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## COURSE REPORT

of

one-week online special course on

### **“Forestry Related Central Legislations” (J & K Course – I)**

from

**17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020**

for

**ACFs and ROs of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir**



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

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## Executive Summary

The Academy for the first time was mandated to conduct special courses on forestry related central legislations exclusively for the SFS Officers and RFOs of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, post the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019. Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun is therefore organizing a series of five training courses which are of six days duration on the subject. The first course of the series was conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020. A total of Forty One (41) Officers of the Rank of ACFs and RFOs attended the training sessions.

The deliberations began with the inauguration of the course by Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, PCCF (HoFF), UT of Jammu & Kashmir on the first day which was also attended by Guest of Honor Dr. Suneesh Buxy, IFS, DIG (RT), MoEF&CC, Government of India; Guest of Honor Shri R.P Singh, IFS, Director, Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun, MoEFCC, Government of India and special guest Shri Rabi Kumar, IFS, APCCF, J&K;. During the inaugural session, Dr. Mohit Gera, PCCF & HoFF, J&K stressed on the importance of new changes which the newly formed UT is going through and how the forest officers at the level of ACFs & ROs need to mould themselves in the new legal setup pertaining to forests and wildlife. He also elaborated on the recent development w.r.t compliance of NGT orders in the area of conservation and management of water bodies, catchment treatment plan etc. He also emphasized on the extension of Forest Rights Act and its new significance to J&K.

Shri R.P Singh, Director, Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun established the importance of this module for the officers of J&K in the light of recent reorganization of the State of J&K to a newly formed Union Territory and reminded the participants of their fundamental duties towards the Constitution of India w.r.t environmental protection including forests and wildlife.

Dr. Suneesh Buxy, IFS, DIG (RT) gave reference to Forest Rights Act and its applicability in J&K to avoid conflict situations and solving the related problems amicably. He added that ACFs & ROs are the ones who play a very important role in such cases, and trainings of such kind would be very useful for them.

Shri Rabi Kumar, IFS, APCCF, J&K, made a significant mention about the importance of capacity building and investing in HR and also expressed his confidence in the capabilities of CASFOS, Dehradun to take up such unique tasks. He spoke about the synergistic implementation of the Central Laws and how the provisions of one Act could complement the another.

Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun, appreciated & congratulated the efforts of the authorities of J&K in restructuring the Indian Forest Act, 1927 which he felt was progressive compared to other States. According to him, this course has been unique as it has included variety of experts like serving and retired senior forest officers, academicians, bureaucrats and leading lawyers in the country and that this course has been quite successful to touch upon almost all the Acts related to Forestry and Wildlife.

The inaugural session was followed by session on Relevance of CrPC to forest officers by Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun; Relevance of Indian Penal Code & Indian Evidence Act to forest officers by Dr. C. Ramesh, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun; two sessions on Indian Forest Act, 1927 by Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS Dehradun; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by Shri R.K. Singh, Legal Initiative for Forest & Development, New Delhi; wildlife crime scenario and investigation under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 by Shri Ritesh Sarothia, MP Forest Department; Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by Shri Sandeep Sharma, AIG, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.; Judgements related to Forest & Environment by Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, Supreme Court, New Delhi; National Green Tribunal Act, 2010: Court Orders by Shri Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, New Delhi; Biological Diversity Act, 2002 by Shri Justin Mohan, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai; Forest Rights Act, 2006 by Ms. R. Jaya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi; Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA), 1996 by Shri A.K. Goyal, IFS (Retd.), New Delhi.

It is to be noted that it is for the first time in the history of Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun that such a programme has been organized exclusively to cater to the requirement of the SFS Officers especially after the conversion of the State of J&K into an Union Territory, when most of the Central Laws have been made applicable in J&K w.e.f. 31.10.2019. Additionally, certain amendments and additions or deletions have also been incorporated creating new offences, providing different penalties and also inserting new set of procedures. It was therefore pertinent to impart training under the new legal regime on central laws governing the subjects of forests and wildlife.

The Valedictory Programme was presided by the Chief Guest Shri R.P. Singh, IFS, Director, Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun and Guest of Honor Shri Rabi Kumar, IFS, APCCF, J&K. Shri R.P Singh IFS, Director, Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun congratulated the participants and the organizers for making this training session successful and applauded its design which suited the requirements of the participants. He added further that since the ACFs & ROs are at the cutting edge positions, it was very important to have a thorough knowledge of law and its implementation in the field.

Shri Rabi Kumar, IFS, APCCF, J&K, commented that henceforth J&K cannot be working in isolation as it used to earlier and with such trainings, it is now possible to train the officers to the new legal regime in the field of forestry and wildlife. He appreciated the efforts of the organizers and the resource persons in making this programme a successful reality. He also mentioned that UT of J&K will be looking forward to conduct courses in collaboration with CASFOS, Dehradun and would involve specialized topics in the field of law and exclusively rope in the practicing lawyers of the country.

Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun, profusely thanked all the organizers, resource persons and the participants to make this maiden online training programme very successful and that the academy would always be at the forefront in conducting such programmes frequently in coming future

Overall impact of the training has been very encouraging and positive. This is supported by the fact that the overall feedback score achieved for this training session was **90.15%** which is on the higher side and corroborates the efforts taken by the organizers of the Academy and also all the resource persons to make this programme a grand success !

