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Certificate Course on 'Wildlife Management using Geospatial Techniques' Under Green Skill Development Programme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dehradun, 7 April 2022 to 4 May 2022.

ENVIS Resource Partner 'Wildlife and Protected Areas', Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Uttarakhand organised a residential course in Wildlife Institute of India. It was four weeks course which included theory, practical and field visits. A total of 535 applications were received for the course and 20 people were shortlisted based on applications and interview. There were participants from the States of Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh.

The main aim of the course was to skill the participants in Wildlife Management using the Geospatial techniques so that they can create employment opportunities and become self-dependent. It also prepares people for green jobs that contribute to preserving or restoring the quality of the environment, while simultaneously improving social equity and enhancing quality of life. The programme endeavours to develop green skilled workers having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development of the country which will help in the attainment of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs), as well as Waste Management Rules (2016). The course is approved by National Skill Development Authority with an NSQF Level 6.

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Hon'ble Minister, Shri Bhupender Yadav, Visited WII, Dehradun, 29 April 2022.

Hon'ble Minister, Shri Bhupender Yadav and other senior officials from the MoEFCC visited WII on 29 April 2022. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase the Institute and its work before the dignitaries.

During the earlier part of the day, the meeting was conducted in the Board room, where the invited teams interacted with the dignitaries. Dr S.P. Yadav, Director, WII, felicitated the Hon'ble Minister. A presentation on "Blue print to make WII a World Class Institution - Way Forward" was given by Dr Y.V. Jhala, Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences. A number of research and other posters were displayed, and the researchers were present to describe the posters. The Hon'ble Minister also visited other facilities of the Institute and inaugurated the newly constructed Wildlife Physiology and Disease Ecology Laboratory. Director General (Forests) & Special Secretary, MoEFCC, Government of India; and other senior officials have also accompanied the Hon'ble Minister. Shri Yadav also released a film on Sangai.



Celebration of World Heritage Day, Dehradun, 18 April 2022.

World Heritage Day is celebrated every year on 18 April to educate the public about the protection, preservation and promotion of World Heritage. It offers an opportunity to raise the public's awareness about the diversity of heritage and the efforts required to protect and conserve it, as well as draw attention to its vulnerability.

WII-C2C organised the celebration of World Heritage Day 2022 through a series of activities for local schoolchildren. The pre-lunch session was attended by 24 students of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy, 28 students of Graphic Era Global School, 25 students of St. Paul's and 25 students of St. Mary's. The session began with a welcome note by Dr Gautam Talukdar, Faculty In-Charge, WII-C2C introducing the students to the concept of World Heritage Day & this year's theme "Heritage and Climate", and Dr Ruchi Badola, Registrar, WII, encouraging the students to share their understanding of heritage and develop it further.



The students enthusiastically participated in the Art Competition based on themes of "Our Natural Heritage" and "Threats Associated with Natural Heritage", submitting creative artwork which amply conveyed the same. The prize winners in the same were Adamya Sharma (First), Manish Garg (Second) and Kartik Barmola (Third) in the Junior Category (Classes 6-7) and Lakshita Thapa (First), Manas Gulati (Second), and Ram Vishal (Third) in the Senior Category (Classes 8-9-10). It was followed by a trivia quiz competition, "World Heritage around The World", centred on World Heritage Sites. The prize winners were the teams from St. Mary's Secondary School (First), Graphic Era Global School (Second) and Raja Ram Mohan Academy (Third). Dr Ruchi Badola, Registrar, distributed the prizes to the winning students.

One-Week Compulsory Training Course on Addressing Challenges and Managing Human-Wildlife Conflict in India, Dehradun, 16-20 May 2022.

A five-day compulsory training course was organized for the capacity building of mid-to senior level officers from various State Forest Departments on 'Addressing challenges and managing Human-Wildlife Conflict in India' from May 16 to 20 June 2022 at Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. The course aimed at developing capacity of participants in addressing various challenges associated with management of Human-Wildlife Conflict *viz.*, prevention, rapid response and mitigation verticals including understanding of species biology and specific-specific use of modern technologies and tools. A total of 16 participants from 14 Indian states attended the training course. The training comprised of a mix of classroom lectures and field-based activities. The officers shared their experience of working in conflict-affected regions in their respective states and talked about their learnings, effective strategies and failed attempts. The resource persons included faculty members of WII, experts from a number of civil society organizations and Senior Police Officer and Forest Managers. Participants learnt about behavioural and ecological aspects, and modern interventions relating to conflict mitigation such as population management and use of modern technologies, for key species in conflict including tiger, leopard, Asian elephant, rhesus macaque, blue bull, snakes, crocodiles etc. Highlights of the course were on-field learnings in Rajaji Tiger Reserve - Haridwar Forest Division landscape, and expert talks on media engagement, crowd management and existing laws and policies relating to conflict mitigation. The course was well-received and appreciated by the participating officers, who emphasized on regularly conducting such trainings for officers and front-line staffs.

Celebration of World Environment Day Celebration 2022.

At Wildlife Institute of India: The World Environment Day Celebration was held at WII Auditorium on 5 June 2022. At the outset, Dr Ruchi Badola, Registrar, welcomed the Chief Guest, Shri Ashok Kumar, IPS, DG Police, Uttarakhand. He released documentary films & posters prepared by WII (ENVIS partner) and also addressed the gathering. The faculty members, staff, researchers and students attended the event.

