



COURSE REPORT
on
“Legal issues in Forestry and Wildlife”
12th to 17th December, 2022
for
In-service SFS Officers & Senior FROs



Central Academy for State Forest Service, Burnihat

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Government of India

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of its mandate to conduct refresher courses and theme-based training workshop for serving State Forest Service officers and Senior Forest Range officers from various State Forest Departments, Central Academy for state Forest Service, (CASFOS) Burnihat organized a six-day Training on theme “**Legal issues in Forestry and Wildlife**” from 12th to 17th December, 2022. This theme-based training being held for in-service SFS officers and senior FROs was organized by the Academy through online platform. A total of **twenty-five (25)** nominations were received from **Seven (07)** States.

The **Legal issues in Forestry and Wildlife** module was developed with experts input on the subject, feedback of such earlier courses and in-house experience. The methodology followed was online through a registration form. Thereafter, all the registered participants were given a link to join the training sessions.

The Course Director of training Shr. C.A.Rahman IFS(Rtd), Consultant-C welcomed the Participants. He gave a brief presentation about aim and objective of the Course including the topics which are proposed to be covered in the training programme. Dr. C. Ramesh, Principal in his opening remarks emphasized that such courses are necessary in regular intervals for the in-service officers so as to update the officers about new developments and updates in various acts and laws in forestry, wildlife and environment and also use of new technologies in evidence collections and use of CrPC in proving cases in Court of law. He said that such courses will develop competency of the officers in handling forest and wildlife cases.

The Resource persons like Mr. C.A. Rahman IFS (Rtd), CAF, CASFOS, Burnihat Mr. Samir Majumdar, Govt. Pleader, West Bengal, Mr. Agni Mitra IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB, Kolkata, Mr. M.I. Varghese IFS(Rtd), Thrissur, Kerala, Mr. Mohammed Sajid Sultan IFS, AIGF, NTCA, New Delhi, Dr. C. Ramesh IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Burnihat, Dr. S.P.Goyal, Former Nodal Officer, Forensic Cell, WII, Dehradun, Mr. Debaditya Roy, Faculty, North East Police Academy, Shillong, Mr. Rahul Dutta, International Rhino Foundation, North East Region. Tezpur, Mr. N. Luikham IFS, CCF(WL), Shillong, Meghalaya, Mr. R.S. Sharath, ACF, Baratang Forest Division, A&N Islands, Mr. I. H. Borbora, RTI State Resource Person, Guwahati were invited to deliver lectures and interact with the participants through discussions, question answers etc on various topics as indicated in Annexure-3 & 4. But due to internet network issue, on 16.12.2022 all the two sessions i.e. by Shri. R.S.Sharath, ACF and Shri. I.H.Borbora could not be conducted.

The detailed time table showing session-wise topics and Resource Persons is enclosed as Annexure- 4.

The copies of the presentations made by the experts in each session and their session video are shared in soft copy to participants through the Whatsapp group.

Format for reporting evaluation of Training course conducted by the institute/ organization for in-service SFS Officers/Senior Forest Range 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		DFE letters no.4-899/□□□□□- II/□.□□.□□.-- 2020/4441-43 dtd 08.03.2022 & letter no. 4-912/ □□□□□-II/□.□□.□□.-- 2022/2990 dated. 01.10.2022
Institute's reference number		CASFOS/BHT/10-240/Sr. FRO-SFS/2022- 23/871 dtd. 21.10.2022
1.	Name and complete address of the Institute (including phone, fax and e-mail)	Central Academy for State Forest Service, Burnihat , Email: casfos-burnihat@gov.in Course email: casfosburnihat@gmail.com
2.	Title of the course	Training cum workshop on “ Legal issues in Forestry and Wildlife ” for in- service ACF/SFS and Sr. Forest Range Officers
3.	Duration & period of the Course	One week (6 days), 12th to 17th December, 2022
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Shri C. A. Rahman IFS (Retd.). Consultant-C (Contractual Training Faculty)
5.	Number of persons participated	17 (Details at Annexure - 6)
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)?	Requested PCCFs & MDs of State Governments through emails and requested to nominate officers for the training. Also Informed the nominated officers through Email / phones/ whatsapp on regular basis.
	(c) Details of nomination received prior to the Course	25
	(d) How many persons received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many persons responded?	17
	(b) If yes, how and when (dates)?	By direct interaction and from the feedback on prescribed proforma collected during and at the end of the Course

