



COURSE REPORT
of
3-day Training for Personnel of Other Services
on
'Wildlife Trade & Trafficking'
05 – 07 March 2025
For

**Class II & III Officers of Police, Customs, CISF, ITBP, RPF, IB, DRI,
ED, Commercial Tax Departments, etc.**



Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Central Academy for State Forest Service (CASFOS), Dehradun, Uttarakhand (UK), under the aegis of Directorate of Forest Education (DFE), Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has a mandate to conduct various theme-based short-term training programs. In this regard, during F.Y. 2024-25, CASFOS, Dehradun organized a 3-day Training for Personnel of Other Services on “**Wildlife Trade & Trafficking**” between 05.03.2025 and 07.03.2025 for Class II & III Officers of Police, Customs, CISF, ITBP, RPF, IB, DRI, ED, Commercial Tax Department, etc. The training program was conducted at the Academy with a total of 11 lecture sessions by Subject Matter Experts, and a full day field visit coordinated by the Course Director. Total 32 nominations of officers from 04 states was received out of which 30 participants from 04 states attended the training.

The training course began with an inauguration on the first day, i.e., 05.03.2025. The Course Director of the training Mr. Amlendu Pathak, IFS, Lecturer, CASFOS, Dehradun gave a brief presentation about the course and structure of the training program, followed by opening remarks and address of the Principal, Mr. E. Vikram, IFS. He warmly welcomed all the participants to the training program at the Academy in sylvan campus of the Forest Research Institute. In his address, the Principal mentioned the importance of such training programs for the officers of the security agencies of the country. He also emphasized on awareness generation to curb the menace of illegal wildlife article trade in the country. The inaugural session was also attended by Dr. Kirupashankar M., Joint Director, WCCB (Hq), New Delhi and his team.

Important topics and sessions during the training program were Wildlife crime scenario and statutory wildlife crime enforcement framework in India, Role of enforcement agencies in combating wildlife crime, Relevant provisions of Wildlife Protection Act- Schedule & Offences, Powers vested with enforcement agencies and procedures, etc. The trainees were taken to Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and given exposure there.

The training course ended with a valedictory-cum-interactive session on 07.03.2025. The Course Director briefly summarized the 3- day long course and Participants gave their verbal feedback regarding the course. The course was highly appreciated by all and gave an overwhelming response to the course. Participants suggested incorporating such programs during their initial, training phase in the academies. After feedback, course completion certificates were distributed to the participants followed by Address of the Chief Guest, Mrs. Meera Iyer, IFS, Director, Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun. The DFE interacted with all the participants and highlighted the importance of feedback for improving future programs and congratulated all for successfully completing the course.

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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| MoEF&CC/DFE's letter number and date | | 4-937/Trg.II/DFT-2023/3762, dt. 06.02.2025 |
| Institute's reference number | | 4-149/TRG.II/WT&T/ /2024-25/ CASFOS dt 03.02.2025 |
| 1 | Name and complete address of the Institute (including phone, fax, and e-mail) | Central Academy for State Forest Service, Dehradun ☎ 0135-2754575/2754648 Email- casfos.dd-mef@gov.in |
| 2 | Title of the course | Wildlife Trade & Trafficking |
| 3 | Duration & period of the Course | Three Days From 05 th to 07 th March, 2025 |
| 4 | Name & designation of the Course Director | Mr. Amlendu Pathak, IFS, Lecturer |
| 5 | Number of officers participated | 30 (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)? | Multiple times on various occasions via voice calls since the letter sent to all related organizations for nomination till the start of training program. |
| | (c) Details of nomination/registered received from States prior to the Course | 32 registrations from 4 States/UTs |
| | (d) How many officers received the intimation? | All |
| | (e) How many officers responded? | 32 from 4 States/UTs |
| 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 the 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? | Yes |

