



COURSE REPORT

Three days specialized training
on

“Legal Issues in Forests, Wildlife”

from 17th to 19th January 2024

for

Judicial Officers, Legal Advisors & Police 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, took a step ahead of its mandate and conducted three days (from 17.01.2024 to 19.01.2024) training programme for “**Judicial Officer, Legal Advisors & Police Officers**” on the theme “*Legal Issues in Forests, Wildlife*”. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India sponsored for the ‘Training Programme for Personnel of Other Services’ on topics/themes related to various ways of the importance of conservation of Forests and Wildlife. The training was conducted in a physical mode.

The training was inaugurated by Chief Guest – Mr. R.K.Upadhyay, IFS (Retd.), PCCF& HOFF Tamil Nadu, in the presence of Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun. In the opening remarks, Smt. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS stressed the need for such courses intended for personnel of other services and their importance in spreading awareness about Forest acts and laws. She emphasized further on the link between the participants and the forest department in carrying forward the work of conservation. Chief Guest keynote speaker Mr. R.K.Upadhyay, IFS (Retd.), talked on overview of legal issues in Forests and Wildlife and emphasized the importance of understanding the differences between General and Forest law. He also urged the participants to use effective ways of legal case presentation and work for achieving higher rates of Conviction. The detailed timetable showing session-wise topics and resource persons is enclosed as **Annexure-V**.

A total of 41 participants from 04 States across India registered for the training out of which 25 participants from 03 States successfully completed the training programme. The training programme was very well appreciated by the participants who also requested more of such training programmes regularly, for keeping up the momentum of conservation of natural resources through other stakeholder participation. The reduction in the number of participants when compared to the registered number was due to unavoidable reasons for some participants at the last moment.

Valedictory session was presided over by chief guest Mr. Anurag Srivastav, IFS(Retd.) PCCF, Madhya Pradesh. during which an interactive session with the participants was also held. Feedback by the participants during the session was also highlighted by her for improving future programs. Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Course Director, gave a presentation about the program and concluded the program with a vote of thanks to the entire team and to the participants. The participants gave an overwhelming response to the course.

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 by the Academy.

The 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 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&CC /DFE's letter number and date		4-927/Trg.II/DFT-2023/3347, dated 12/01/2024
Institute's reference number		File No. 4-144/Trg.II/OS/2023-24/CASFOS/2677, dated 08/01/2024
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 Email-casfos.dd-mef@gov.in
2.	Title of the course	Legal Issues in Forests, Wildlife
3.	Duration & period of the Course	Three Days 17th to 19th January, 2024
4.	Name & designation of the Course Director	Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer
5.	Number of Participants participated	25 (Details at Annexure-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 Participants)?	04.01.2024
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	41
	(d) How many Participants received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many participants responded?	35
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?	Yes
	(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.?	Yes, Residential facility was arranged outside
7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	3 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/covered in the course	6 Session
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	-
	(e) Guest faculty hours	9.5 hrs.
	(f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s) if any	01 day

Enclosure (2 copies each):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 at Annexure-II 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 88.69% 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 91.00% 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 89.29%
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants have given feedback about overall impression of the course was very good with rating 88.10%
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 expectations of the participants regarding level of infrastructural facilities available in the training Institute has been met to certain extent. The participants were more punctual for the scheduled sessions. (88.10%)
9.7	Weighted Average of the course	The weighted average of the course has been rated as 89.07% 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 given by the participants would be considered for the future training programmes.

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.
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(Dr T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS)
Course Director

Counter Signature
Principal

Annexure-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	Duration should be one week. Wildlife data/sample collection method should also be discussed.	01	The suggestion is noted but it is designed for 3 days only by the ministry
2	It was nice to attend the training program. The strength is the aura...	01	Noted to keep it up
3	Good initiative in understanding of forest and wildlife related laws.	04	Noted to keep it up
4	<p>The participants have requested the topics to be added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Some important judgements and case studies. ii. Biodiversity and National Highway project. iii. Case law related to wildlife cases. iv. Function of National Green Tribunal v. As forest area has river lakes also one lecture on water conservation act vi. Biodiversity Act, 2006 vii. FC Act 1980 and amendment viii. Tree preservation Act of State. ix. How Industrial pollution harms the ecological system or Forest. x. Environmental knowledge xi. More topics on Biodiversity Act, Removal of encroachment and tree felling. 	07	Training duration is 3 days. The maximum which could be done was covered in this training programme. Still, suggestion is 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 grades 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) = 88.69