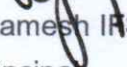
		through Google forms.
6.2	(a) Were the course expectations of the participants ascertained by the institution?	Yes
7.1	a) Was the course conducted at the institution's campus? If no, where?	No, it was conducted through online platform
	(b) Whether the course was "residential" or non-residential. If residential, 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	(One week) 6 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/covered in the course	18 Sessions (including Inaugural & Valedictory Sessions)
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	2 sessions could not be conducted due to no internet connectivity.
	(d) Internal faculty hours	9 hours
	(e) Guest faculty hours	15 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 faculties (both in-house and guest faculty) - Final list of participants - Course Flier 		
	(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, as part of the training mandate, such trainings were held for in-service SFS & FROs earlier also.
8	(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)	In overall, Course Content & Structure highly appreciated by participants with 93.33% rating. Participants agreed that the Course aim was met to their full satisfaction and rated it 91.67%. There was increase

		in knowledge level of the participants as assessed by them with rating of 91.67%. The contents of the course and reading material were found relevant and highly appreciated by participants by rating it with 96.67% and 93.33% respectively.
9.2	Training Faculty (TF)	The participants have overall rated the training faculty at 91.08% . Training faculty and their lectures were highly appreciated by the participants by rating the Contents of their deliberations, Presentation skill, Quality of discussion/interaction and the extent in meeting the objectives were rated at 91.08%, 91.50%, 90.47%, 90.32% and 92.05%, respectively.
9.3	Usefulness of the course (UOC)	The participants have given overall feedback and said that the training course will be highly useful by rating it 95.00% . It will be highly useful immediately and in future for their job with ratings of 95.00% and 95.00% respectively.
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants stated that the overall impression of the course was Excellent with rating 88.33%
9.5	Participants' views about the strengths and weaknesses as well as other aspects pertaining to the course	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.)	All possible efforts have been taken to keep the internet connectivity in excellent condition with the help of NIC and Private provider at the Academy throughout the course. However, on 16.12.2022, due to sudden failure of internet connectivity, two session could not be held. Likewise, some of the participants did not have very good connectivity at times during the course. Time management was perfect throughout the course by following the schedule strictly.
9.7	Weighted Average of the course	The weighted average of the course based on the feedback of the participants is 91.73% , 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, they suggested to have more such training on a regular basis and that too in offline mode. More number of such training would only be possible, if the faculty & staff position of this Academy improves. Conducting of offline training will be as per policy of Government.
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 such Course in future.