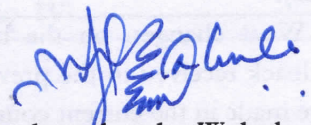
Format for reporting evaluation of refresher course conducted by the institute/organization for the SFS officers sponsored by the  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GOI, New Delhi** as per the merged format of MoEF&CC and JICA

## Course Report

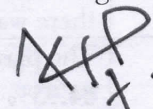
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Institute's reference number		4-71/Trg.-II/CASFOS/J&K/2020
1	Name and complete address of the Institute(including phone, fax and e-mail)	Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun ☎ 01352-2754575/2754648 Fax- 0135-2756168 Email- principal.ddn-casfos@gov.in
2	Title of the course	<b>'Forestry Related Central Legislations'</b>
3	Duration & period of the Course	Six Days From 17 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2020
4	Name & designation of the Course Director	Pradeepchandra Wahule, IFS, Lecturer
5	Number of officers participated	41 (Details at Appendix- 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 officers)?	05.08.2019
	(c) Details of nomination received from States prior to the Course	41
	(d) How many officers received the intimation?	All
	(e) How many officers responded?	All
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 conducted on 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.?	Non- residential

7.2	(a) Total no. of working days in the course	6 days
	(b) Total no. of sessions planned/convened in the course	12 sessions
	(c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons	NIL
	(d) Internal faculty hours	5 hours 30 minutes
	(e) Guest faculty hours	11 hours 30 minutes
	(f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s), if any	Nil
Enclosure (2 copies each):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final course time-table</li> <li>- List of faculty (both in-house and guest faculty)</li> <li>- Final list of participants</li> <li>- The background material supplied to the participants</li> </ul>		
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)?	No
	(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 <b>88.69%</b> Course aim 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 <b>84.93%</b> Training faculty for lectures and field visits 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 <b>96.58%</b>
9.4	Overall impression about the Course (OIC)	The participants are highly impressed by the course and rated it around <b>92%</b> .
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	Weighted Average (Please attach summary as Appendix-II)	The weighted average of the course has been rated as <b>90.15%</b> which is found to be satisfactory.
9.7	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 were always punctual and appeared very interactive during the sessions.
10	Suggestion highlighting the areas of improvement in the Course for future by Course Director	Feedback received is good in all aspects of course design, content, quality and facility etc.
11	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.

  
 (Pradeepchandra Wahule, IFS)  
 Course Director

Countersigned

  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Appendix-I

### Course Director's comments on participants' views about the strengths and weakness pertaining to the course

- (Note: 1. Participants' comments to Part D Question 4 which deemed appropriate to give Course Director's comment are shown in the table as Participants' views.  
2. Comments of similar nature relating to the same aspects given by different participants may be clubbed together by the Course Director.)

S. N	Participants' views	No. of participants who have expressed the view	Course Director's comments
1.	Well planned and organized training course. It was a wonderful experience. The resource persons were amazing and did justice to their ppts.	9	No comments.
2.	Very valuable, informative training, will go a long way in solving field related issues.	2	
3.	Content material of training was up to the standard and informative. Definitely will help in a long way, Lectures were well prepared.	1	
4.	Course should be for short period	1	
5.	Overall, it was a great experience but could have been better if done in a real conference hall.	4	Constrains were due to COVID-19 Lock Down.
6.	Should be held more often.	1	Noted.
7.	All new entrant ROs and ACFs should have been included in the list by the J&K department. Case studies could have been taken exclusively from J&K.	1	
8.	Need more discussion on important judgements.	1	
9.	Course material should reach the participants in advance	2	

**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) = 88.69**

- 1.1 Course aims met (89.42)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (84.62)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (96.74)
- 1.4 Reading Material (84)

**2. Training Faculty (TF) = 84.93**

- Contents (87.10)
- Presentation (86.83)
- Quality of Discussion/Interaction (82.20)
- Meeting for Objectives (83.58)

**3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 96.58**

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (97.00)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (96.15)

