



COURSE REPORT
Of Training on
**“Sensitization on Environmental Management
Issues”**
from
11th to 12th November 2021
for
Media Personnel



Central Academy for State Forest Service
Dehradun
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Government of India

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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 11th to 12th November, 2021 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 one hundred seventeen (117) registrations were received from twenty-three States. Fifty Six (56) 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** –Shri Mike Pandey, noted film maker & environmentalist, in presence of Smt. Nidhi Srivastava, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun. In the opening remarks, Smt. Nidhi Srivastava 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, she further added that sensitizing the media personnel with environmentally relevant issues would go a long way in ensuring responsible reporting on environmental issues. The Chief Guest 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. 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 session, the later programme was followed by sessions on ‘Role of Media in conflict/ crisis management in Forest and Wildlife’ by Shri Agni Mitra, IFS, Dy. Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Kolkata, ‘Media coverage of Forest and Wildlife related issues’ by Shri Ishan Kukreti, Senior Journalist, Down to Earth, ‘Judicial Activism in natural resources sector’ by Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon’ble Supreme Court of India, ‘Environmental Management in India: Contemporary issues’ by Shri Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer, ‘Civil Society and Green Activism’ by Ms Madhu Sarin, Environmental Activist, Forest & Wildlife Conservation: Issues and challenges by Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, ‘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 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. 4-105/Trg.II/SEMI/CASFOS/2021-22
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2	Title of the course	Sensitization on Environment Management Issues for Media Personnel
3	Duration & period of the Course	Two Days From 11 th to 12 th November, 2021
4	Name & designation of the Course Director	Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer CASFOS Dehradun
5	Number of registrations	117
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)?	03.11.2021
	(c) How many participants received the intimation?	All i.e. both registered and nominated
	(d) How many participants responded?	56 (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 91.86% 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 88.76% 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 87.79%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants are highly impressed by the course and rated it around 88.95% .
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 (Please attach summary as Appendix-II)	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 89.44% 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. 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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**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.	Starts too early. Journalists generally can't spare such long durations on a single day.	1	Suggestion noted
3.	Overall it make the good knowledge gaining and knowing about the problems and the cases we need to concern over media and the act of conservation towards forest wildlife and the water crises and the historical harvesting and plans of water storage systems etc by Ramesh Menon sir...And over all every guest were given almost Environmental issues and the solutions and the suggestions towards development.	2	No comments
4.	If some award winning short films/ documentaries cud be part of the programme, it would be good. May be contact details of resource persons and helpful website links, to help media in better coverage and quotes, expert opinion.	1	Suggestion noted
5.	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	This is found to be an encouraging statement.
6.	Discussions needed with a fair amount of duration to discuss and make it more interactive.	2	Suggestion noted
7.	I wish there would also be a biological or environmental research personal also as a resource person, to talk about Climate change and animal/ species adaptations/ species at peril.	1	Suggestion noted
8.	Need to carry out such programmes at regular intervals like 2 or 3 months.	3	If possible, we would do it.
9.	The physical course would've been better.	5	—
10.	Collaborate with state forest departments or any other organizations to reach to more grassroot level of journalism.	2	Suggestion noted

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) = 91.86

- 1.1 Course aims met (94.19)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (87.21)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (94.19)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 88.76

- 2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 88.76
 - Contents (89.71)
 - Presentation (89.10)
 - Quality of Discussion/Interaction (87.76)
 - Meeting for Objectives (88.48)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 87.79

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (86.63)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (88.95)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 88.95

