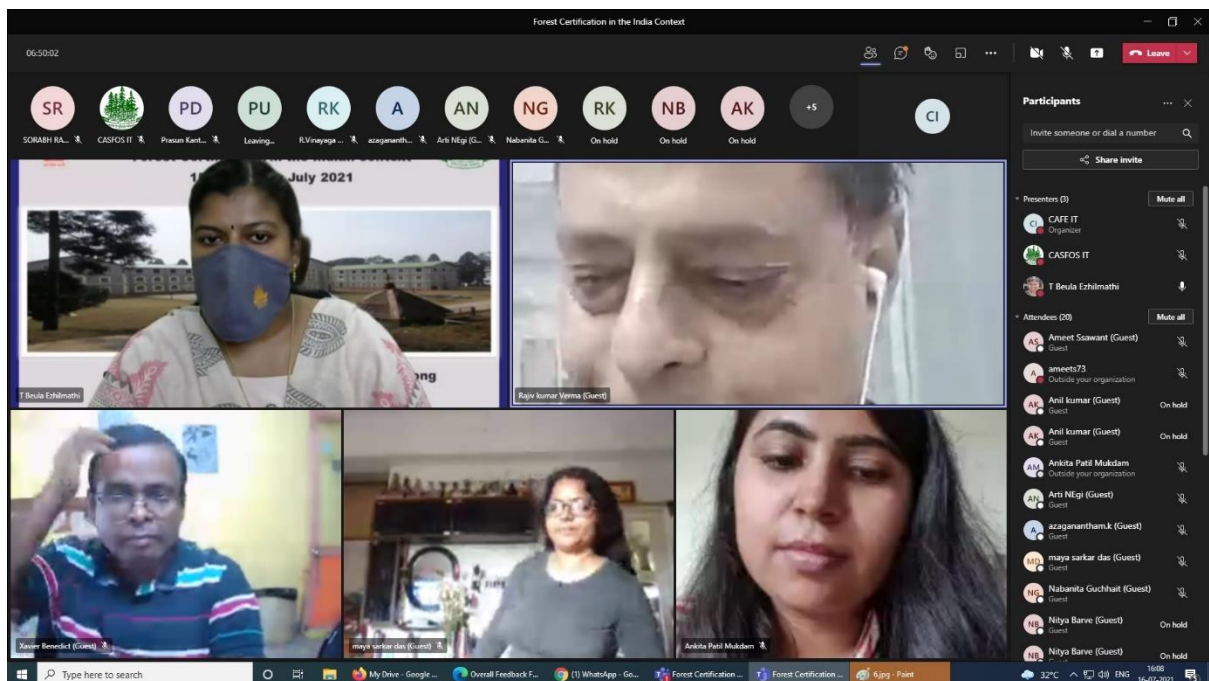


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