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42nd Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management Concluded, 31 August 2022.

During the reporting period, an International Wildlife Management Study Tour to South Africa was organized during 17-30 August, 2022 for the trainees of the 41st & 42nd Batches of Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. The International Wildlife Management Study Tour of 41st PG Diploma could not undertaken in 2021 due to worldwide pandemic COVID-19. The tour was attended by 27 Diploma trainee officers of both the batches and three faculty members. The Officers visited Johannesburg Zoo and the inputs were provided on Zoo Management. The Officers visited Letaba Camp in Kruger National Park (KNP) and received inputs on select African ungulates. During the travel, Elephant Hall Museum was also visited. Wildlife Pharmaceuticals facility, Mpumalanga was visited and inputs were received on immobilization drug manufacturing, packaging and shipment including legal provisions in the import of drugs. The



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officer trainees participated in a live demonstration of a de-horning exercise in White Rhino. The Officer trainees also visited Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC), Hoedspruit Endangered Breeding Center and Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Center and were exposed to various facilities.

The 42nd PG Diploma course concluded on 31 August 2022. Shri Bharat Jyoti, IFS, Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function. He distributed the Diploma and awards to the passing out officer trainees. All the officer trainees successfully completed the course.

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Institute's Gold Medal for the **Top Trainee**
Silver Medal for the **Best All Round Wildlifer**



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Wildlife Preservation Society Silver Medal for the **Second in Merit**
NR Nair Memorial Silver Medal for **Best Management Plan**
Top Trainee in **Wildlife Biology** (Book Prize)



Amarakshar VM

A K Chatterjee Silver Medal for **Best Management Term Paper**

State Level Spearhead Training Programme for Bal Ganga Praharis on Biodiversity Conservation of the Ganga River and its Tributaries', Dehradun, 12-14 July 2022.

Under the Wildlife Institute of India - National Mission for Clean Ganga project 'Planning and management for aquatic species conservation and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Ganga River basin for Clean Ganga', a 'State level spearhead training programme for Bal Ganga Praharis on Biodiversity Conservation of the Ganga River and its Tributaries' was conducted at the Wildlife Institute of India. This Training programme was focused on developing knowledge and capacities regarding the Ganga River and its tributaries with the help of the 'National Mission for Clean Ganga' along with its objectives and goals. The purpose of this training mainly lies on to give the idea about the role of being a stakeholder for the conservation of our nature by means of 'Bal Ganga Prahari'. The participants were enlightened with the idea of the 'Knights of Nature' by which they can lead and can be engaged in various good deeds through their works towards the conservation of nature and its resources.

The training was attended by a total of 85 school students along with 11 teachers from 8 different schools of four districts of Uttarakhand (Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Dehradun, Haridwar). The Programme's main focus was on interactive sessions and different conservation education programmes with the help of various indoor and outdoor activities. Other activities include hands-on sessions, quizzes, pre- and post-training evaluation through questionnaires, a visit to the WII nature trail, and a tour of different sites. FRI (Forest Research Institute), UCOST (Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technologies), a cultural evening that finally ended with the distribution of tokens of appreciation and certificates. The students were enlightened about the Ganga River's biodiversity and its geographical, cultural, ecological and economic significance.

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Trans-boundary Training Course on Diversified Agriculture for Farmers of Communities adjoining Protected Areas of India and Nepal, Pantnagar, 4-6 August 2022.

A three-day training workshop was organized for selected community members from the adjoining villages of protected areas of India and Nepal at G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT) under the aegis of the WII-UKFD-ZSL collaborative project entitled "Supporting Trans-boundary Tiger Recovery in India and Nepal". The workshop was attended by 20 participants from Nepal belonging to four national park adjoining area villages, including seven females and thirteen males, and 14 participants from India belonging to three villages adjoining Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary (NWLS). The three Indian villages are also located in the Boom-Bramdeo corridor connecting NWLS to Suklaphanta National Park, Nepal. The training for community members aimed at enhancing and strengthening their capability and capacity for livelihood and income generation to decrease their vulnerability towards Human-Wildlife Conflict and resource dependency of communities on forest habitats.



The farmers were provided basic training on diversified agriculture and productivity enhancement through modern practices and methods. It was aimed at providing farmers with new practices, tools and methods, models used in farming to increase the profit in agriculture sector activities. It focused on enabling the existing and working farmers to better understand the issues and problems related to their farms and how to address those issues. It provided a basic platform for specialized training in any particular agriculture and allied activities per the farmers' needs. The three-day training course was conducted in the GBPUAT visiting ten departments of the university. It was to provide field-based demonstrative learning for farmers through classroom learning, field visits, and hands-on training. The topics and subjects included various agricultural and horticultural crops, diseases, precautions, farming systems, dairy, poultry, apiculture, food processing, and disease control.

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Trans-Boundary Training Course in Wildlife Conservation & Management for Protected Area Managers of India and Nepal, Dehradun, 8-12 August 2022.

Under the collaborative Project WII-UKFD-ZSL, a Project entitled "Supporting Trans-boundary Tiger recovery in India and Nepal", A five days training workshop course entitled "Trans-boundary training course and management for protected area managers for India and Nepal" was organized by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. The training course was aimed at training officers from both the country from India and Nepal. The protected areas of the Terai arc landscape in India and Nepal were primarily focused on meeting the challenges of Biodiversity conservation, Habitat Management, Human-Wildlife conservation, etc. The workshop was attended by 21 Forest officers from India and 11 Forest officers from Nepal.