**4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 92**

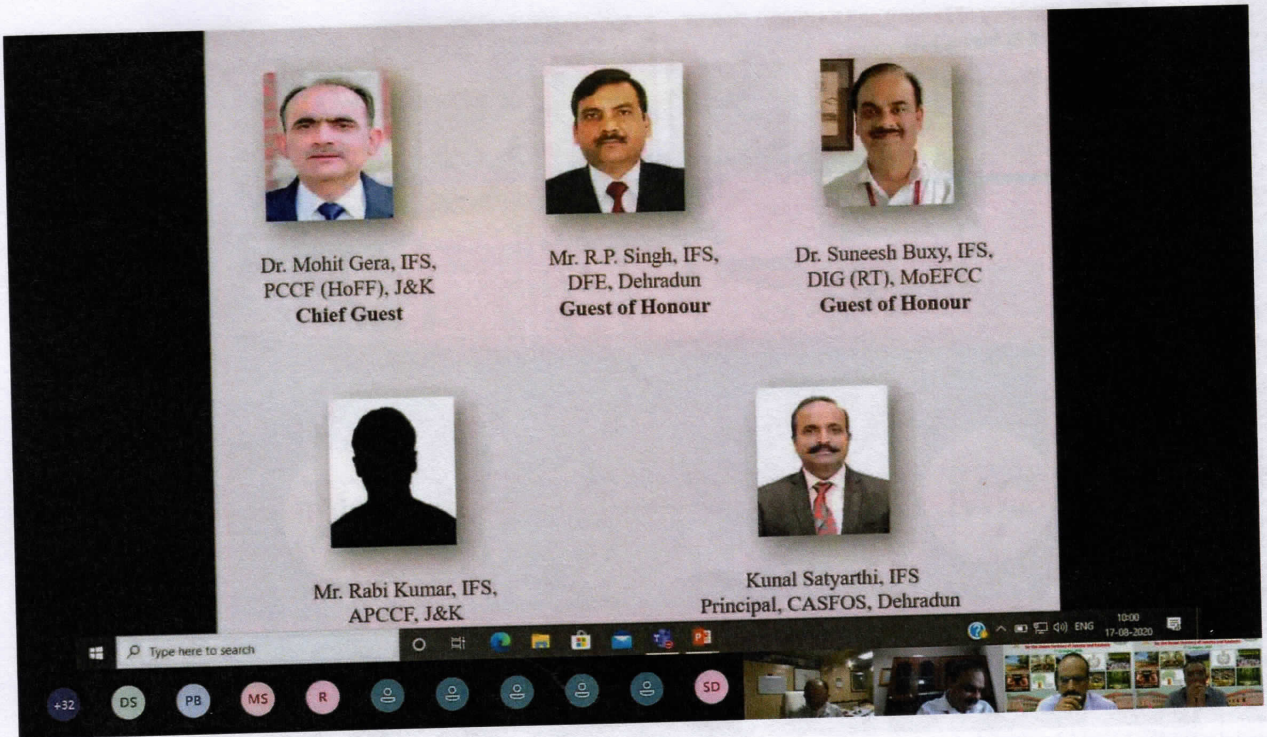
**Weighted Average for the Course**

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

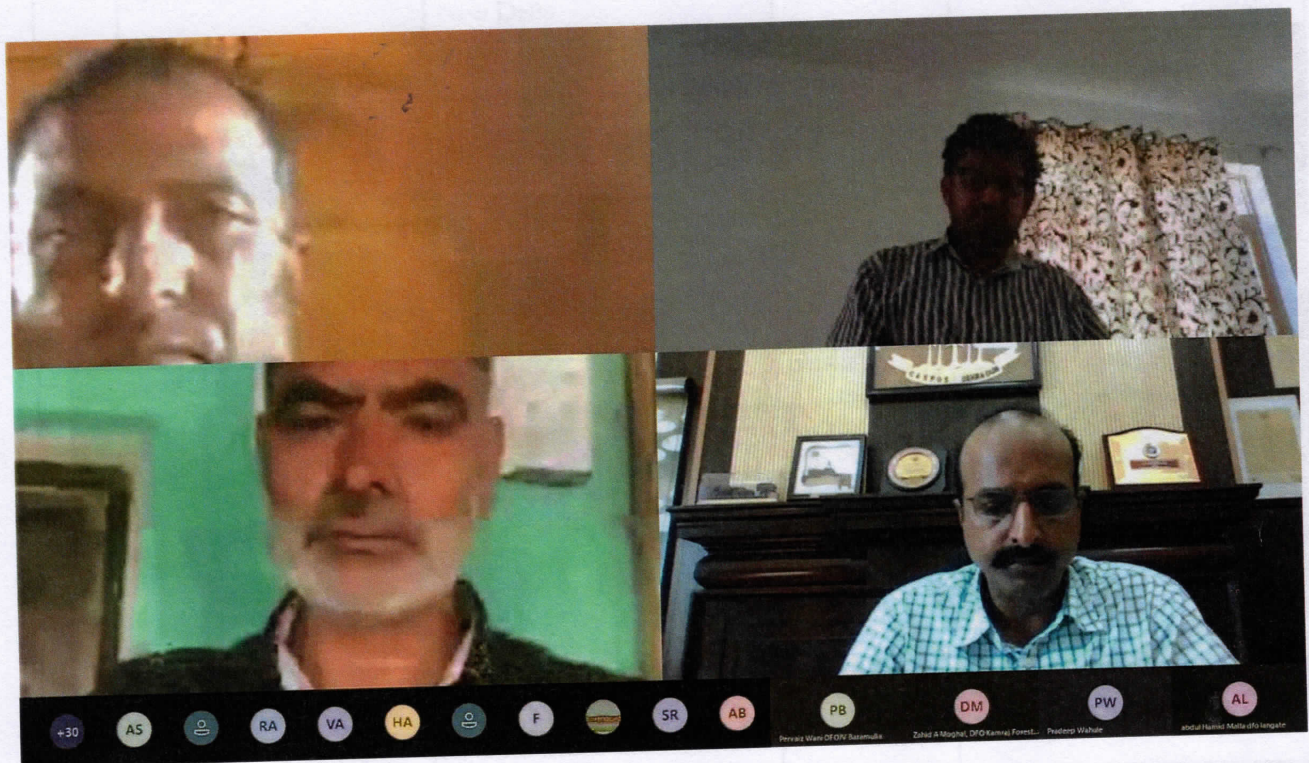
$$\text{WA} = (\text{CCS (100\%)} + \text{TF (100\%)} + \text{UOC (75\%)} + \text{OIC (100\%)} * 100/375$$