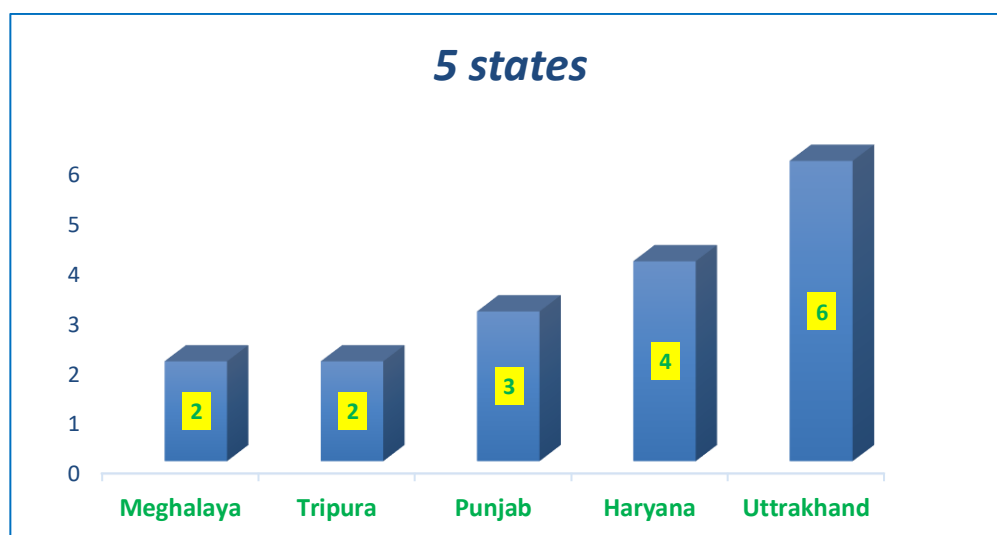

 C. A. Rahman IFS (Retd.)
 Course Director

Countersigned

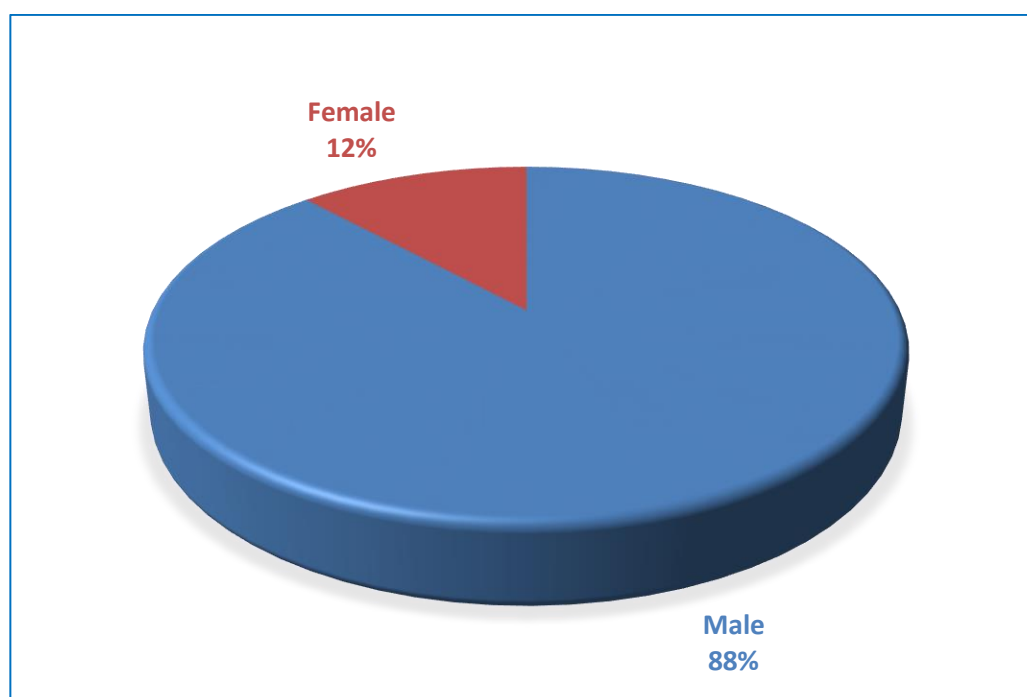

 Dr. C. Ramesh IFS
 Principal
 CASFOS, Burnihat

State wise Number of Participants

TOTAL = 17 Participants



Gender Distribution of Participants (Male- 15, Female- 2)



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 theview	Course Director's Comments
1.	Six days duration of the training is too long. It should be maximum of five days duration	14	Actually, as per the module, it is of six days including one and half days of field visits when conducted offline. Since the training is conducted online, it is recommended that the duration of the training be kept as five days.
2.	The training was excellent and this type of training is needed regularly	12	No comments
3.	The training should be conducted offline	11	The Offline training will be possible as per the policy decision of the Government.
4.	Resource persons choosen for this training are knowledgeable and experts in their fields.,	10	All efforts have been taken to invite Resource persons having good knowledge in various forestry, Wildlife & Environmental laws and including Resource persons from Police Academy, Judiciary, NGOs etc.
5.	Attending more sessions online by using electronic gadgets for longer duration on each day give mental stress.	8	The issue raised by the participants will be conveyed to concerned authorities. It is recommended to have only three sessions each day with sufficient break in between.

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) = 93.33

- 1.1 Course aims met (91.67)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (91.67)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (96.67)
- 1.4 Reading Material (93.33)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 91.08

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 91.08
- 2.2 Contents (91.50)
- 2.3 Presentation (90.47)
- 2.4 Quality of Discussion/Interaction (90.32)
- 2.5 Meeting for Objectives (92.05)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 95.00

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (95.00)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (95.00)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 88.33**Weighted Average for the Course**

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (93.33 + 91.08 + 71.25 + 88.33) * 100 / 375 = 91.73$$