- 1.1 Course aims met (94.05)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (86.90)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (90.48)
- 1.4 Reading Material (83.33)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 91

2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 90.42

- Contents (91.57)
- Presentation (90.04)
- Quality of Discussion/Interaction (89.58)
- Meeting for Objectives (90.5)

2.2 Assessment of the Field Visit = 91.58

- Contents (91.58)
- Meeting for Objectives (91.58)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 89.29

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (88.10)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (90.48)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 88.10

5. Logistic = 88.10.

- 5.1 Residential accommodation (77.14)
- 5.2 Food quality (91.43)
- 5.3 Classroom facilities (93.33)
- 5.4 Time management (90.48)

Weighted Average for the Course

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

$$\text{WA} = (\text{CCS (100\%)} + \text{TF (100\%)} + \text{UOC (75\%)} + \text{OIC (100\%)} + \text{L (75\%)} * 100/450$$

$$\text{WA} = (88.69 + 91 + 66.97 + 88.10 + 66.08) * 100/450$$

$$= 89.07\%$$

Details of Topics & Resource Persons

S. No.	Topic	Name	Contact No.
1	Overview of legal Issues related to forest, Wildlife & Environment.	Mr. R.K. Upadhyay, Retd. IFS, PCCF, Dehradun.	9443771017
2	Insight of Indian Forest Act-(1927)	Dr. Sivabala S., IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun.	7579008479
3	Important High Court & Supreme Court Judgements related to Forest, Wildlife & Environment	Adv. Samir Majumdar, West Bengal.	9046302173
4	Usage of Technology in addressing Legal Issue in Forestry & Wildlife	Mr. Anurag Srivastav, IFS(Retd.) PCCF, Madhya Pradesh.	9425607720
5	Wildlife Protection Act 1972- Legal Perspective	Mr. Bharat Singh, ACF(Retd.)	9412053091
6	Dealing with Forest & wildlife cases –Tips from a lawyer	Mr. Rajesh Trivedi, Advocate, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.	9927099715

Annexure- IV**Details of Participants**

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Welcome of Chief Guest by Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun



Opening remarks by Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun



Keynote Address by Mr. R.K.Upadhyay, IFS (Retd.), PCCF, Dehradun



Brief description about the course by Dr. T.Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Course Director



Lecture Session by Dr. Sivablala S. IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun



Lecture Session by Adv. Samir Majumdar, West Bengal

Day-1 (Classroom sessions)



(Day 2 - Field Visit at Asan Barrage)



Lecture Session by Mr. Anurag Srivastav,
IFS (Retd.), PCCF, Madhya Pradesh



Lecture Session by Mr. Bharat Singh, ACF
(Retd.), Dehradun



Lecture Session by Adv. Rajesh Trivedi,
Haridwar, Dehradun

Day-3 (Classroom sessions)

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Timetable



Date / Time	Session I		Session II		Session III		Session IV
	0945 -1115	1115-1130	1130-1300	1300-1400	1400-1530	1530-1545	1545-1715
17.01.2024 (Wednesday)	Inaugural Session: Overview of legal Issues related to forest, Wildlife & Environment. (RKU, MJ, TB, AP, AG)	Tea Break	Insight of Indian Forest Act-(1927) (SS)	Lunch Break	Important High Court & Supreme Court Judgements related to Forest, Wildlife & environment (ASM)	Tea Break	Important High Court & Supreme Court Judgements related to Forest, Wildlife & environment (ASM)
18.01.2024 (Thursday)	Field Visit: Asan Barrage Bird Sanctuary.						
19.01.2024 (Friday)	Usage of Technology in addressing Legal issue in Forestry & Wildlife (AS)	Tea Break	Wildlife Protection Act 1972- Legal Perspective (BS)	Lunch Break	Dealing with Forest & wildlife cases – Tips from a lawyer. (RT)	Tea Break	Feedback/Valedictory session. (AS, MJ, TB, AP)

Abbreviations:

RKU : Mr. R.K. Upadhyay, Retd. IFS, PCCF, Dehradun.