Weighted Average for the Course

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

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

$$\text{WA} = (91.86 + 88.76 + 91.69 + 88.95) * 100/375$$

$$= 89.44\%$$

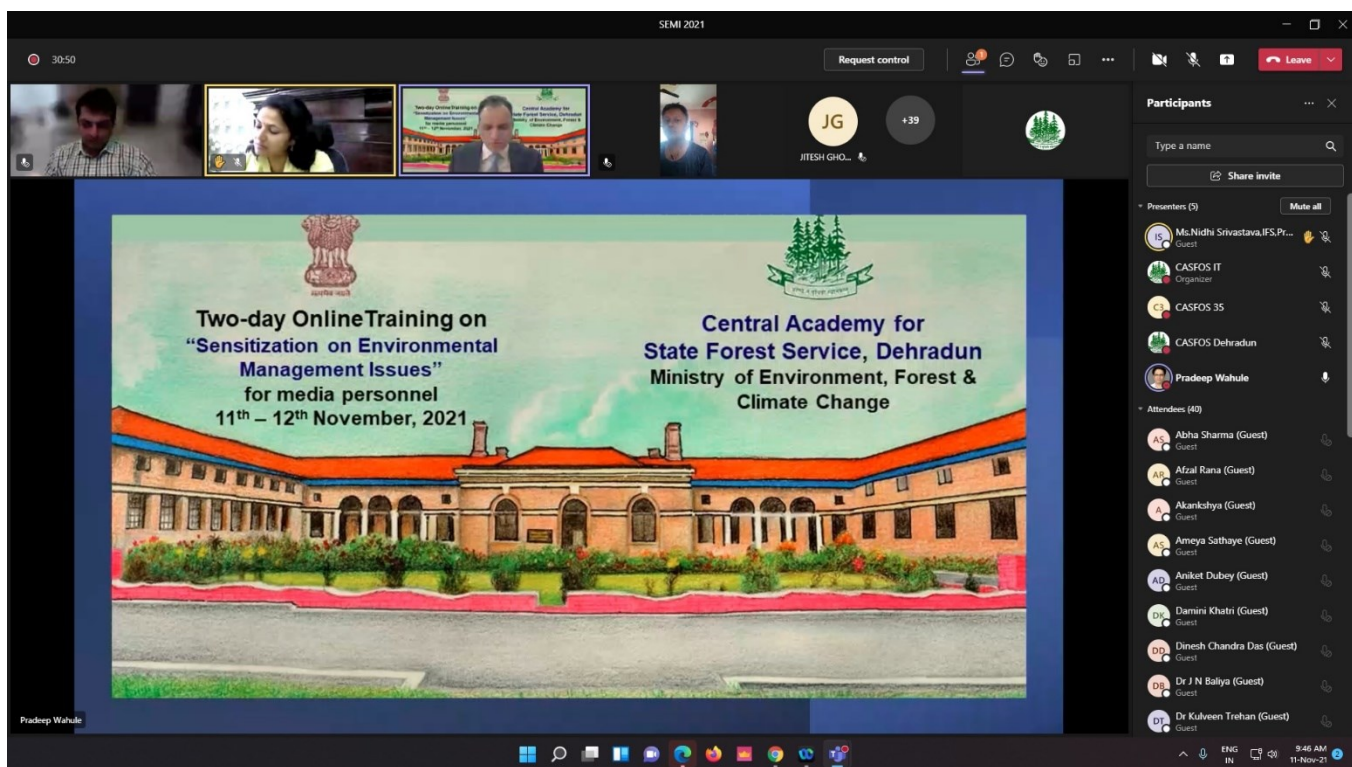
Details of Topics & Resource Persons

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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