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| | (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.? | Residential (Accommodation was provided to some participants at IG NFA & FRI Guest House) |
| 7.2 | (a) Total no. of working days in the course | 3 days |
| | (b) Total no. of sessions planned/ convened in the course | 11 sessions |
| | (c) No. of sessions, which could not be conducted as planned with reasons | Nil |
| | (d) Internal faculty hours | Nil |
| | (e) Guest faculty hours | 13 hours |
| | (f) No. of days / hours spent on field visit(s) if any | 1 full day |
| Enclosure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final timetable - List of faculties - Final list of participants | | |
| 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)? | Yes, during 2022. |
| | (b) What changes, based on the feedback received on the previous course, were made in the current course? | The training conducted in regular intervals. |
| 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 a rating of 98.16% The course aim was met to the full satisfaction & as per feedback, there was an increase in knowledge level of the participants. |
| 9.2 | Training Faculty (TF) | The participants rated the training faculty with 97.21% All training faculties for lecture sessions were highly appreciated by the participants. |
| 9.3 | Usefulness of the course (UOC) | The participants have given feedback that the training course will be highly useful immediately and in future, with a combined rating as 97.79% |
| 9.4 | Overall impression about the Course (OIC) | The participants have given overall feedback on the course as very good and rated it around 100% |

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| 9.5 | Participant's views about the strengths and weaknesses as well as other aspects pertaining to the course. (Please attach summary as Appendix-I.) | Overall, the participants appreciated the course. The suggestions made by them along with the Academy's comments are attached for reference. |
| 9.6 | Logistics (including Residential accommodation, Food quality, Classroom facilities, Computer facilities and Recreation facilities and Time management etc.) | The expectations of participants regarding the level of all logistics facilities provided by the academy have been highly appreciated, with an overall rating to logistics arrangement received is 99.71% |
| 9.7 | Weighted Average (Please attach summary as Appendix-II) | The weighted average of the course has been rated as 98.56% , which is found to be very satisfactory. |
| 10 | General remarks of the Course Director on the nature and extent of participant's involvement in the course including attendance punctuality and interest Evinced. | Participants were enthusiastic and expressed their keenness to learn from the day one of the training program. All appeared to be interactive during the sessions, cleared their doubts, and shared their own experiences. |
| 11 | Suggestion highlighting the areas of improvement in the Course for future by Course Director | Such courses may be conducted for officers in their academies during their initial/ training phase and at regular intervals for serving officers. |
| 12 | Comments of the Institution on how the feedback is proposed to be recycled into future programs in terms of course content, methodology, etc. | As reported by the participants, they benefitted immensely from the course. The Academy will try its best to incorporate the suggestions for further improvement of the course in future. |

Appendix-I**Course Director's comments on
Participant's views about the strengths and weaknesses pertaining to the course**

| S.No. | Participants' views | No. of participants who have expressed the view | Course Director's Comments |
|--------------|---|--|---|
| 1. | Sir it is requested that the course be done for a week and called these people so that they can understand better thanks | 6 | 3 days are sufficient for this topic. |
| 2. | "The past three days have been incredibly insightful, deepening my understanding of wildlife crime and its devastating impact on biodiversity." | 1 | - |
| 3. | "This training has opened my eyes to the urgent need for stronger enforcement and conservation efforts to combat illegal wildlife trade." | 1 | - |
| 4. | "A well-structured and informative program that provided valuable knowledge on tackling wildlife crime from multiple A big thank you to the trainers and organizers for their dedication to wildlife conservation and crime prevention. | 2 | - |
| 5. | A state level team should be formed on deputation from the concerned departments of the state in the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Government of India through interview in which interested employees should get a chance to join. | 1 | Noted, will be communicated to competent authority. |
| 6. | Sir, this course should be given on a wide scale to the concerned officers/employees department wise. | 2 | Noted, will be communicated to competent authority. |
| 7. | if possible you can show x-ray images for illegal wildlife parts. and awareness can also be extended to teachers in our Aviation Security Training Program. | 1 | Noted, will be communicated to competent authority. |
| 8. | Course should be introduced in RPF Academy at Lucknow during initial training for each rank. | 1 | Noted, will be communicated to competent authority. |
| 9. | Some important case study should be introduced in a course. | 2 | Already taken up by WCCB. |
| 10. | The training program was very encouraging and have provided a fruitful experience | 8 | - |

Appendix-II**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 grades is 4, percentage value be 100, 75, 50, 25)

The average numerical value of factors consisting of the element is a numerical value of the element.