Five days training workshop concluded with both technical and practical sessions. The technical session broadly covered the topics of Wildlife Habitats, An overview of the Terai Arc Landscape, Wildlife health & Wildlife Restraint, Protected area management, wildlife forensics, wildlife management planning, communities & conservation, Tools and Techniques for wildlife monitoring, and Applications of new tools and techniques in law enforcement monitoring using M-STriES, whereas practical sessions and field exercises were focused on the Introduction and demonstration of wild animal captures and techniques. A two-day field visit to Rajaji Tiger Reserve and Dehradun Zoo was also organized during the workshop. During the field visit to Rajaji Tiger Reserve, trainees were briefed about the implementation of different mitigation strategies for Human-Wildlife Conflict, visitor and tourist management, interpretation, and environmental education.

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Capacity Building workshop for Nature Guides of Nandhaur landscape, Dehradun, 24-30 August 2022.

Under the collaborative Project WII-UKFD-ZSL, a Project entitled "Supporting Trans-boundary Tiger recovery in India and Nepal", A Seven days training workshop course entitled "Capacity Building workshop for Nature Guides of Nandhaur landscape" was organized by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. The training course was aimed at training nature guides from Nandhaur landscape, Uttarakhand. A total of 42 candidates from the Nandhaur landscape participated in the course.

The training course aimed to develop skills required for a successful nature guide, to provide basic knowledge of biodiversity, geology, and vegetation types of Nandhaur Landscape, and to train them about "Safety and Health" and management of a medical emergency. The course also included First Aid course level 1 training provided by the Indian Red Cross Society to train nature guides to enable them to assist guests in case of medical emergencies. The course led to an increase in depth knowledge of participants about Wildlife in Terai Arc Landscape, trained them to deliver engaging tours to guests, improved their personality and communication skills, developed skills to use various interpretation techniques to attract guests, and learned to perform First Aid in an emergency.

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National Spearhead Training Workshop for Ganga Task Force & Eco Task Force on Conservation & Management of the Gangetic Dolphins & Other Aquatic Macro Fauna of the Ganga Basin, Dehradun, 21-26 September 2022.

Under the Wildlife Institute of India - National Mission for Clean Ganga project 'Planning and management for aquatic species conservation and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Ganga River basin for Clean Ganga', National Spearhead Training Workshop for Ganga Task Force & Eco Task Force (ETF) on Conservation & Management of the Gangetic Dolphin & Other Aquatic Macro Fauna of the Ganga Basin was conducted at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. The Ganga Task Force (GTF) is a unit of the Territorial Army, a volunteer force of ex-servicemen deployed in the services to keep the Ganga River clean and spread awareness to stop people and industry from polluting the river.

The purpose of this training was to develop the capacity of the GTF & ETF to the ecological profile of the Gangetic Dolphin and other Aquatic Macro Fauna of the Ganga River and its tributaries, to understand the significance of their conservation and how to rescue and rehabilitate the aquatic species of the Ganga River and its tributaries and to engage local communities and trained them for the conservation of the aquatic species found in the river.

The training comprises presentations followed by interactive sessions and hands-on sessions like bird monitoring, collection and analysis techniques. The training programme was attended by 20 Ganga Task Force from Uttarakhand & Eco Task Force from Uttar Pradesh, 6 Forest Officials from Uttar Pradesh, 3 Junior Engineers and 2 Executive Engineers from irrigation department Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, 15 Ganga Praharis from Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 46 participants were present in the Programme.

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हिंदी पखवाड़ा समापन समारोह

भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान में हिंदी पखवाड़े का समापन समारोह 30 सितम्बर 2022 को मनाया गया। पखवाड़े के दौरान हिंदी निबंध प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गयी। संकाय सदस्यों एवं शोधकर्ताओं ने हिंदी पखवाड़े के समापन समारोह में प्रतिभाग किया व कार्यक्रम के अन्त में विजेताओं को पुरस्कार प्रदान किये गये।

अध्यक्ष महोदया एवं कुलसचिव द्वारा संस्थान में हिंदी के प्रयोग पर चर्चा की गयी एवम् राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन संबंधी बिंदुओं पर चर्चा की गयी। माननीय गृह एवम् सहकारिता मंत्री जी की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 14-15 सितम्बर, 2022 के दौरान सूरत में आयोजित हिंदी दिवस और द्वितीय अखिल भारतीय राजभाषा सम्मेलन में शामिल होने के लिये संस्थान से श्रीमती बलजीत कौर, वित्त अधिकारी एवं श्रीमती अलका अग्रवाल, सहायक निदेशक (राजभाषा) को भेजा गया।

हिंदी पखवाड़े के दौरान राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा समय-समय पर जारी निर्देशों के बारे में बताया गया और सभी से अनुरोध किया कि राजभाषा सम्बन्धी आदेशों का अनुपालन करे एवम् आग्रह किया गया कि हिंदी के प्रयोग, संवर्धन, जागरूकता एवम् प्रोत्साहन से और अपनी प्रतिभागिता के माध्यम से हिंदी माह को उर्जा उत्साह और उल्लास के साथ करे।



Farewell...



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“Humankind must learn to understand that the life of an animal is in no way less precious than our own.”

— Paul Oxtan

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