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At Mount Abu: This year's theme for World Environment Day 2022 was 'Only One Earth'. An awareness workshop was conducted for the students. Various interactive sessions related to water ecosystem, rainwater harvesting, and distribution of biodiversity were held with the students of Nursing College, Abu Road. In the awareness program, around 225 students and 6 teachers participated.

An interactive online session on water solutions for the future generation was held with the National and International summer camp students of 'Brahma Kumaris' at the studio of Brahma Kumaris headquarters at Mount Abu. A total of 300 student participated through zoom meeting and more than 500 people participated through live YouTube session.

The Institute participated in the 'Arogya Van Initiative' inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan at Brahm Kumaris Headquarter, Mount Abu on the occasion of WED 2022. A talk on 'Harmony between humans & Nature and water conservation' was also given by Dr. Bitapi C. Sinha to the participants of the event. The mission of the initiative is to plant 75 species and care for them for 75 days. A total number of 150 people participated in the event.

An awareness workshop was held with the students of 'Aadarsh Vidya Mandir', Mount Abu. Students were sensitized about the importance of wildlife in an ecosystem. An origami session was also conducted with the students to aware them about different species. In the awareness program, around 180 students and 6 teachers participated.

An awareness workshop was conducted with the school students of 'St. Sophies School' at Mount Abu. The students were sensitized through various games and web of life activity and awareness material was distributed. A total number of 200 students participated in the program.

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Foundation Day of the Institute Celebrated, Dehradun, 23 May 2022.

The Wildlife Institute of India was founded on 22 May 1982 at the FRI Campus by amalgamating the then existing Directorate of Wildlife Research and Training of Forest Research Institute and the Central Crocodile Breeding and Management Training Institute. The Foundation Day of the Institute was celebrated on Monday, 23 May 2022 (as 22 May 2022 was Sunday).

Shri B.C. Choudhury, Retired Professor and Scientist-G, delivered a talk on the 'History of WII and its contribution to wildlife science' on this occasion. Shri S.K. Mukherjee, Former Director,
Dr Ruchi Badola, Registrar, faculty members and staff participated in the celebration.



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World Bicycle Day Celebrated at WII, Dehradun, 3 June 2022.

The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India celebrated World Bicycle Day on 3 June 2022 as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The Institute also celebrated the event with full fervour. A Cycle Rally was organised in the Institute Campus area. The faculty members, staff and researchers voluntarily participated in the event to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence.

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*Glimpses of
Celebration of
Yoga Day 2022
WII, Dehradun,
21 June 2022*



Capacity Building Workshop on 'Management of Human-Leopard Conflict' for the Officers and Frontline Staff of Bhagirathi Circle, Uttarakhand Forest Department, Dehradun, 28-30 June 2022.

The workshop aimed at developing participants' capacity to address challenges associated with managing human-leopard conflict in the state of Uttarakhand. The training comprised a mix of classroom lectures and field-based activities. The participants gained knowledge through classroom learning on species biology and behaviour of large felids with an emphasis on managing conflicts. Senior forest managers and experts from civil society organisations were invited as resource persons. They shared their experiences in the field of human-wildlife conflict mitigation with an emphasis on leopards and talked about status and management actions taken for human-leopard conflict in Uttarakhand. The participants were also provided with hands-on training on various tools and techniques relevant to conflict mitigation. These included radio-telemetry, camera traps, fox light, ANIDERS, physical and chemical capture, remote drug delivery systems, dart preparation and crime scene investigation. The bird-watching session was organised on the nature trail of WII. The yoga sessions also were organised for the participants to make them aware of building physical and mental well-being. A total of 53 participants attended the workshop.

Welcome

Dr Satya Prakash Yadav, Director, WII

Dr Satya Prakash Yadav is a member of the 1989 batch of Indian Forest Service, Uttar Pradesh Cadre. Dr S.P. Yadav is serving as the Additional Director General of Forests (Project Tiger) and Member-Secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). He is also holding charge of the Additional Director General of Forests (F.C.) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

He was awarded a PhD degree in 'Ecological Status and Conservation of Tigers in Simlipal and Satkosia tiger reserves' from North Odisha University. He earlier headed the Central & State Level Zoo Authorities and has played an active role in curbing the illegal wildlife trade. For his exemplary service in cracking a hub of thriving illegal trade, he received the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Conservation Award in 2009.

Dr Yadav is trained from the prestigious Smithsonian Institution, USA (in collaboration with Global Tiger Initiative and WII) on Ecology and Conservation of Tigers. He has authored several reports and peer-reviewed papers in prestigious journals on the conservation and management of endangered species. He has played a pivotal role in successful tiger conservation in India while serving at the NTCA and Global Tiger Forum (an inter-governmental international organisation in the field of tiger conservation in the world). Dr. Yadav has taken the charge as Director, WII on 4 April 2022.



Farewell...



Dr. Dhananjai Mohan
Director, WII

Joined 01.01.2020
Repatriated 04.04.2022



Shri P.K. Mukherjee
Section Officer

Joined 17.10.1990
Superannuated 30.6.2022

The message is simple: love and conserve our wildlife."

-Steve Irwin

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