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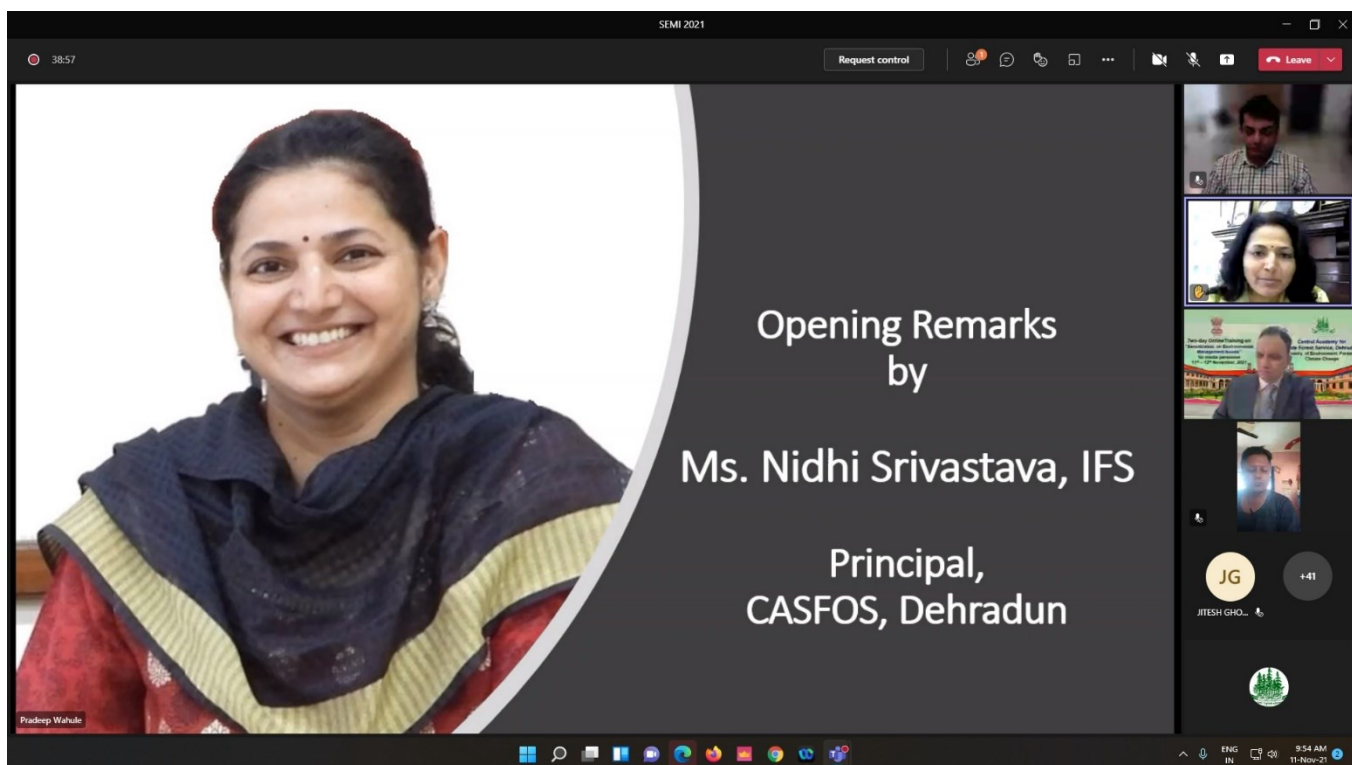
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Inaugural Session



Inaugural Session Chief Guest Shri Mike Pandey, Film maker & Environmentalist



Principal Ms Nidhi Srivastava, IFS, 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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Valedictory Session