DETAILS OF TOPICS & RESOURCE PERSONS

Sl.no	Name	Topic	Phone No.	Email.
1	Mr. C.A. Rahman IFS (Rtd), CAF, CASFOS, Burnihat	ABS Mechanism under BD Act, 2002	8794970844	carahman200@gmail.com
2	Mr. Samir Majumdar, Govt. Pleeder, West Bengal	Important Sections of IFA & WL(P) for proving cases in Court of law	9046302173	Samirmajumder35@gmail.com
3	Mr. Agni Mitra IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WCCB, Kolkata	Search & Seizure: Correct Procedure & Documentation	9531861108	rdder@wccb.gov.in
4	Mr. M. I. Varghese IFS(Rtd), Thrissur, Kerala	Salient Features of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972	9447132603	mivarghese@rediffmail.com
5		Analysis of Judgements on Forest & WL Cases and discussion thereon		
6		Crime Scene Investigation		
7	Mr. Mohammed Sajid Sultan IFS, AIGF, NTCA, New Delhi	Legal Procedure involved in Forest Cases	9797670930	aig2-ntca@nic.in
8	Dr. C. Ramesh IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Burnihat	Relevance of IPC and IEA for Forest officers	9435476064	am143@ifs.nic.in
9	Dr. S.P. Goyal, Former Nodal Officer, Forensic Cell, WII, DD	Wildlife Forensic	9410186496	goyalsp@wii.gov.in
10	Mr. Debaditya Roy, Faculty, N E Police Academy, Shillong	Application of Cr PC in Forest & Wildlife Cases	7085919696	debadityaroy.1983@gmail.com
11	Mr. Rahul Dutta, International Rhino Foundation, NER. Tezpur	Wildlife Crime Investigation and role of electronic intelligence to gather intelligence	9859938610	rahulmobile@gmail.com
12	Mr. N. Luikham IFS, CCF(WL), Shillong, Meghalaya	Implementation of ABS under Biological Diversity Act, 2002	9774199404	nluikham@gmail.com

Schedule

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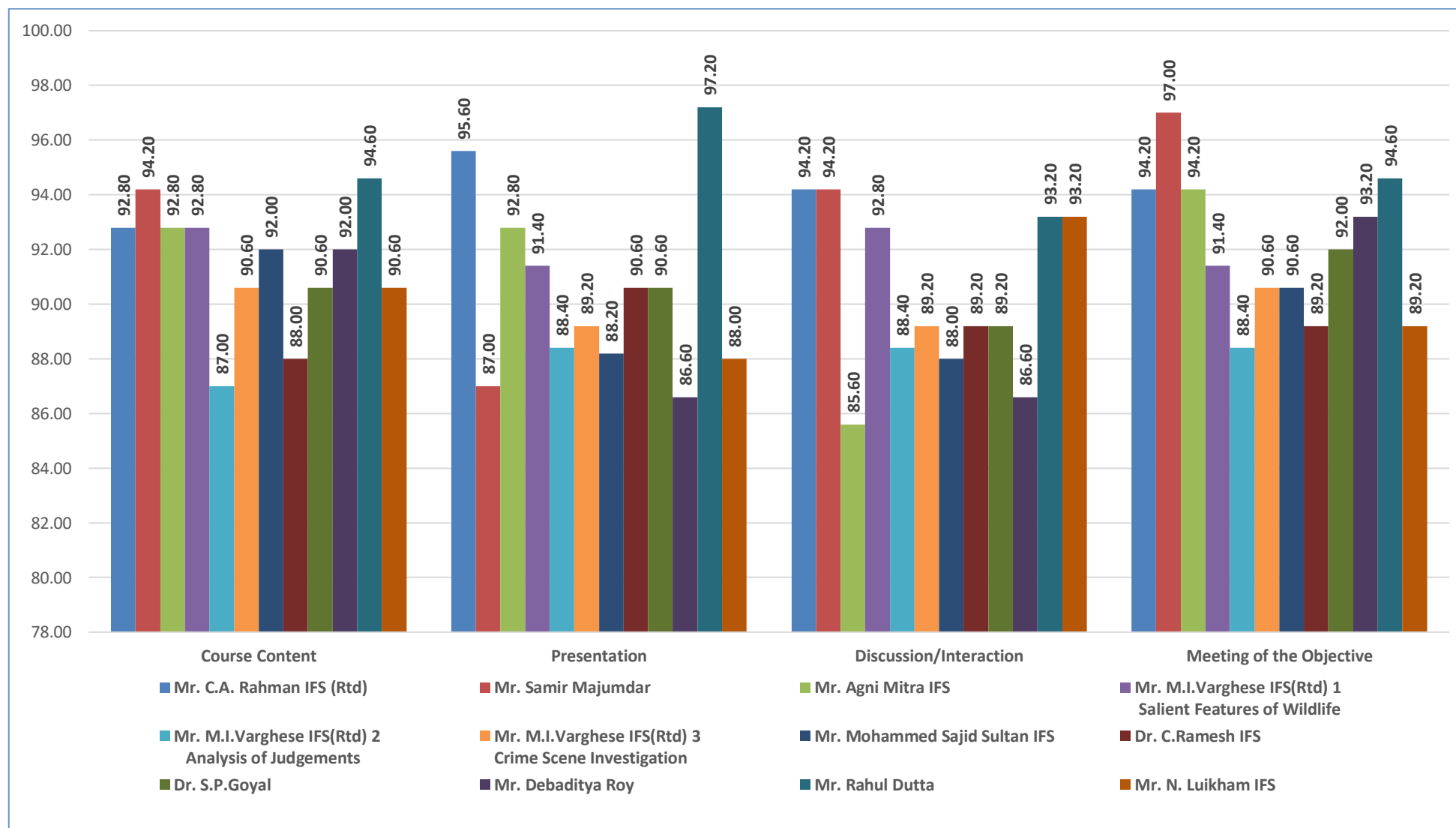
Date	Session I		Session II		Session III
	(0945-1115 hrs)		(1130 -1300 hrs)		(1430-1600 hrs)
12-12-2022 (Monday)	Inaugural Session (AB,CR,CAR)	1115-1130 hrs Tea Break	Offences under Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (CAR)	1300-1430 hrs Lunch Break	Important Sections of IFA & WL(P) for proving cases in Court of law (SM)
13-12-2022 (Tuesday)	Search & Seizure: Correct Procedure & Documentation (AM)		Salient Features of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (MIV)		Analysis of Judgements on Forest & WL Cases and discussion thereon (MIV)
14-12-2022 (Wednesday)	Crime Scene Investigation (MIV)		Legal Procedure involved in Forest Cases (MS)		Relevance of IPC and IEA for Forest officers (CR)
15-12-2022 (Thursday)	Wildlife Forensic (SPG)		Application of Cr PC in Forest & Wildlife Cases (DR)		Wildlife Crime Investigation and role of electronic intelligence to gather intelligence (RD)
16-12-2022 (Friday)	Implementation of ABS under Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (NL)		Case Study-National & International Coordination (RSS)		RTI: Obligation of Public Authorities (IHB)
17-12-2022 (Saturday)	Experience Sharing (CR, CAR)		Experience Sharing (CR, CAR)		Valedictory Session (CR, CAR)