$$\text{WA} = (88.69 + 84.93 + 72.43 + 92) * 100/375$$

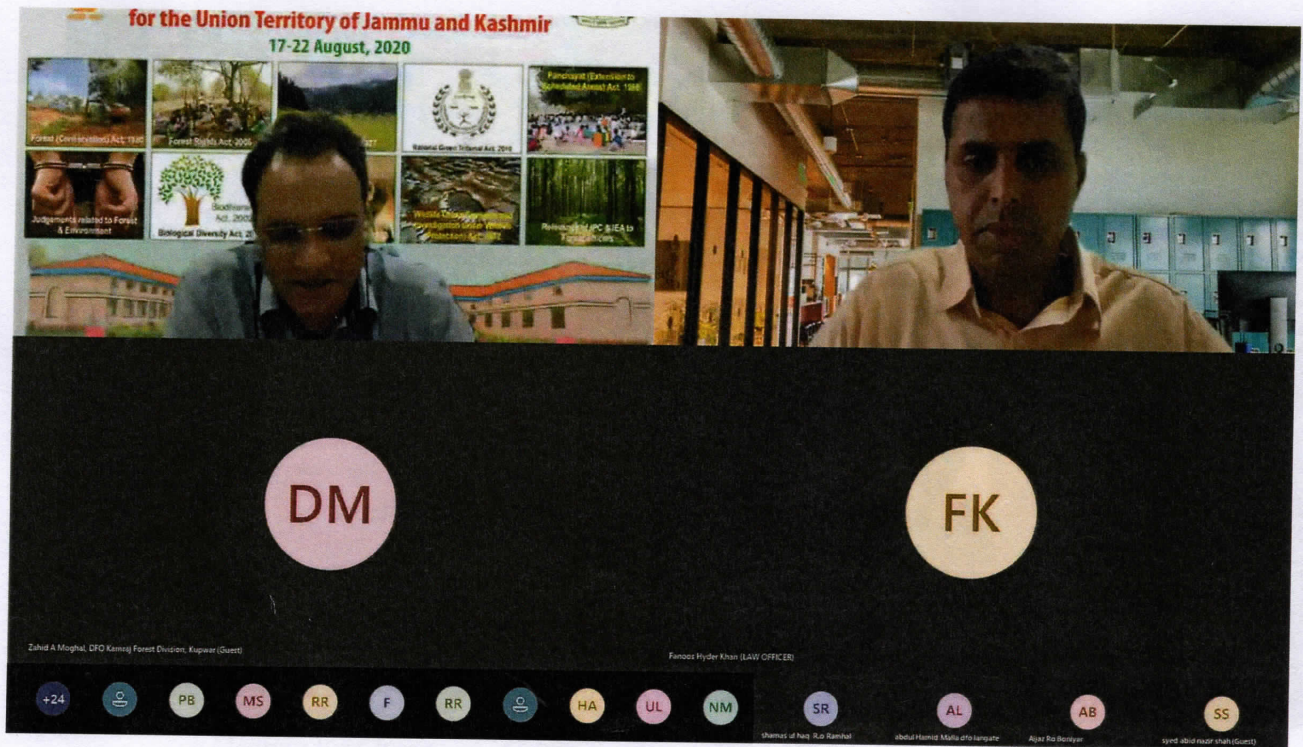
$$= 90.15 \%$$



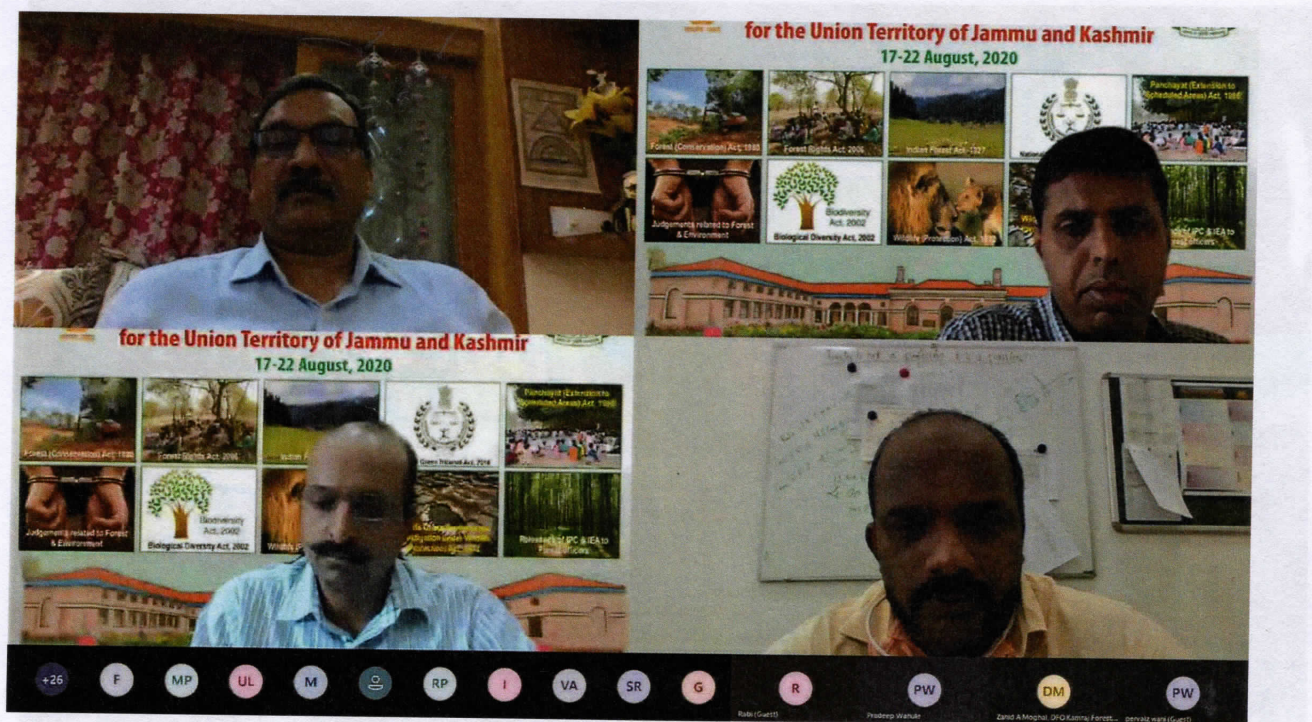
Innaugural Session



Lecture Session



Lecture Session



Valedictory session

**Details of Topics & Resource Persons**

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact No.</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
1	Relevance of CrPC to Forest officers	Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, CASFoS, Dehradun	9412050571	abhilashifs@gmail.com
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4	Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972	Shri R. K. Singh, Scientific Advisor, Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment, New Delhi.	9868250013	dr.rakeshksingh@gmail.com
5	Wildlife Crime Scenario and investigation under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972	Shri Ritesh Sarothia, MP Forest Department	9424791452	riteshsarothiya@gmail.com
6	Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	Shri Sandeep Sharma, AIG, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.	7834953909	sandeep.sharma76@gov.in
7	Judgements related to Forest & Environment	Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, New Delhi.	9810298530	sanjay@eldfindia.com
8	National Green Tribunal Act. 2010: Court Orders	Shri Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, New Delhi	8882132533	ritwickdutta@gmail.com