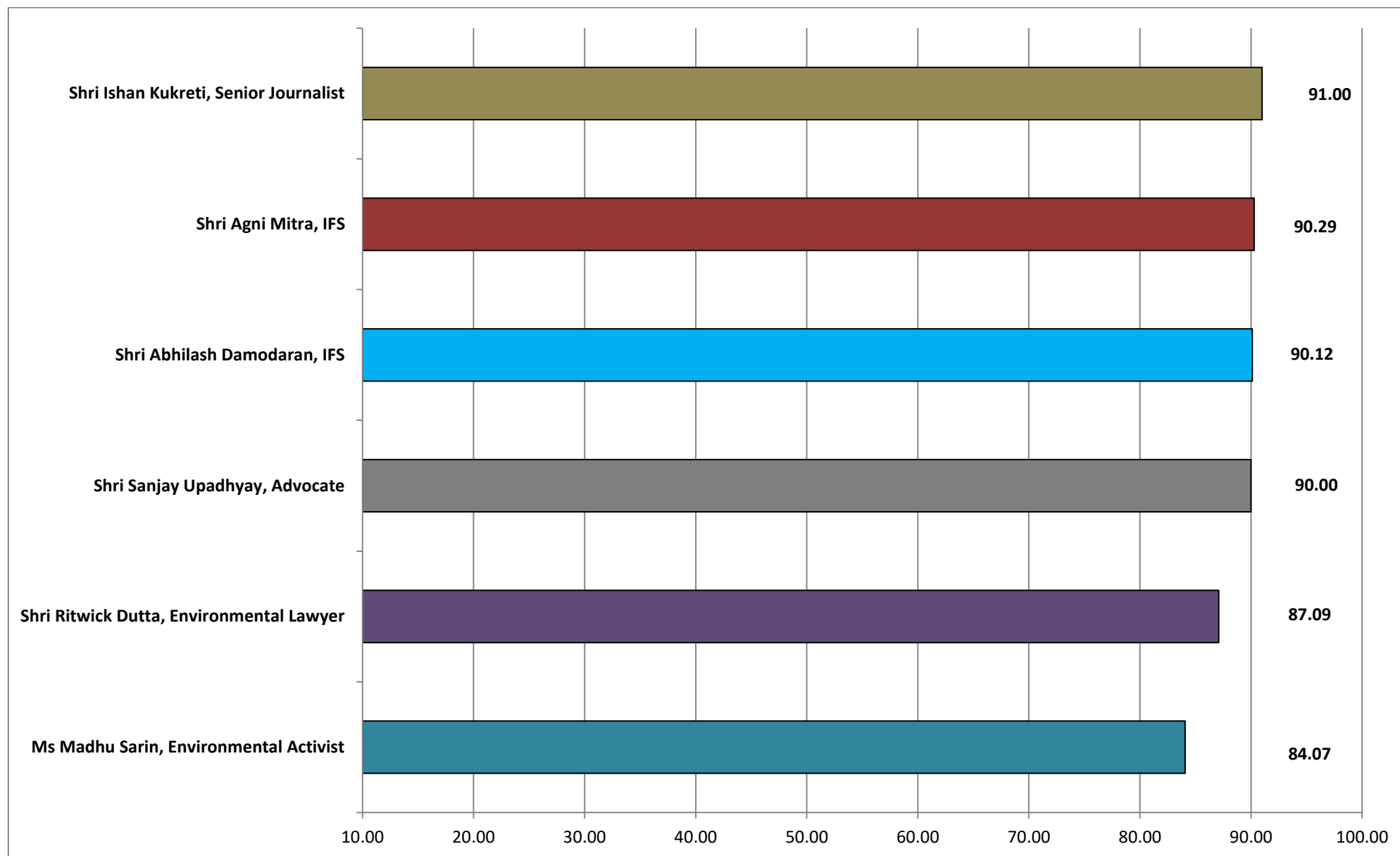
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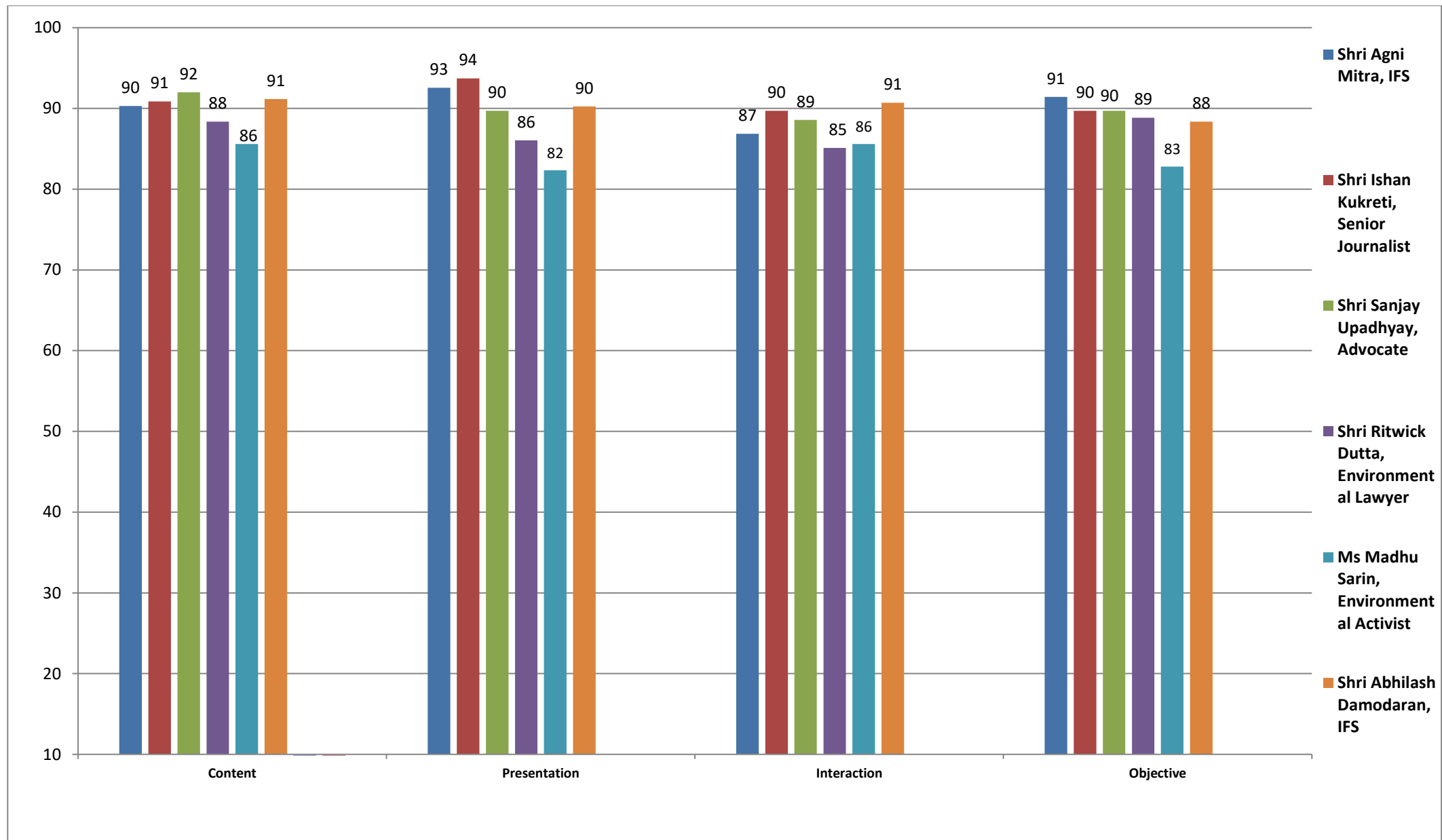
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11/11/2021 (Thursday)	Inaugural Session (MP)	1030-1045 Break	Role of Media in conflict / crisis management in Forest and Wildlife (AM)	1145-1200 Break	Media coverage of Forest and Wildlife related issues (IK)	0100-0200 Lunch Break	Judicial Activism in Natural resources sector (SU)
12/11/2021 (Friday)	Environmental Management in India: Contemporary issues (RD)		Civil Society and Green Activism (MS)		Forest and Wildlife Conservation: Issues and challenges (AD)		Environmental Journalism- Status and way ahead (RM) Feedback & Valedictory