1. Course Content and Structure (CCS) = 98.16

- 1.1 Course aims met (97.06)
- 1.2 Increase of knowledge (98.53)
- 1.3 Relevance of content (98.53)
- 1.4 Reading Material (98.53)

2. Training Faculty (TF) = 97.21**2.1 Assessment of the Course contents/topics = 98.22**

- Contents (98.16)
- Presentation (98.39)
- Quality of Discussion/Interaction (98.39)
- Meeting for Objectives (97.93)

2.2 Assessment of the Field Visit = 96.21

- Contents (97.24)
- Objectives (95.17)

3. Usefulness of the Course (UOC) = 97.79

- 3.1 How useful to you immediately (100)
- 3.2 How useful to be for the future jobs (95.59)

4. Overall Impression about the Course (OIC) = 100**5. Logistic = 99.71**

- 5.1 Residential accommodation (100)
- 5.2 Food quality (100)
- 5.3 Classroom facilities (100)
- 5.4 Time management (98.82)

Weighted Average for the Course

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

$$\mathbf{WA = \{ \{ CCS (100\%) + TF (100\%) + UOC (75\%) + OIC (100\%) + L (75\%) \} * 100 \} / 450}$$

$$\mathbf{WA = [(98.16 + 97.21 + 73.34 + 100 + 74.78) * 100] / 450}$$

$$\mathbf{= 98.56\%}$$

Appendix – III**List of Faculties (along with their details and topics)**

| S.No. | Topic | Name and Affiliation | Mb No. | E-mail |
|-------|---|---|------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Session/One Day module on Wildlife Trade & Trafficking by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau | Dr. Kirupasankar M, IFS, Jt. Director, WCCB | 9418443600 | - |
| | | Mr. Arnab Basu, Wildlife Inspector, WCCB | 9830868948 | arnabbasuwccb@gmail.com |
| 2. | Wildlife Trade through Borders and Covert Operations | Mr. Ritesh Sarothiya, IFS, MP | 9425041143 | riteshsarothiya@gmail.com |
| 3. | Case studies on Wildlife Crime Control and the Role of NGOs | Dr. Saket Badola, IFS, Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand | 9720007663 | - |
| 4. | Illegal Wildlife Trade: An Overview | Dr. Samir Sinha, IFS, PCCF, CEO CAMPA, Uttarakhand | - | - |
| 5. | Wildlife Trade in Lesser - Known Species | Dr. I.P. Bopanna, WWF India | 9410548735 | ipbopanna@wwfindia.net |

Appendix-IV**Final List of Participants**

| S. No | Name of Participants | Designation | Department | Mb No. | Email Address | State |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
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| 14 | Shri Sunil Kumar | Sub Inspector | CISF | 8976891071 | sunilnehra37@gmail.com | Uttarakhand |

| S. No | Name of Participants | Designation | Department | Mb No. | Email Address | State |
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| 17 | Shri Arpit Saxena | Superintendent | CGST, Dehradun | 9953141640 | arpitsaxena.g139603@gov.in arpitsaxena@yahoo.com | Uttarakhand |
| 18 | Shri Himanshu Joshi | Inspector | CGST, Dehradun | 8130550572 | himanshujosh.g130501@gov.in | Uttarakhand |
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| 29 | Shri Dheeraj Deorari | Head Constable | Police Department | 9897562081 | dheerajdevrari@gmail.com | Uttarakhand |
| 30 | Shri Sachin | Sub Inspector | SSB | 8005598915 | sachin.2051@ssb.gov.in sachinrajponia@gmail.com | West Bengal |



