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- 1 The MoEF has constituted a Committee under the chairmanship of DG, ICFRE for suggesting measures for '*Strengthening Institutional Mechanisms for Capacity Building in the Forestry Sector*' with heads of forestry institutions in Dehradun, as members. The terms of reference include recommending criteria for having a common pool of resource persons, criteria for organising proposed awareness meetings, workshops, study visits etc., for various stakeholder groups & personnel of other services which have bearing on the management in forestry sector and drafting a scheme for domestic funding for foreign training of forestry personnel.
- 2 The Webpage of the RT Division (www.ifs.nic.in/rt) has been made interactive by having a provision for providing *suggestions on the various capacity building programmes* of the MoEF in the forestry sector. It will become operational in about a week's time.
- 3 A provision has also been made in the Webpage of the division for exercising choices in order of preference by an officer for participating in the courses. The officers will be nominated for the courses depending on their field(s) of preference, availability of slots in that particular course, number of officers to be nominated from each state including the range of number of years of service an officer has put in and direct relevance of the theme to the officers of the state etc. Whereas all efforts are made to nominate the officer as per the field of preference, the decision of MoEF would be final.
- 4 The ICFRE has established a '*Forest Invasive Species (FIS) Cell*' in FRI, Dehradun to document and monitor behavior of invasive species, suggest measures for preventing their introduction and undertake research on their cost effective and least harmful methods of eradication and control.
- 5 The nominations for one-week courses and two-day training workshops to be organized by various institutions up to mid-January 2007 have been finalized and communicated to the State Governments and also being put on the webpage of the Division.
- 6 The National Forest Sports Meet is being held at Jaipur from February 6-8, 2007. Hence, the MoEF has decided to change the dates of one week courses for the IFS officers

scheduled to be held from February 05-09, 2007 at Panchkula and Bhubaneswar. The courses will now be conducted from **January 29-February, 02, 2007 (at Panchkula)** and **February 12-16th, 2007 (at Bhubaneswar)**, respectively.

- 7 The Annual General Meetings of the IIFM Society and ICFRE Society will be held on November 17 and 19, 2006 respectively in New Delhi.

From IFS Division:

- 8 The IFS Division is in the process of finalizing the format for filling of Performance Appraisal Reports (PARs) for IFS officers (replacing the existing ACR system) on the pattern of other two AISs. This would be a tool for career planning and training, rather than a mere judgmental exercise. It will be based on numerical gradings against 15-20 indicators and proposed to be made applicable w.e.f. year 2007-08.
- 9 The DoPT has requested the MoEF to consider introduction of Mid-Career Training Programmes for IFS officers on the pattern of one approved for IAS. It is proposed to modify the existing pattern of mid-career training for IFS officers being imparted at IGNFA to officer in their 10th, 17th and 21st year of service. The proposal is to impart training between 7th-9th, 16th-18th and 26th-28th years of service and make it compulsory for promotions to higher scales by amending the corresponding Pay Rules.

9. During the month, the following appointments, transfers, postings and retirements from service have taken place:

- Shri J C Kala, IFS (TN: 68) has been appointed as DGF & Secretary to the GOI in the MoEF w.e.f. October 26, 2006.
- Shri J C Kala (TN: 68) DGF & Secretary retires on

superannuation from the Government Service on the afternoon of October 31st, 2006.

- Shri G K Prasad (MT: 70) ADGF (Forests) will hold additional charge of DGF and ex-officio Special Secretary in the MoEF till Jan 31, 2007 or until further orders. He is also looking after the duties of ADGF (Wildlife).
- Shri Ansar Ahmed (NG: 78) IGF, Externally-Aided Projects is also looking after the duties of IGF, Forest Conservation.
- Shri Pramod G Krishnan (KR: 97) is posted as Joint Director Wildlife and J P Mishra (AGMUT: 92) as AIG, Forest Policy.

From States:

- 10 Manipur Government has inaugurated a separate website for the forest department on October 21, 2006 which can be visited at <http://manipurforest.gov.in>

- 11 The new website of Karnataka Forest Department is [www:karnatakaforest.gov.in](http://www.karnatakaforest.gov.in)

Obituary:

- 12 Shri R C Purwar (TN: 84) expired on October 28, 2006. May his soul rest in peace!

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Tuesday, October 31, 2006



{Please *click at Lists of IFS Officers nominated for the courses* & for *Training Workshops: click at Lists of IFS Officers nominated* **NEW** } for *accessing copies of the letters of nominations of IFS Officers for the courses.*

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