MJ : Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS Dehradun.

TB : Dr. T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS Dehradun.

AP : Mr. Amlendu Pathak, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun.

AG : Mr. Ankit Gupta, Scientist ‘C’ CASFOS, Dehradun.

SS : Dr. S. Sivabala IFS, Associate Professor, IGNFA, Dehradun.

ASM : Adv. Samir Majumdar, West Bengal.

RT : Adv. Rajesh Trivedi, Haridwar Uttarakhand.

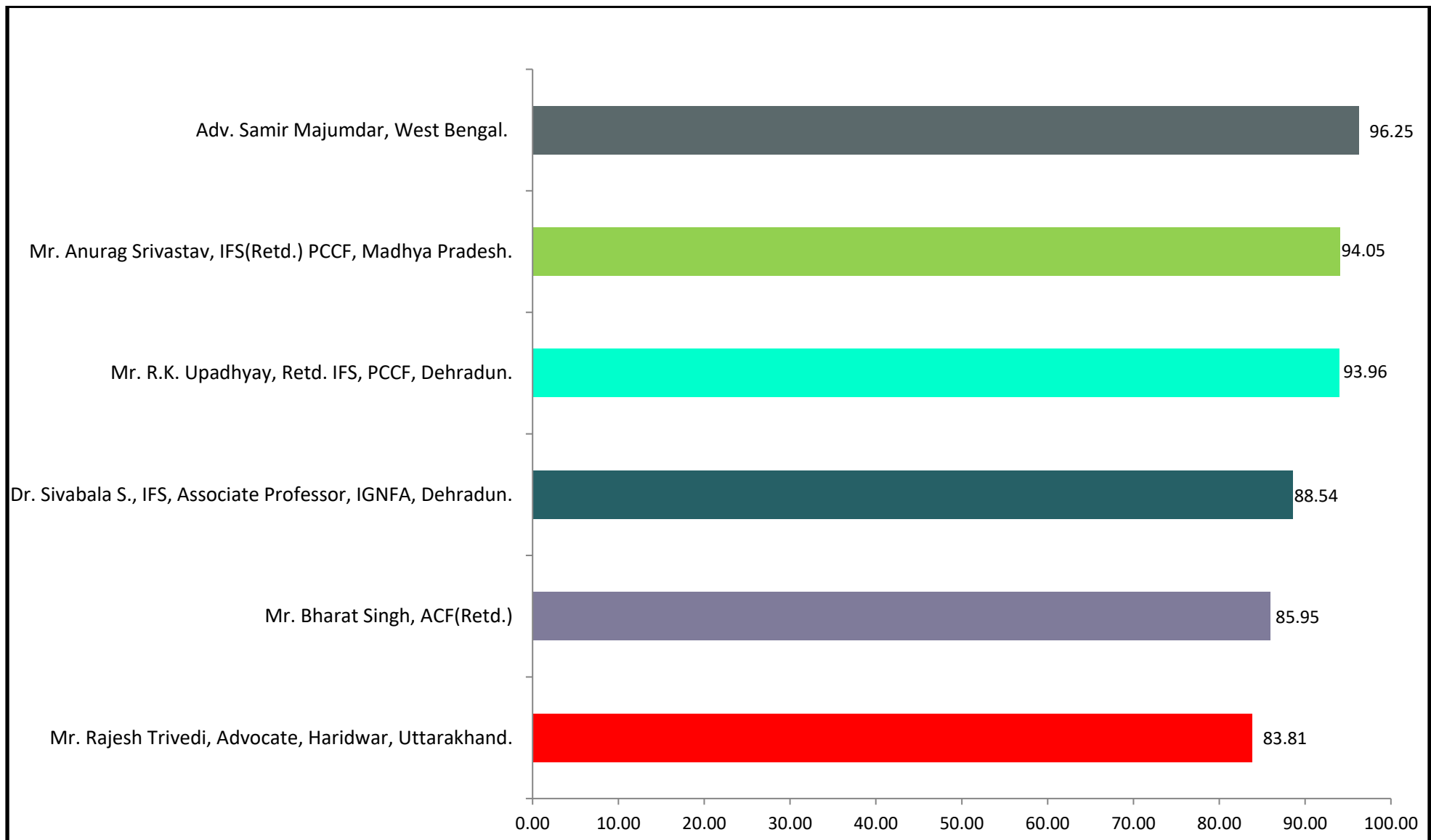
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AS : Mr. Anurag Srivastav, IFS (Retd.) PCCF, Madhya Pradesh.