9	Biological Diversity Act, 2002	Shri Justin Mohan, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.	9746704950	secretary@nba.nic.in
10	Forest Rights Act, 2006	Ms. R. Jaya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.	7550098005	js-ades@tribal.gov.in
11	Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996	Shri A.K. Goyal, IFS (Retd.), New Delhi	9910647881	akg@nic.in

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## Appendix-V

One week training course on Forestry related Central Legislations schedule

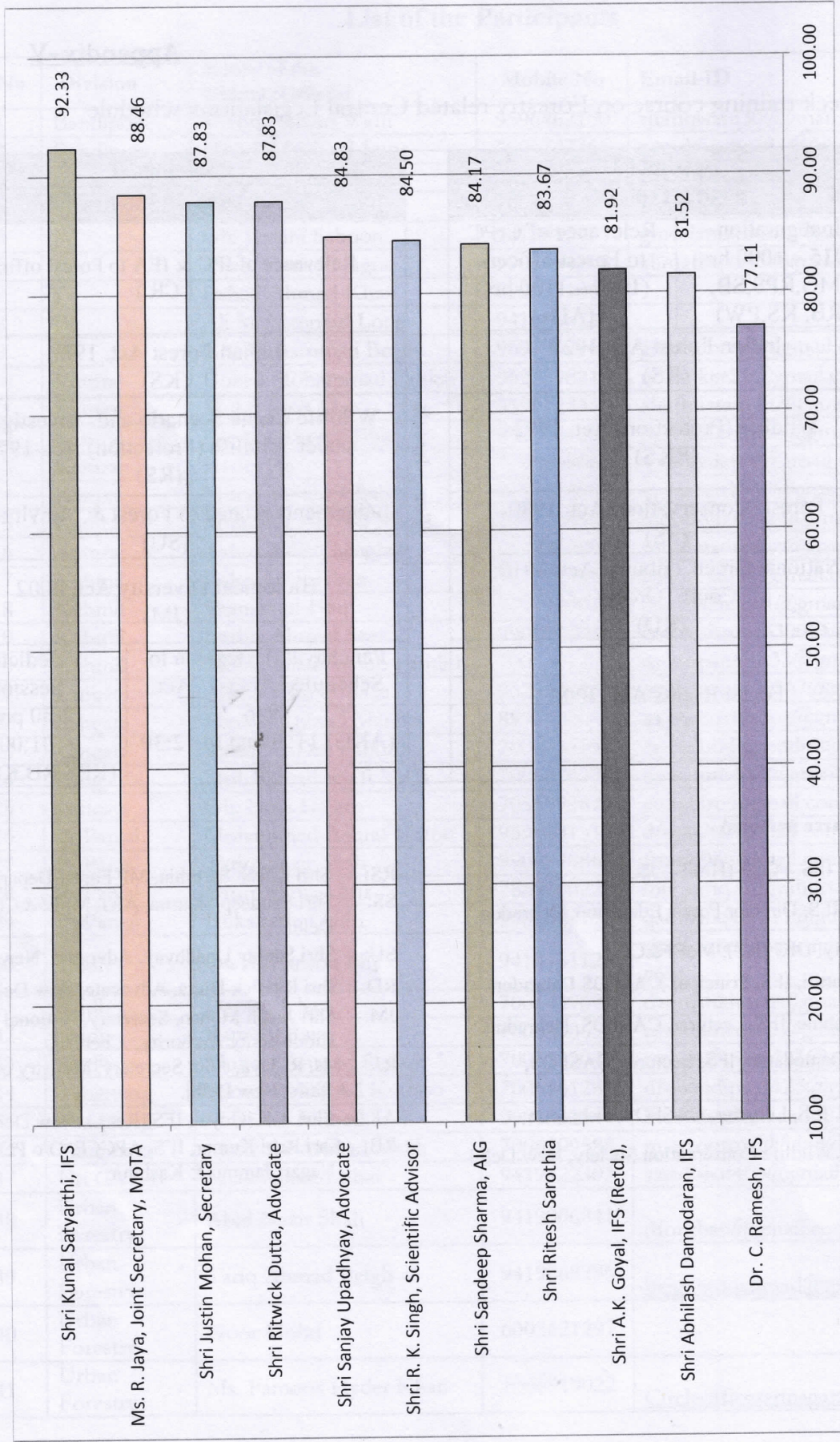
Date	Session - I		Session- II	
	0930 – 1100 hrs		1130 – 1300 hrs	
17.08.2020 (Monday)	Inauguration (0915 – 1000 hrs) (MG,RPS,SB, RB, KS,PW)	Relevance of CrPC to Forest officers (1000 – 1100 hrs) (AD )	Relevance of IPC & IEA to Forest officers ( CR )	
18.08.2020 (Tuesday)	Indian Forest Act, 1927 (KS)		Indian Forest Act, 1927 (KS)	
19.08.2020 (Wednesday)	Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (RKS)		Wildlife Crime Scenario and investigation under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (RS)	
20.08.2020 (Thursday)	Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (SS)		Judgements related to Forest & Environment (SU)	
21.08.2020 (Friday)	National Green Tribunal Act. 2010: Court Orders (RD)		Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (JM)	
22.08.2020 (Saturday)	Forest Rights Act, 2006 (RJ)		Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (AKG) 11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Valedictory Session 12:30 pm to 01:00 (RPS,RB,KS,PW)