Resource Persons:**AD:** Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun**IK:** Shri Ishan Kukreti, Senior Journalist, Down to Earth**MP:** Shri Mike Pandey, Film Maker & Environmentalist**MS:** Ms Madhu Sarin, Environmental Activist**RD:** Shri Ritwick Dutta, Environmental Lawyer**SU:** Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India**AM:** Shri Agni Mitra, IFS, Dy. Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Kolkata**RM:** Shri Ramesh Menon, Adjunct Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, Pune

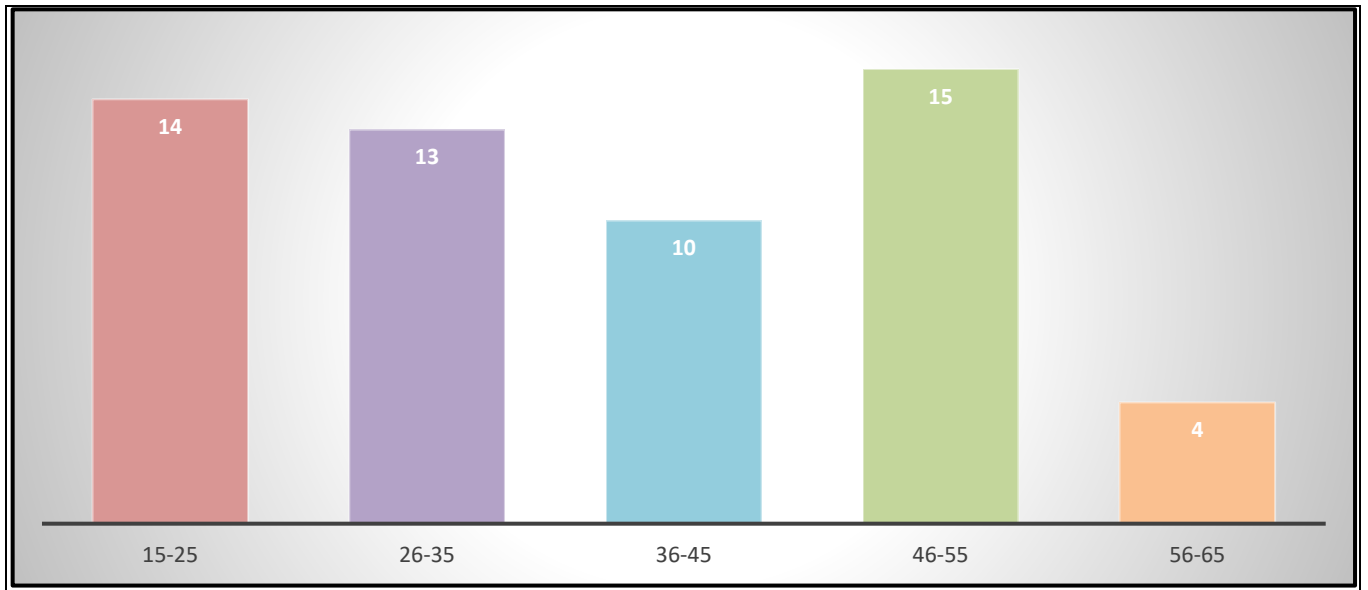
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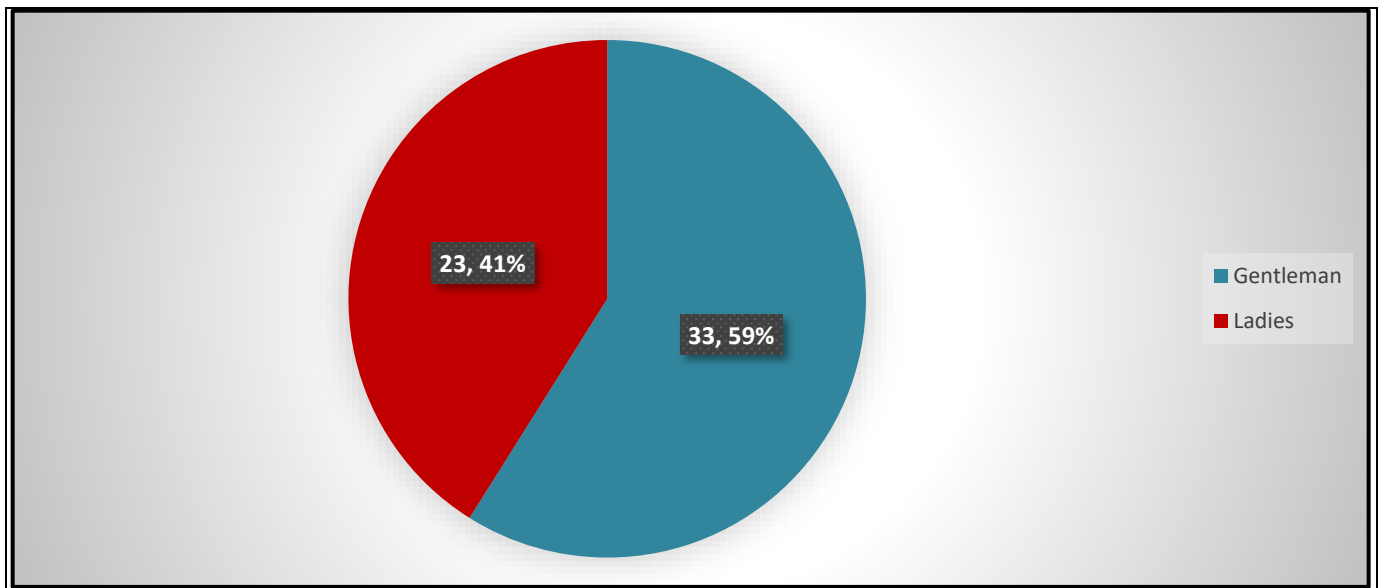
Overall Feedback of Resource Persons on all Parameters