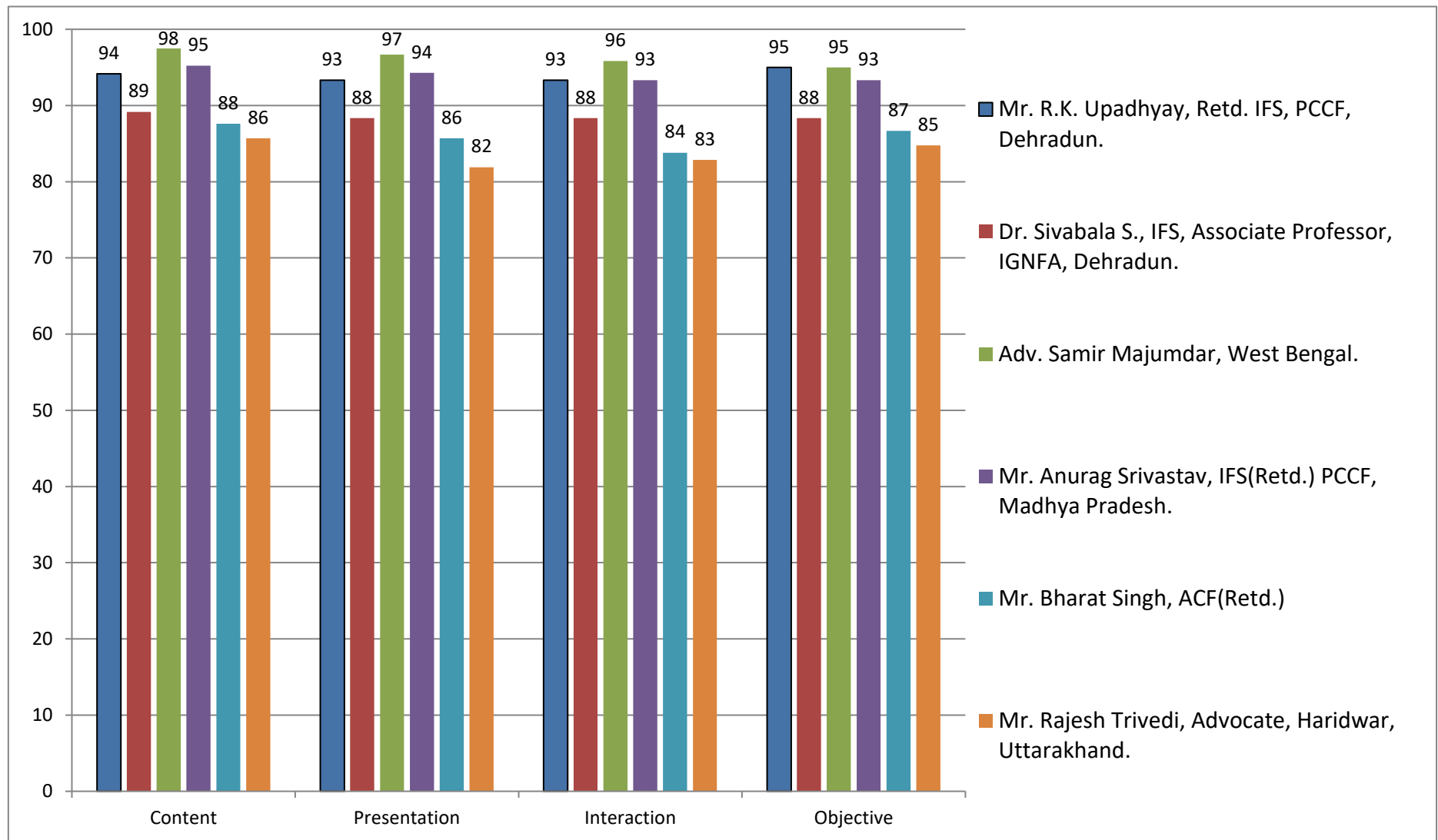
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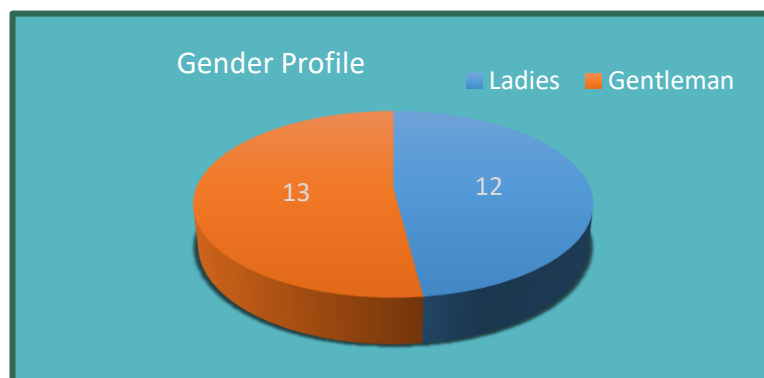
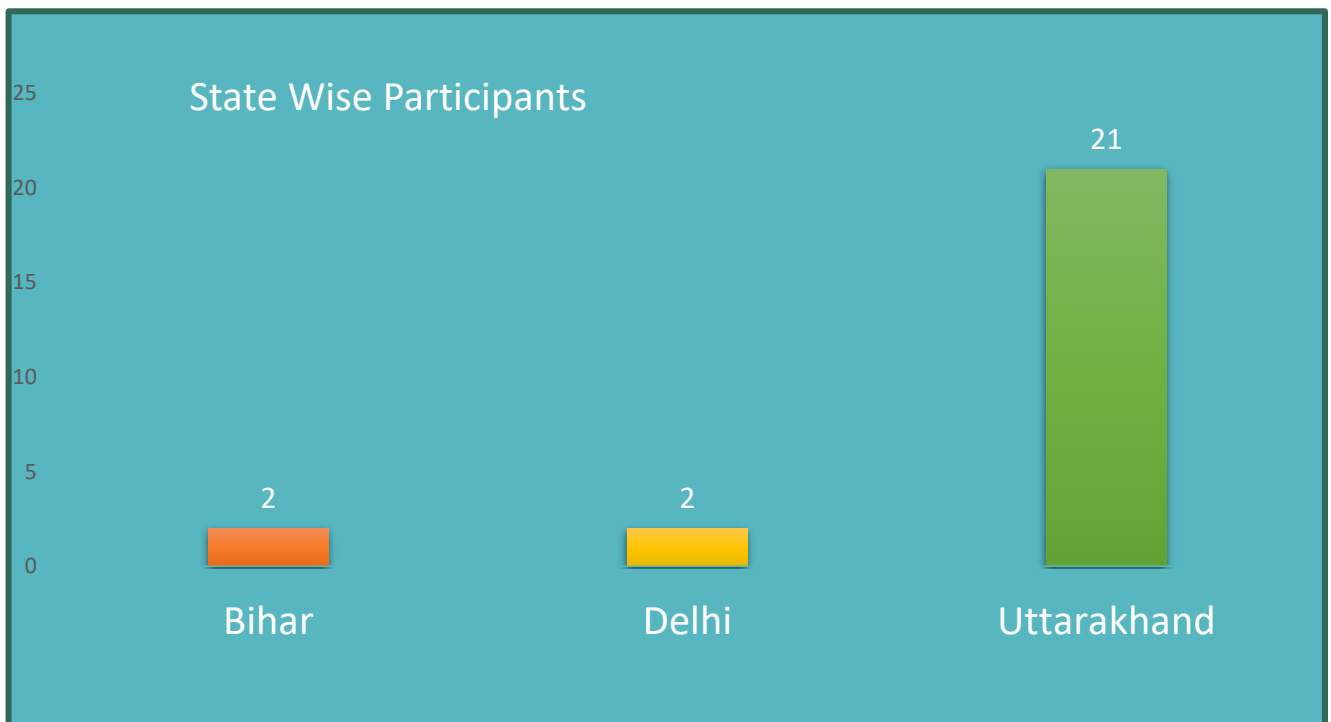
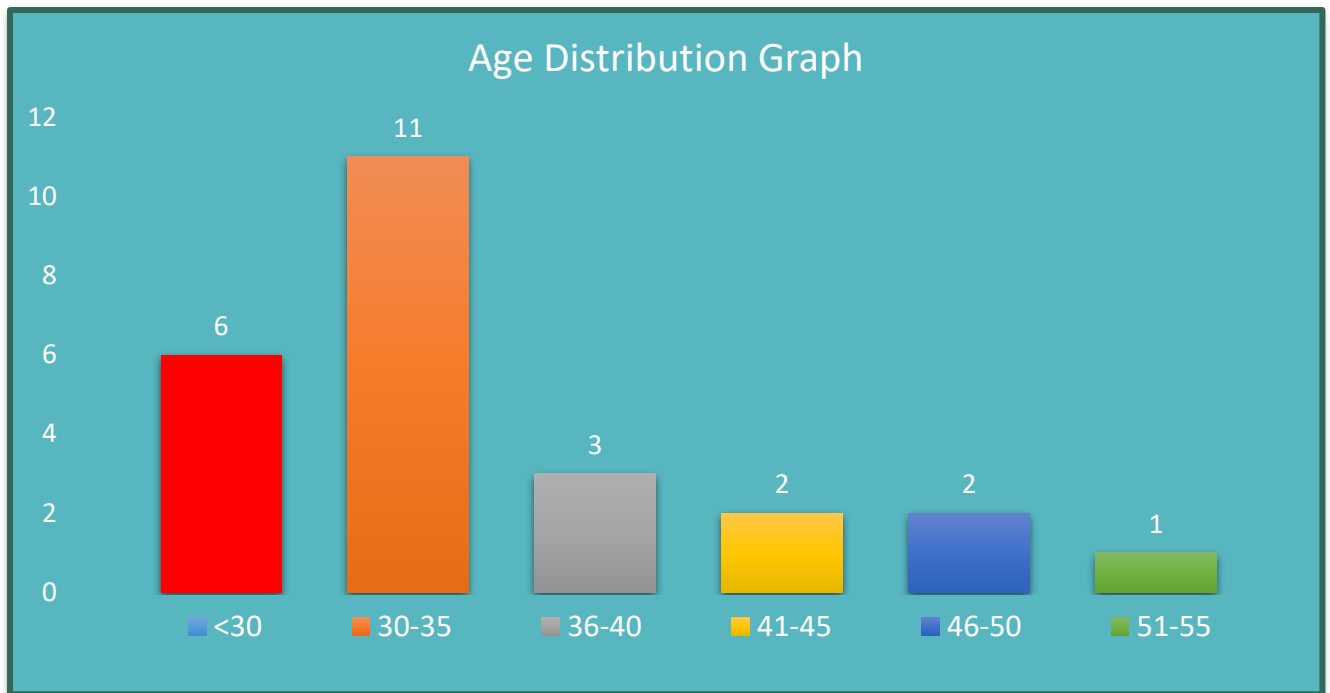
Certificate Distribution and Valedictory Session



Overall Feedback of Resource Persons on all Parameters



Parameter wise breakup of feedback of Resource Persons



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Sitting Row (L - R) : Mr. Vinod Kumar (Assist. Commissioner, Forestry), Dr T. Beula Ezhil Mathi, IFS (Lecturer & Course Director), Dr Sivabala S., IFS, (Associate Professor), Mr. Samir Majumdar, Adv. (W.B), Mr. R.K.Upadhyay, IFS (Retd.) (D.Dun), Mrs. Meenakshi Joshi, IFS (Principal, CASFOS), Mr. Amlendu Pathak, IFS (Lecturer), Mr. Atish Kumar (DFO)

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Group Photograph