Tea break

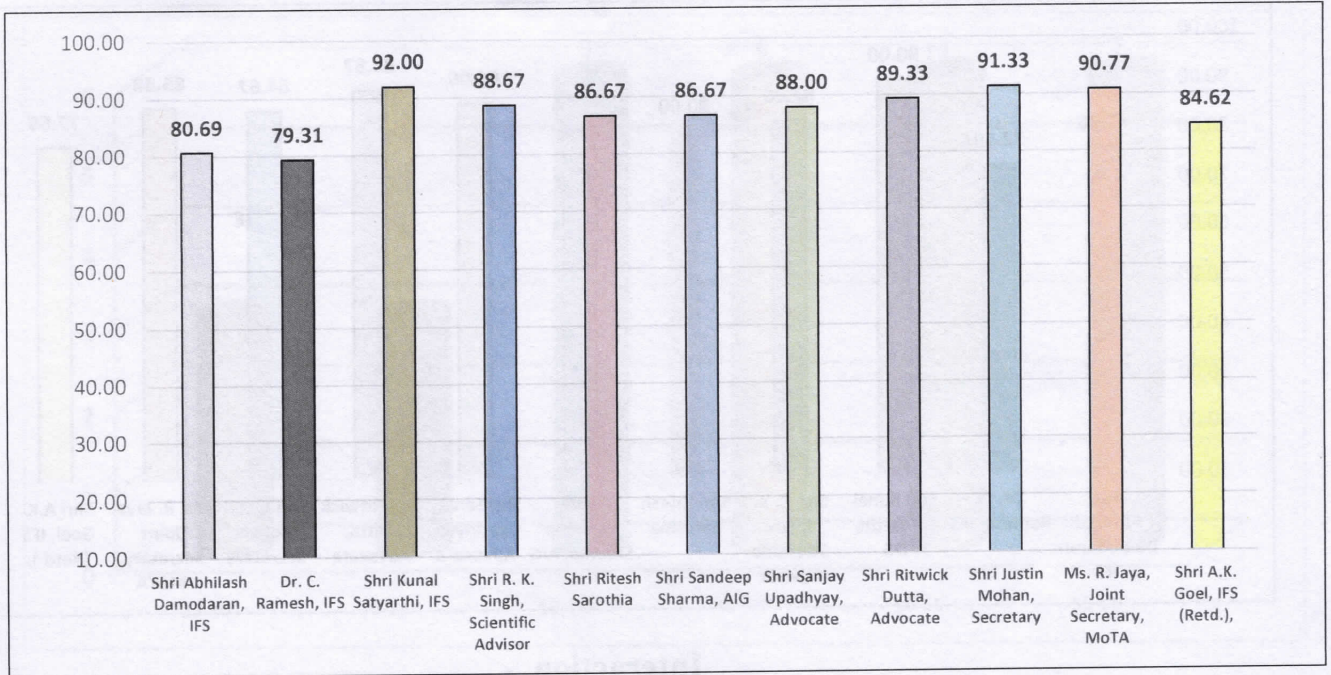
### Abbreviations: ( Resource persons)

MG : Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, PCCF (HoFF), J&K  
RPS : Shri R.P. Singh, IFS, Director Forest Education, Dehradun  
SB: Dr. Suneesh Buxy, DIG (RT), MoEF&CC  
KS : Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Principal ,CASFOS Dehradun  
PW: Shri Pradeep Wahule, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun.  
AD: Shri Abhilash Damodaran, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS,  
Dehradun  
CR: Dr. C. Ramesh, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun  
RKS : Shri R.K. Singh, Wildlife Conservation Society, New Delhi