Abbreviations:

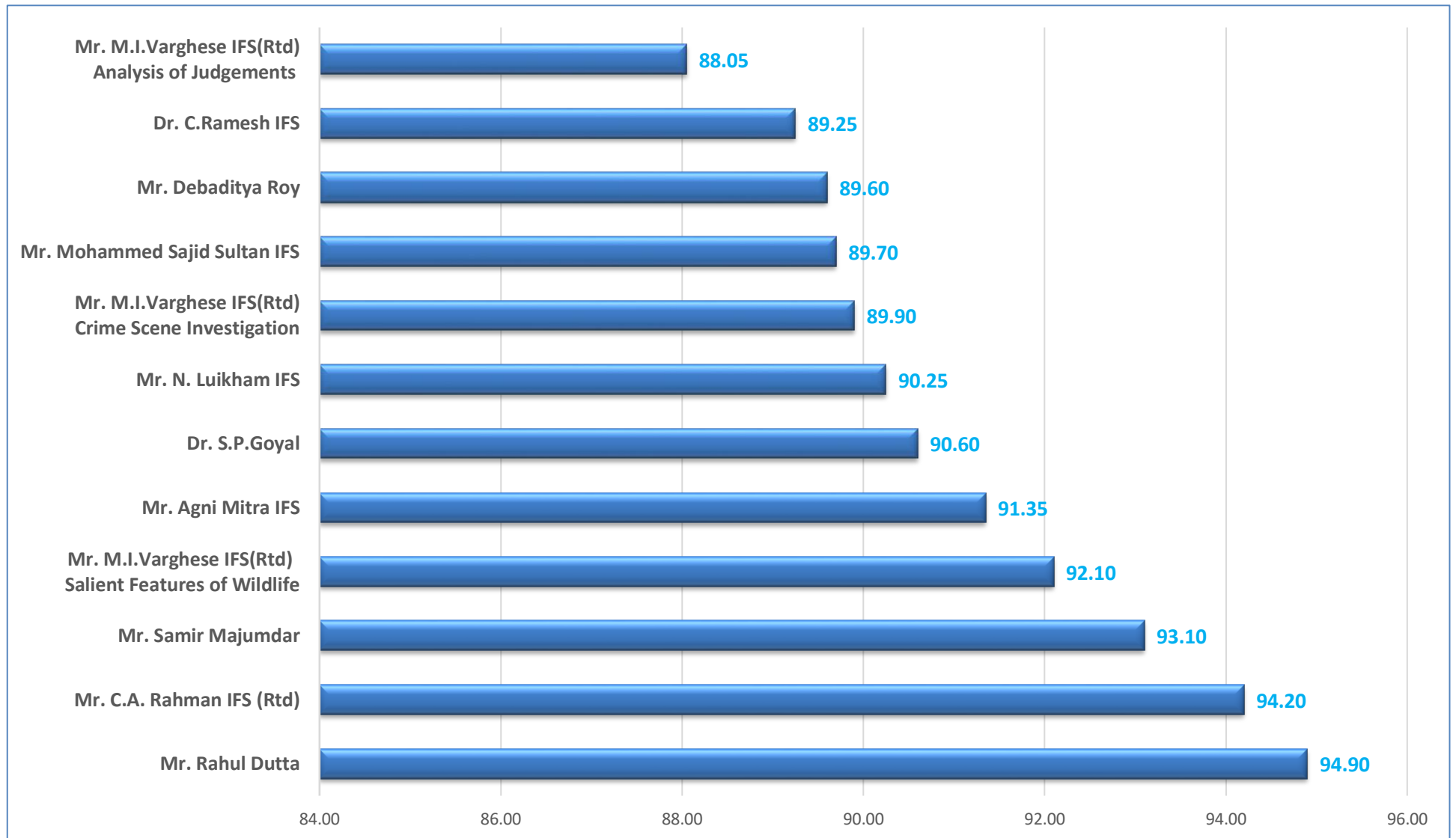
AB: Mr. Anurag Bharadwaj IFS, Director, DFE, Dehradun
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CR: Dr. C. Ramesh IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Burnihat
CAR: Mr. C.A. Rahman IFS(Rtd), Contractual Faculty, Burnihat
DR: Mr. Debaditya Roy, Faculty, N E Police Academy, Shillong
IHB: Mr. I.H. Borbora, RTI State Resource Person, Guwahati
MIV: Mr. M.I. Varghese IFS(Rtd), Thrissur, Kerala

MS: Mr. Mohammed Sajid Sultan IFS, AIGF, NTCA, New Delhi
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PARAMETER WISE FEEDBACK OF RESOURCE PERSONS