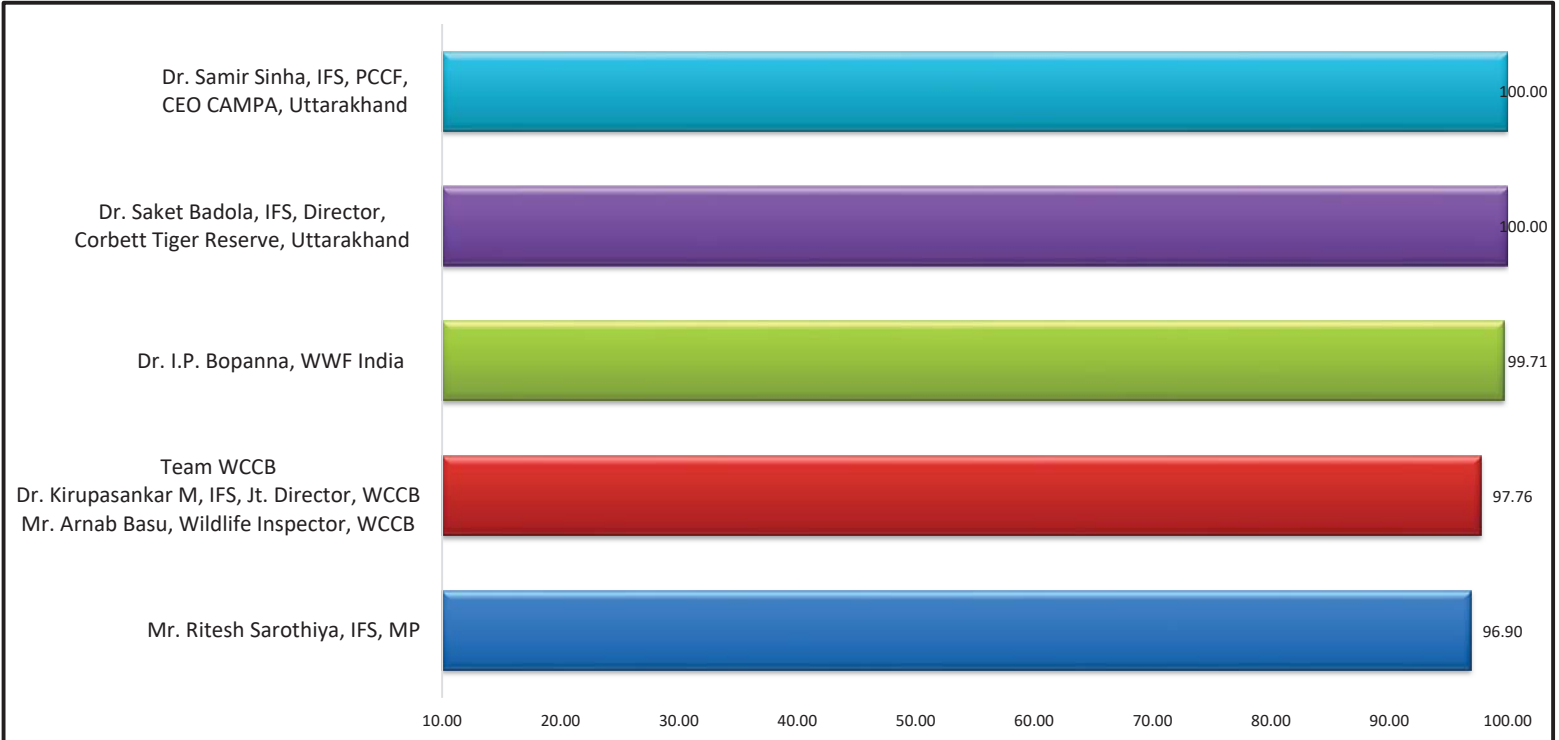
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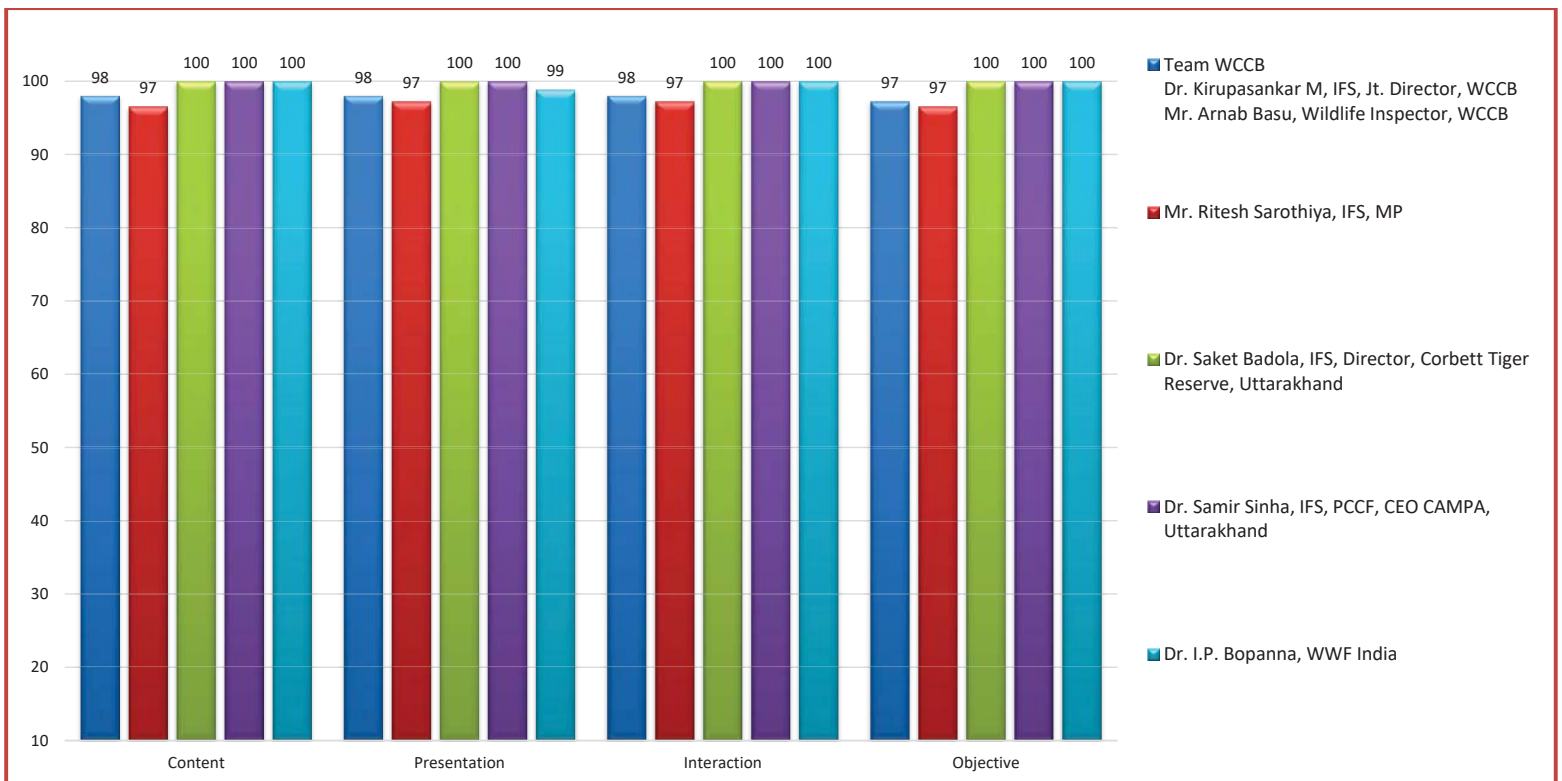
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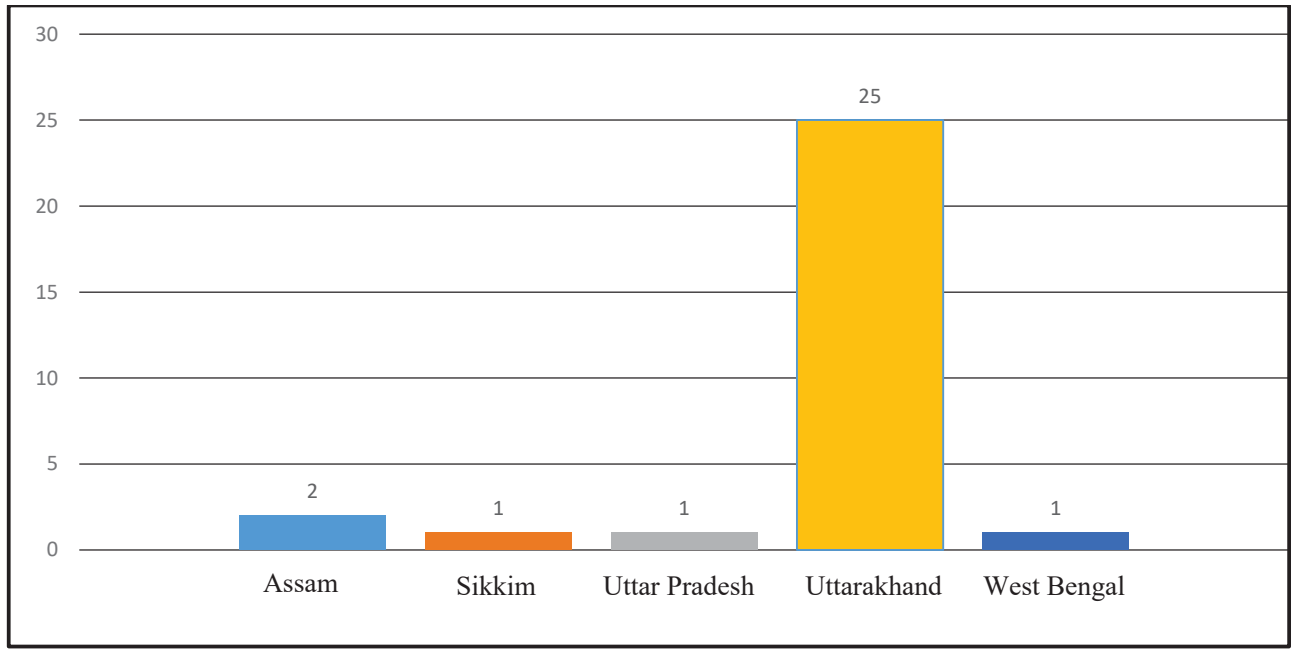
| Time | Theme/Topic and Faculty/Resource Persons |
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| 05 March 2025 (Day – 1) | |
| 0900 – 0930 hrs. | Registration of the participants |
| 0930 – 1030 hrs. | Inaugural Session on "Wildlife crime scenario and statutory wildlife crime enforcement framework in India. Role of WCCB in combating wildlife crime" – <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1030 – 1115 hrs. | Role of enforcement agencies in combating wildlife crime– <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1115 – 1130 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1130 – 1215 hrs. | Relevant provisions of Wildlife Protection Act- Schedule & Offences, Powers vested with enforcement agencies and procedures– <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1215 – 1300 hrs. | Search, seizure and documentation– <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1300 – 1400 hrs. | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1445 hrs. | Preliminary Investigation Handing over wildlife offence case – <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1445 – 1530 hrs. | Evidence collection & Latest techniques of investigation (digital, K9, financial etc.)– <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 1530 – 1545 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1545 – 1630 hrs. | Identification of animal & plant species in illegal wildlife trade & hands-on technique to differentiate between real and fake– <i>WCCB Team</i> |
| 06 March 2025 (Day – 2) | |
| 0900 – 1000 hrs. | Wildlife Trade through Borders and Covert Operations: - Mr. Ritesh Sarotiya, IFS, MP |
| 1000 – 1900 hrs. | Exposure Visits to WII Forensic Cell/ Rajaji Tiger Reserve, Dehradun |
| 07 March 2025 (Day – 3) | |
| 0930 – 1115 hrs. | Case studies on Wildlife Crime Control and the Role of NGOs: - Dr. Saket Badola, IFS, Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand |
| 1115 – 1130 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1130 – 1300 hrs. | Session by Dr. Samir Sinha, IFS, PCCF, CEO CAMPA, Uttarakhand |
| 1300 – 1400 hrs. | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1530 hrs. | Wildlife Trade in Lesser - Known Species: - Dr. I.P. Bopanna, WWF India |
| 1530 – 1545 hrs. | Tea Break |
| 1545 – 1645 hrs. | Feedback & Valedictory Session/ Certificate Distribution |
| 1645 – 1700 hrs. | Relieving and Departure |