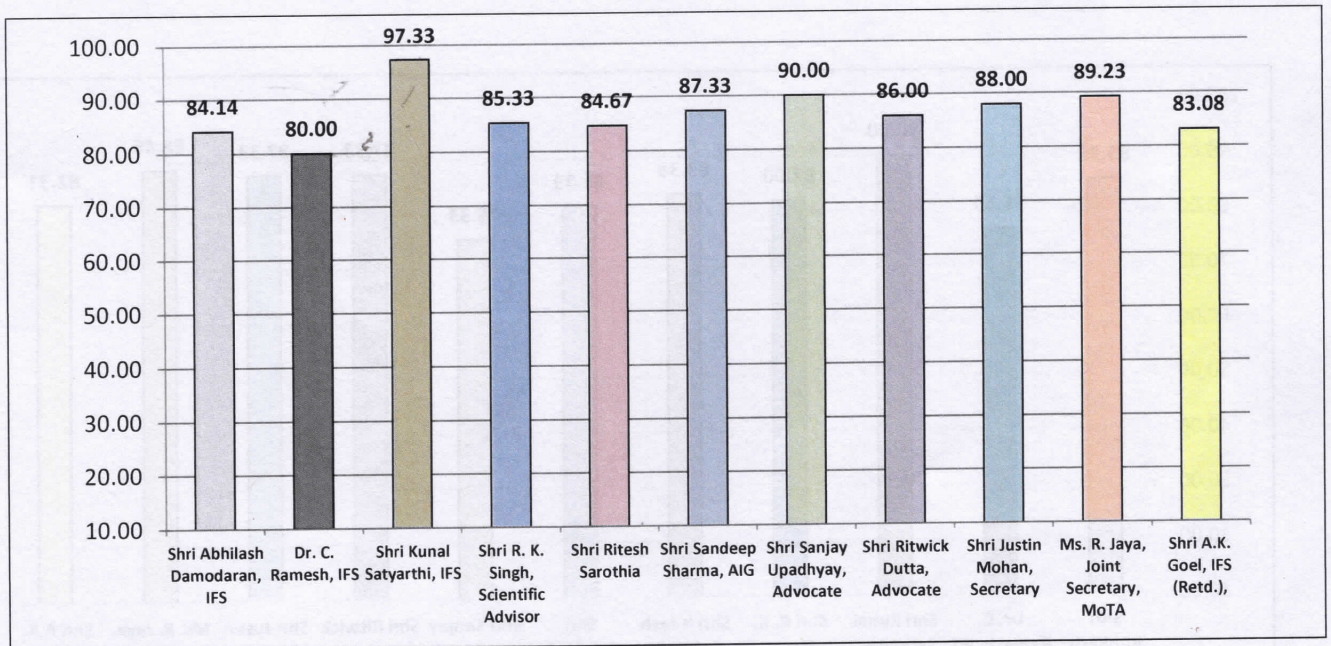
RS: Shri Ritesh Sarothia, MP Forest Department  
SS: Shri Sandeep Sharma, AIG, MoEF&CC, New  
Delhi.  
SU: Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Advocate, New Delhi.  
RD: Shri Ritwick Dutta, Advocate, New Delhi  
JM: Shri Justin Mohan, Secretary, National  
Biodiversity Authority, Chennai.  
RJ: Ms. R. Jaya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal  
Affairs, New Delhi.  
AKG: Shri A.K. Goyal, IFS (Retd.), New Delhi  
RB: Shri Rabi Kumar, IFS, APCCF, O/o PCCF, Sri  
Nagar, Jammu & Kashmir.



