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From the Director's Desk

Dear Readers,

This month's newsletter showcases the activities at Chandrapur Forest Academy, an institute in forestry education since 1961.

Highlights include induction training for Range Forest Officers, Foresters, and Forest Guards, focusing on wildlife conservation, biodiversity, and modern tools like GIS. Workshops on eco-tourism and community engagement added depth to the programs.

With state-of-the-art facilities and collaborations with NGOs and institutions, the academy remains committed to sustainable resource management.

Thank you for supporting our mission of innovation and conservation.

M. Srinivasa Reddy, IFS
Director, Chandrapur Forest Academy



SPECIALIZED TRAININGS WORKSHOPS ON FCA AND FRA .

6th November, 2024

• Training for RFOs to DFOs on FCA and FRA

A specialized 3-days training program was successfully conducted for Range Forest Officers (RFOs) and Divisional Forest Officers (DFOs) on the Forest Conservation Act (20th to 30th October 2024) a total 29 officers participated in this training

Another training on the Forest Rights Act (6th to 8th November 2024) a total 16 officers participated in this training). These training focused on enhancing their understanding of legal frameworks, procedures, and practical challenges related to forest conservation and forest rights. Participants gained hands-on experience in claim filing, documentation, and forest management strategies,



Group photo of FCA and FRA Batch

- empowering them to effectively implement the acts at the ground level. The program also encouraged collaboration between officials, strengthening their ability to navigate complex forest land issues and support sustainable forest management.



Classroom Session



Classroom Sessions



Classroom Sessions



Certificate Distribution

COURSES ON CARBONSEQUESTRATION : INNOVATIVE CLIMATE STRATEGIES INTRODUCED.

11th November, 2024

- **Highlight: Climate Change Training Program**
- A highly informative training program was organized for RFOs, ACFs, and DFOs, (13th to 15th November 2024) a total of 17 officers participated in this training , addressing critical aspects of climate change and sustainable forestry management. The sessions explored causes and impacts of climate change, India's strategic role in achieving SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) through Carbon Finance Mechanisms, and practical insights into the Carbon Finance Market.



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Field Visit

- Participants were trained in carbon stock assessment techniques, covering key carbon pools such as above-ground biomass, soil organic carbon, and deadwood. Hands-on exercises on sample plot design and data analysis equipped attendees with practical skills to apply in real-world scenarios.
- The program emphasized actionable strategies for mitigating climate impacts, fostering sustainable forest management, and advancing India's commitment to global climate goals.



Assignment



GIS & Computer Practical

SPORTS COMPETITION: TEAM SPIRIT THROUGH INTER-TEAM EVENTS.

16th November, 2024

- Sports Competition: Fostering Team Spirit among Trainees
- A dynamic sports competition was conducted to promote team spirit among Forester, Range Forest Officer (RFO), and Forest Guard trainees. (16th Nov – 17th Nov 2024) a total of 194 participants participated in this Sports competition. The event featured engaging inter-team tournaments in volleyball and lawn tennis, encouraging healthy competition and collaboration.



Badminton



The Director greeting the team

- These activities helped build camaraderie, improve teamwork, and enhance physical fitness among the trainees, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration within the forest service community.



The Director Inaugurates Volleyball Competition



Badminton Forest Guard and RFO Batch 3



Volleyball Winners : Forester Batch



Badminton Tennis Winner : Forester Batch

POST-PROMOTION TRAINING: SKILL ENHANCEMENT programs for Newly promoted ACFs.

25th November, 2024

• RFO to ACF post promotion Training Program

The two-week training at Chandrapur Forest Academy (25th Nov–6th Dec 2024) a total of 35 officers participated in this training ,prepared newly promoted officers for their roles as Assistant Conservators of Forests. The program covered wildlife management, GIS and remote sensing, forest laws, FRA, PESA, and administrative responsibilities. Sessions on climate change, ecosystem services,



• and habitat development emphasized sustainability. Practical exposure included study tours to Tadoba, Ballarsha, and Visapur Botanical Garden. The training concluded with presentations, evaluations, and a valedictory, equipping officers with essential skills for effective forest management and leadership.



POST-PROMOTION TRAINING: SKILL ENHANCEMENT programs for Newly promoted ACFs to DFOs.

25th November, 2024

- Advanced Training for Promoted DFOs
- The 12-day training program at Chandrapur Forest Academy (25th Nov–6th Dec 2024) a total of 24 officers participated in this training, was tailored for newly promoted Divisional Forest Officers. It covered updates on forest laws, community-based management, GIS and remote sensing technologies, and strategies for wildlife conservation and climate change mitigation. Study tours to Tadoba, Ballarsha, and Visapur Botanical Garden offered practical insights. The course concluded with discussions and certifications, empowering officers with advanced skills for effective forest governance and sustainable management.



Classroom Session



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GIS Classroom Session



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CHIKHALDARA MEETING: DISCUSSIONS ON TRAINING INITIATIVES AND PLANS.

16th November, 2024

A review meeting was held at Chikhaldara under the chairmanship of Shri M.S. Reddy, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Research, Education & Training) and Ex-officio Director, Chandrapur Forest Academy. It was attended by the Chief Conservator of Forests (Education & Training), Maharashtra State, Pune, and Directors of two academies and four training institutes.



Group Photo : Chikhaldara

- The agenda focused on the government resolution for time-bound technical training for forest officers and staff. The resolution was discussed, and key points were clarified by the chairperson.
- The meeting commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony and a welcome by Smt. Mukta Tekale, Director, Forest Training Institute, Chikhaldara.