Overall Feedback of Resource Persons on all Parameters



Parameter wise breakup of feedback of Resource Person





State-wise distribution of participants

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-1)



**Welcome of the Guest Dr. Kirupasankar M, IFS, Jt. Director, WCCB, in the inaugural session on
05.07.2025**



**Brief Introduction of the Training Program by Mr Amelndu Pathak, IFS, Lecturer, and Course
Director (Wildlife Trade & Trafficking), CASFOS, Dehradun**

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-1)



Address by Mr. E. Vikram, IFS, Principal CASFOS, Dehradun



Group Photograph during Inaugural Session

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-1)



Lecturer session by Dr. Kirupasankar M, IFS, Jt. Director, WCCB



Lecture session by Mr. Arnab Basu, Wildlife Inspector, WCCB

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-2)



Exposure Visits to WII Forensic Lab

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-2)



Field visit to Rajaji Tiger Reserve (UK)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-3)



Lecture session by Dr. Saket Badola, IFS, Director, Corbett Tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand



Lecture session Dr. Samir Sinha, IFS, PCCF, CEO CAMPA, Uttarakhand



Lecture session by Dr. I.P. Bopanna, WWF India

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-3)



Certificate distribution to all participants by the Chief Guest Mrs Meera Iyer, IFS, Director, Directorate Forest Education, Dehradun and Mr E. Vikram, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun

PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRAINING PROGRAMME (DAY-3)



Closing remarks by Mr. E. Vikram, IFS, Principal, CASFOS, Dehradun



**Valedictory address by the Chief Guest Mrs. Meera Iyer, IFS, Director,
Directorate Forest Education, Dehradun**



Group Photograph during valedictory session

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