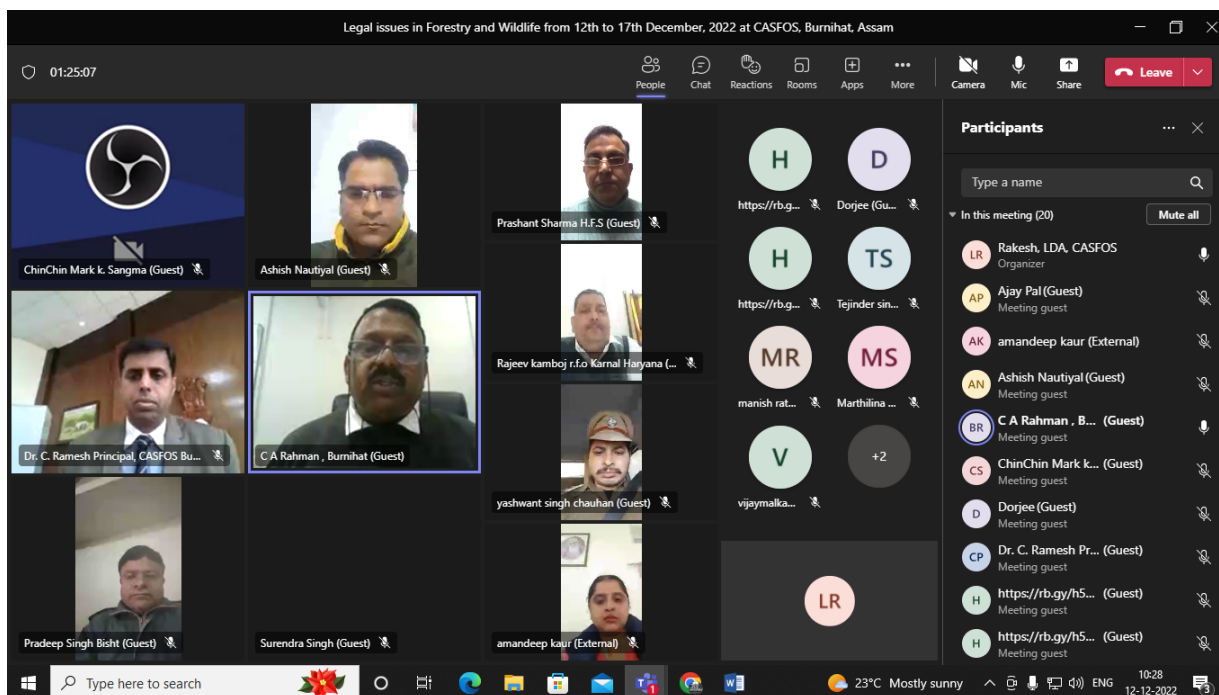
OVER ALL FEEDBACK OF RESOURCE PERSONS



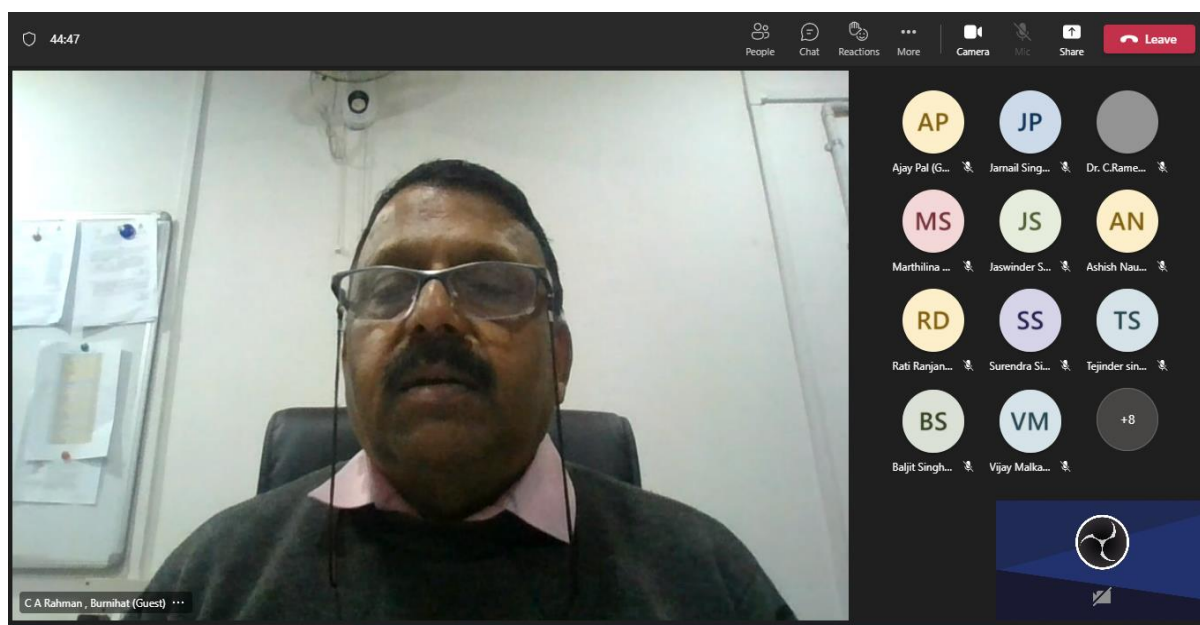
ANNEXURE- 6**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Sl. No.	Name of Participant	Age	Designation	Gender	Mobile Number	Email ID	State
1	Baljit Singh	50	Dy Ranger	Male	9416572007	baljitforest.bs@gmail.com	Haryana
2	Rajeev Kamboj	49	Range officer	Male	9416871834	rajeevkamboj01@gmail.com	Haryana
3	Prashant Sharma	48	HFS , Additional DFO Kurukshtra	Male	9815109078	prashant.sharma.hfs@gmail.com	Haryana
4	Ajay Pal	51	D.F.O.	Male	9416745128	dfotrainingpinjore@gmail.com	Haryana
5	ChinChin Mark K Sangma	40	Range Forest Officer	Male	878 7890597	Cmks3816@gmail.com	Meghalaya
6	Marthilina M Sangma	40	Range Forest Officer	Female	7005248439	marthisangma@gmail.com	Meghalaya
7	Tejinder Singh	55	Forest Ranger	Male	9815566285	tejindermann4@gmail.com	punjab
8	Amandeep kaur Ghuman	44	Forest Range Officer	Female	9915166567	amannoor@live.com	Punjab
9	Jaswinder Singh	54	Forest Range Officer	Male	9463707134	jaswinder148814@gmail.com	Punjab
10	Ratiranjan Debbarma	55	Forest Ranger	Male	9366140653	debbarmaratiranjan817@gmail.com	Tripura
11	Prasenjit Debarma	44	Wildlife warden, Gumti Wildlife sanctuary	Male	9856992590	debbarmap6@gmail.com	Tripura
12	Pradeep Singh Bisht	46	Range Officer	Male	9411331107	pebisht@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
13	Lalit Mohan Karki	50	Range officer	Male	8057056789	lalitkarki2222@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
14	Yashwant Singh Chauhan	34	Forest Range Officer	Male	9410530017	Adesh.Chauhan9@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
15	Vijay Malkani	30	Range forest officer	Male	9634127784	Vijaymalkani1@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
16	Ashish Nautiyal	36	Range Officer	Male	7579147595	nautiyalashish8@gmail.com	Uttarakhand
17	Surendra Singh	33	Forest Range Officer	Male	8755219459	surendranegi1111@gmail.com	Uttrakhand