Meeting Discussion



Smt. Mukta Tekale welcoming N.R. Praveen , IFS (CCF Education)



Smt. Mukta Tekale welcoming M. Shrinivas Reddy, IFS (Director, CFA)

VIDARBHA TOUR : FIELD VISIT FOR FOREST GUARD BATCH.

24th November, 2024

- Vidarbha Tour: Field Visit for Forest Guard Batch
- A 19-day field tour for the Forest Guard batch explored the rich biodiversity and conservation efforts across Vidarbha. (22th Nov–12th Dec 2024) a total of 147 Forest Guard Trainees. The tour provided valuable hands-on learning opportunities, where trainees engaged with nature, observed forest management practices, and gained insights into sustainable conservation techniques.



Forest Guards : Field Visit

- This immersive experience enhanced their understanding of environmental protection and the critical role of forest guards in safeguarding ecosystems.



Forest Guard Batch : Leaving for Vidarbha Tour



Forest Guards : Field Visit at Alapalli



Forest Guard Batch : Tour

BATCH HIGHLIGHTS : RATI, GROUP - C (5 DAYS) TRAINING.

25th November, 2024

• The 5-day RATI Refresher Training Group C training program concluded successfully, (25th Nov – 29th Nov 2024) a total of 32 participants participated in this training, equipping participants with essential skills and knowledge for effective public service. The training covered diverse topics, including time management, service values, financial regulations, human-wildlife conflict management, and workplace safety under the



RATI Refresher Training Certificate Distribution

• Prevention of Harassment Act, 2013. Participants engaged in yoga, wellness sessions, and expert-led activities to enhance well-being and administrative skills. The program ended with a certification ceremony, celebrating their growth and readiness for real-world implementation.



RATI Refresher Training Group Photo



Classroom Session



Classroom Session

BATCH HIGHLIGHTS : RATI, GROUP - C (12 DAYS) TRAINING.

25th November, 2024

• The 12-day RATI Foundation Batch Training Program, held from 25th Nov – 06th Dec 2024) a total of 33 participants participated in this training in Chandrapur, successfully enhanced participants' professional and administrative skills. The program featured sessions on institutional values, leadership, disaster management, and workplace ethics, alongside practical workshops on tools like MS Office and e-procurement.



• Daily yoga sessions promoted wellness, while field visits offered practical insights. Expert-led discussions on legal frameworks like PESA and FRA added depth. Participants appreciated the program's holistic approach, which integrated skill-building, wellness, and practical application, making it an impactful learning experience.



BATCH HIGHLIGHTS : DATI, GROUP - D (6 DAYS) TRAINING.

25th November, 2024

• The five-day DATI training was an engaging and impactful program, addressing key areas of personal and professional growth. (25th Nov – 30th Nov 2024) a total of 40 participants participated in this training. It covered foundational topics like substance-free living, time management, and service ethics, alongside practical sessions on computer literacy, pension systems, and service book management. Legal awareness, personality development, stress management, and cleanliness under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan enriched the learning experience.



DATI Batch : Inauguration Program

• Daily yoga and team-building activities ensured holistic development. The program concluded with evaluation and certification, leaving participants equipped with practical skills and renewed motivation.



DATI Batch : Inauguration Program



Classroom Session



Classroom session

ARUNACHAL SPORTS EVENT : SPORTS COMPETITIONS.

28th November, 2024

- Arunachal Foresters Intra Batch-Sports Competition
- An exciting intra-sports competition was held at Chandrapur Forest Academy for Arunachal Forester trainees. (28th Nov – 30th Nov 2024) a total of 49 participants participated in this Sports competition. The event featured engaging activities like tug-of-war and volleyball, fostering team spirit, camaraderie, and physical fitness among participants. The lively atmosphere and enthusiastic participation made it a memorable event,



Volleyball Winners : Forester Batch

- highlighting the importance of sports in building resilience and unity. The competition not only showcased athletic skill but also strengthened the bond between the trainees, creating lasting memories.



The Director Inaugurates Volleyball Competition



Volleyball competition : Forester Batch



Tug of war competition : Forester Batch

YOGA & WELLNESS : SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

29th November, 2024

- The Yoga & Wellness sessions in the RATI and DATI training programs offered a dynamic and health-focused start to each morning, tailored for RFOs, ACFs, and DFOs. 29th Nov 2024 a total of 100+ participants participated in this Yoga & Wellness sessions and activities, These professionally guided sessions combined traditional yoga practices, mindfulness techniques, and relaxation exercises to enhance physical health, mental clarity, and overall resilience. Designed to support the rigorous demands of administrative and fieldwork roles, these activities emphasized the importance of holistic well-being in leadership and decision-making. Participants gained practical tools for stress management and sustained focus, fostering a balanced, proactive approach to their professional responsibilities.



Yoga & wellness Session

" Chandrapur Forest Academy embraces holistic well-being through Yoga & Wellness sessions, blending mindfulness and physical vitality with the serenity of nature, empowering forest leaders to thrive in harmony with their environment. "



Physical Activities



Yoga and Wellness session



CHANDRAPUR FOREST ACADEMY OF ADMINISTRATION, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, CHANDRAPUR.



The Chandrapur Forest Academy of Administration, Development, and Management, established in 1961 as the 'Vanpal Prashikshak Vidyalaya' (Forester Training School), is a premier institution in Maharashtra for forestry and wildlife management education. Located in Chandrapur's forest-rich area, it has evolved to provide advanced training and research, aligning with Maharashtra's commitment to sustainable natural resource management. Upgraded to a State Forest Academy in 2014, it offers cutting-edge programs emphasizing biodiversity conservation, forest management, and wildlife protection, serving as a national center for developing skilled forestry professionals.



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