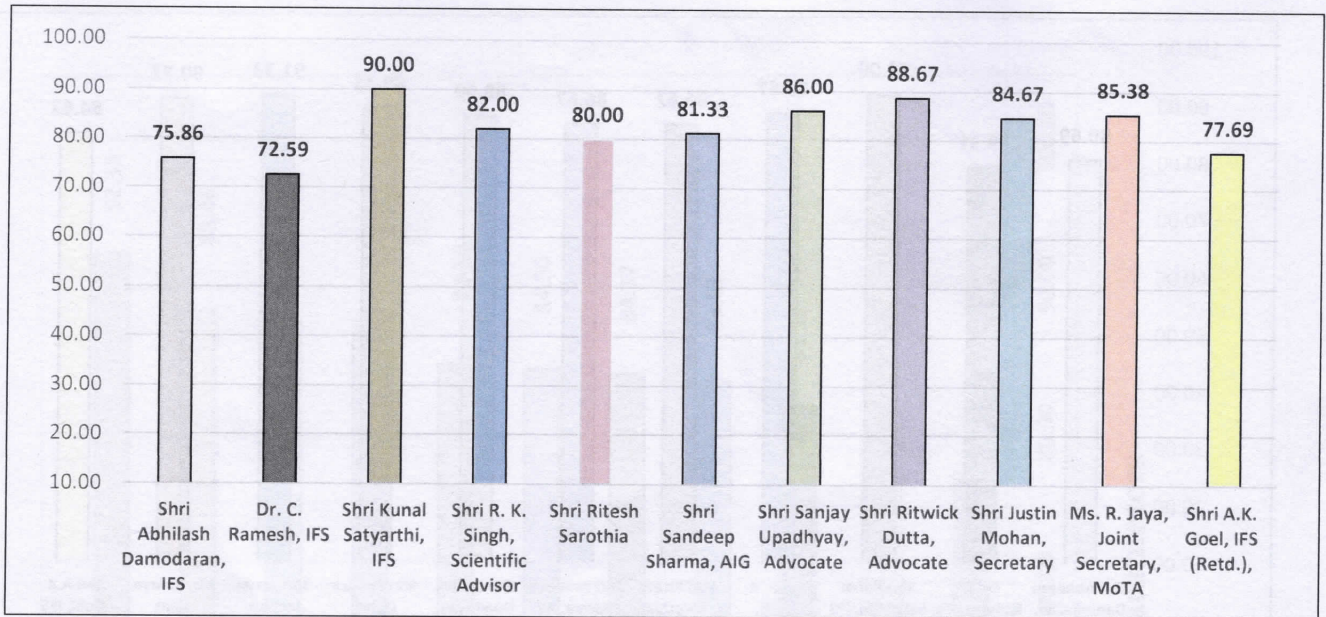
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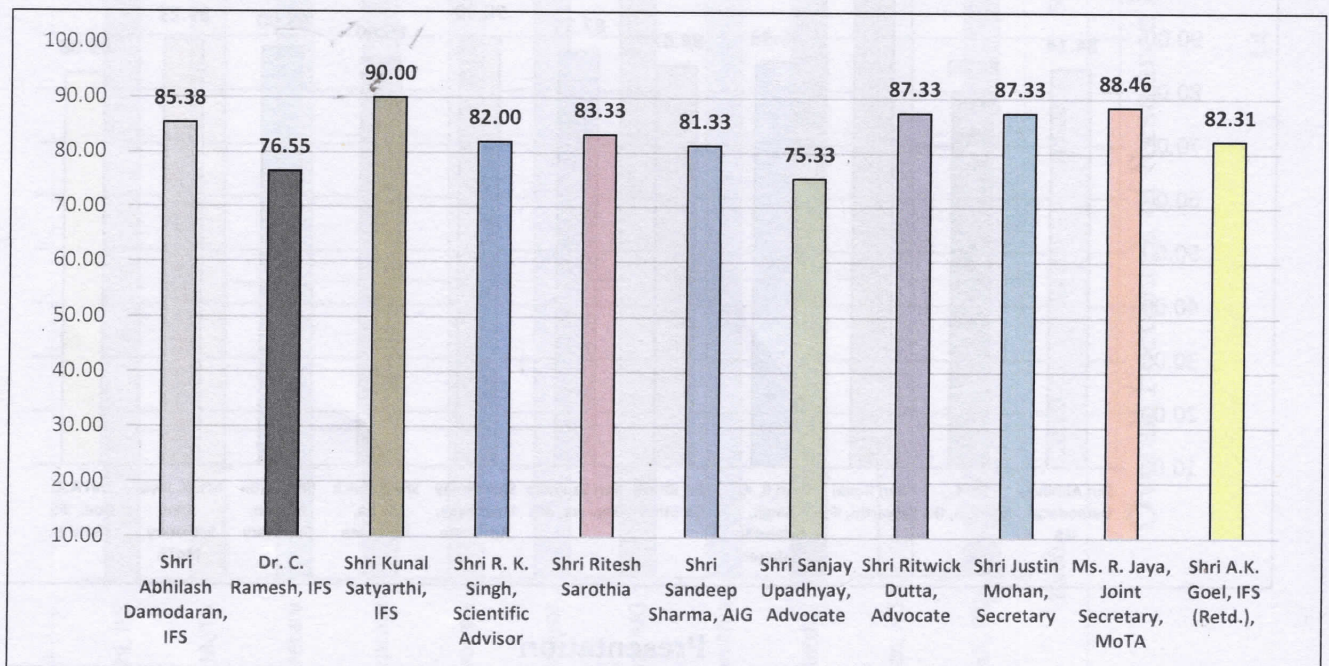
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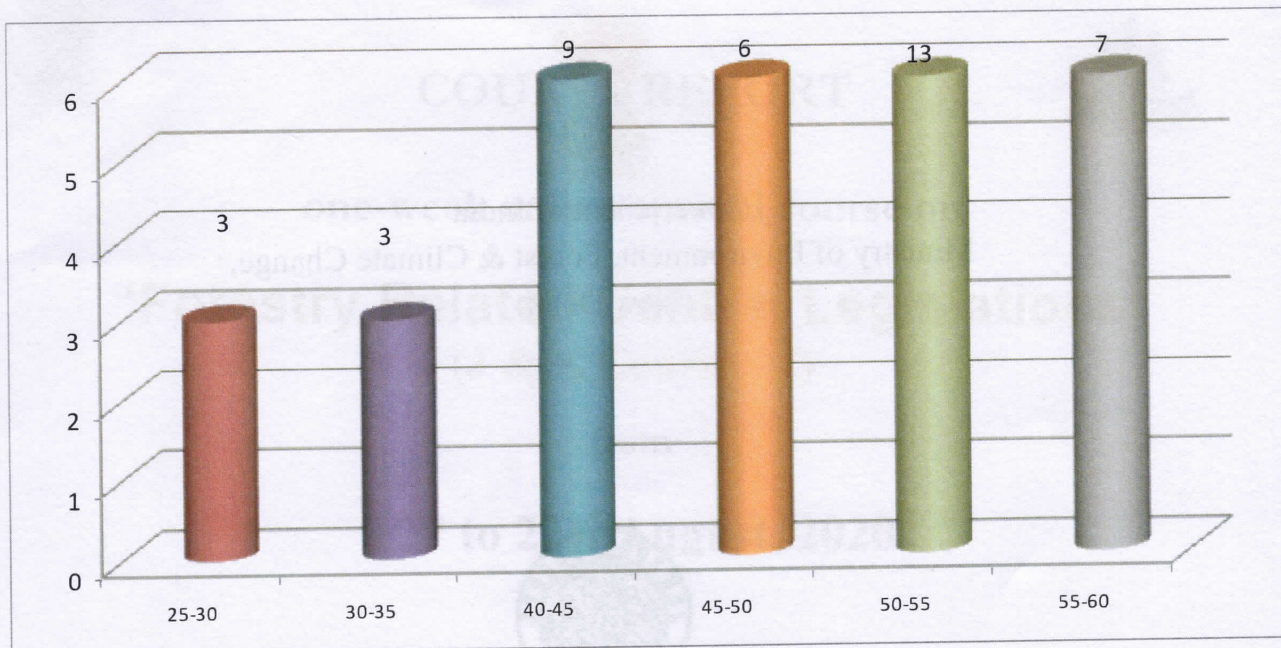
### Presentation



### Interaction



### Objectives



**Age of Participants**



Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
New Delhi



Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
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