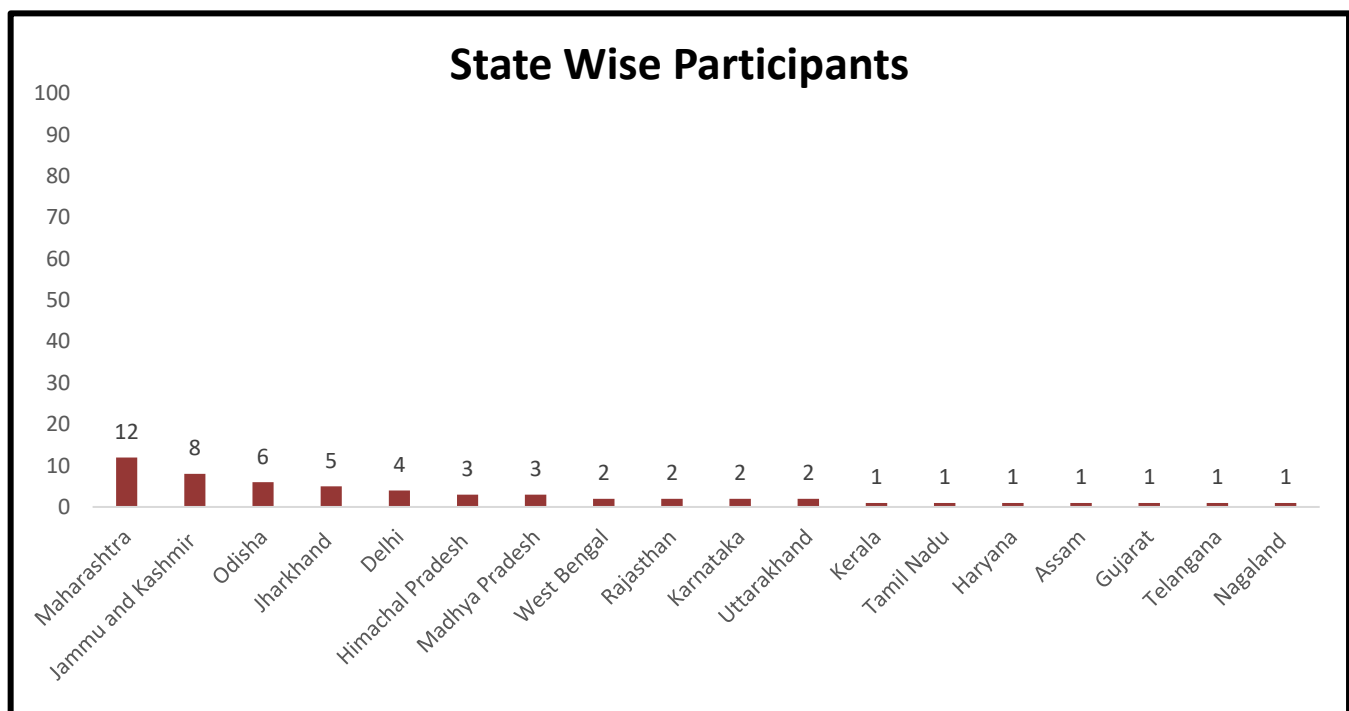
Parameter wise breakup of feedback of Resource Persons



Age distribution of Participants



Gender Chart of Participants



State wise details of nominated participants
(56 participants from 23 states)