PHOTOGRAPHS



Inaugural Session



Session of Mr. C. A. Rahman IFS(Rtd)



Session of Mr. Samir Majumdar



Session of Mr. Agni Mitra IFS



Session of Mr. M. I. Varghese IFS(Rtd)

Identifying species from meat

DNA Based techniques

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Participants: MS, +18, Marthilina ..., LR

Session of Mr. M. I. Varghese IFS(Rtd)

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Participants: ML, Manish Rathore LDA (Guest), AP, Ajay Pal (Guest), AK, amandeep kaur (Guest) On hold, AN, Ashish Nautiyal (Guest), BR, C A Rahman , Burnihat (Guest), PI, Dr. C.Ramesh IFS, Principal, ..., MS, Marthilina Sangma (Guest) On hold, MS, MS Sultan (Guest), LR, Rakesh. LDA, CASFOS Organizer, RD, Ratiranjana Debbarma (Guest), SS, Surendra Singh (Guest) Leaving..., V, Vijaymalkani1@gmail.com (...)

Session of Mr. Mohammed Sajid Sultan IFS

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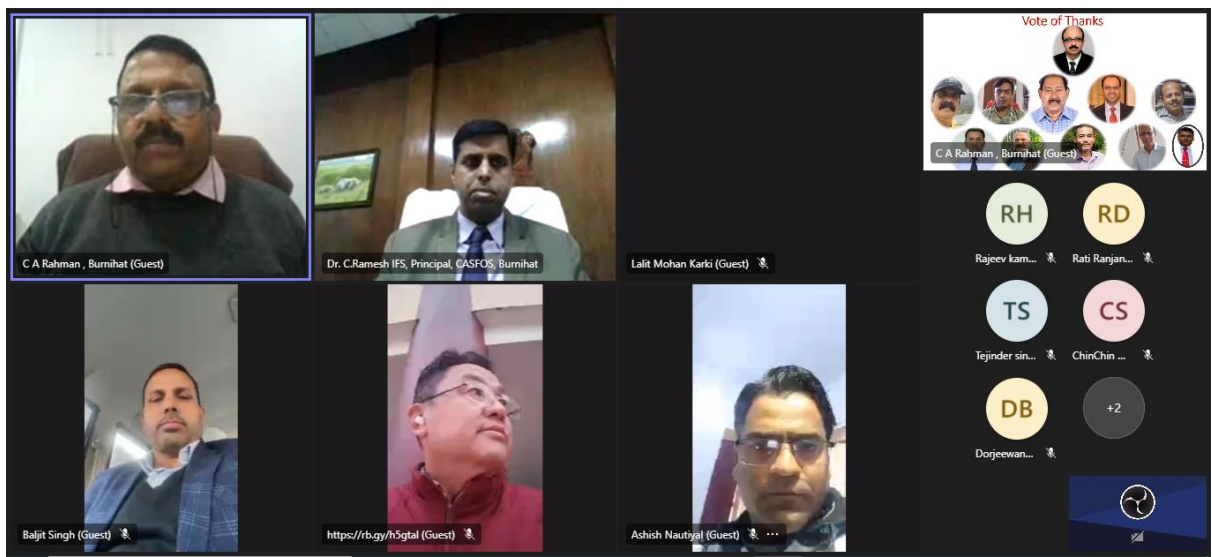
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Valedictory Session