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Benevolent and Welfare Trust

**INDIAN FOREST SERVICE BENEVOLENT AND  
WELFARE TRUST**  
*Standing for Green Warriors*

**GOVERNING  
BODY**

**President**

Shri A. K. Goyal

**Vice President**

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Chaudhry

**Treasurer**

Shri Vinod Kumar  
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**Joint Secretary**

Shri Sanjeev Chadha

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File No. IFSBWT/101/2026 -GB meeting

Date: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Governing Body held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 7.00 PM through online mode.**

The list of members present in the meeting is at **Annex**. Agenda item wise discussions held/decisions taken are as under:

**1. Review of preparations of forthcoming IFSBWT events-**

**(i) Webinar -23<sup>rd</sup> may 2026.**

Master of ceremony will be Sh. V.K. Tiwari, Treasurer. The sequence of events will be- welcome address and introduction by Sh. VK Tiwari followed by sharing of details of the Trust – scope, objectives and status of activities by Shri AK Goyal, President of the Trust; seeking of inputs by the members of the Coordination Committee on the State Government Orders /Policies / Guidelines etc to grant relief or benefits to families of fallen foresters; briefing by Coordination Committee members about timely submission of proposals from the States units for affected families; Q&A session and vote of thanks by Sh. R.K. Chaudhry, Secretary of the Trust.

*(Action: Treasurer, Secretary & President)*

**(ii) General Body Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

A communication to be issued to the PCCFs of all States/UTs – for facilitating dissemination of information about the meeting amongst retired and serving IFS officers of the States/UTs; clarification on clause 10 of the Trust Deed by virtue of which the IFS officers in the States/UTs are 'deemed members' and therefore, the invitees to the meeting; and a mention about as to how the two events -Webinar and General Body meetings are distinct separate events of the Trust. For the conduct of the General Body meeting, after a brief welcome address by Sh. R. K. Chaudhry, a power point presentation on the Trust background, constitution, objects, present status of activities and its future vision will be made by Shri A K Goyal. After the presentation inputs from the participants on strengthening and

ensuring long time sustainability of the Trust will be sought besides responding to the queries, if any.

*(Action: Secretary & President)*

**(iii) Press Conference – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Sh. Surendra Kumar, Trustee informed that the requisite arrangements for the Press Conference have been made at the PCI and a draft press note about the Trust is under preparation and will be circulated in the WhatsApp group of the Governing Body for comments.

*(Action: Sh. Surendra Kumar, Trustee and all members of the Governing Body)*

**2. Status of filing of applications for exemptions to the Income Tax Department**

Sh. R.K. Chaudhry, informed that the form no. 105 -application for registration of non-profit organisation under section 332 or approval under section 354 of the Income Tax Act for seeking exemptions was discussed on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 through an online meeting with Sh. Anirudh Singh, CA of the Trust. The CA will make requisite changes as per the discussion and share the revised Form 105 by Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

*(Action: Anirudh Singh CA and Secretary)*

**3. Follow up actions on the minutes of the fifth meeting of the Governing Body held on 7th May 2026.**

The Governing Body reviewed the follow-up actions on the decisions taken at its fifth meeting. The status of, and further decisions on, some of the items are recorded below.

**(i) SOPs and Guidelines for Processing Similar Proposals in Future (Item 2 of the fifth meeting)**

Mr. Surendra Kumar (KR:1986), Vice Chairman of the Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals (CSEP), apprised the Governing Body that the Committee is presently engaged in framing the Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines for processing similar proposals in future. The draft guidelines will be placed before the Governing Body shortly.

*(Action: CSEP)*

**(ii) Nomination of State/UT Coordinators**

The Vice President proposed the names of **Mr. Ankit Singh (JHK:2017)** and **Mr. Pradyumn Gaurav (BH: 2016)** for designation as the State Coordinator for the States of Jharkhand and Bihar respectively. The President proposed the name of **Mr. Anil Ganeriwala (SK:1986)** for designation as the State/UT Coordinator for the State of Sikkim. Both officers have been consulted in advance and have conveyed their consent to these proposals. The formal letters of nomination will be issued to Mr. Ankit Singh, Mr. Pradyumn Gaurav and Mr. Anil Ganeriwala.

*(Action: Mr. Vikas, Secretary)*

The members of the Governing Body were further requested to suggest, after due consultation, names of suitable IFS officers for designation as State Coordinators for the remaining States and Union Territories.

*(Action: All members of the Governing Body)*

**(iii) Creation of a WhatsApp group of State and UT Coordinators**

The President informed the Governing Body that a dedicated WhatsApp group of all State and Union Territory Coordinators of the Trust will be created. The group will serve as a common platform for circulating matters falling within the scope of the duties and responsibilities of the State/UT Coordinators and for facilitating coordinated action across the states/UTs.

*(Action: President)*

**(iv) Uploading of State Government Compensation Orders on the Trust Website**

Members were once again requested to liaise with their colleagues in the respective States and obtain copies of orders, if any, issued by State Governments granting compensation to forestry personnel killed or grievously hurt in the line of duty, so that the same may be progressively uploaded on the website of the Trust for the benefit of the forestry fraternity at large.

*(Action: All members of the Governing Body)*

**4. In principle decision on the nature of entities which can be approached by IFSBWT for donation.**

After detailed discussions, the majority view in the Governing Body held that the small contributions being received from forestry officials at various levels, while greatly valued, will not be adequate to build a meaningful corpus to enable the Trust to discharge its mandate and therefore, there is no objection in approaching, for donations, entities of established standing and good credentials in the eyes of the public. It was decided to constitute a three-member Committee of the Governing Body which shall thoroughly scrutinise the credentials of any entity proposed to be approached for donations, on the basis of material available in the public domain, and place its recommendations before the Governing Body for consideration before such entities are formally approached.

**5. Any other issue with the permission of the chair.**

**(i) Re-issuance of Login ID and Password for Limited Net Banking of the Trust's Bank Account**

After deliberations, it was decided that the President of the Trust shall also be designated as one of the authorised signatories of the Trust's bank account, so as to enable issuance of a login ID and password — for the limited purpose of viewing and downloading of bank statements — using his personal mobile number and e-mail ID. The necessary communication to the bank will be made in this regard, the draft of which will be prepared by the President.

*(Action: President; Executive Assistant; Secretary)*

**(ii) Review of service charges levied by the Bank for Demand Drafts and NEFT**

In view of the fact that the Trust maintains several Fixed Deposits as well as Savings Bank Accounts with the Bank, **Mr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari**, Treasurer, kindly agreed to take up the matter in writing with the Bank, requesting exemption of the Trust from levy of service charges in respect of issue of demand drafts and NEFT remittances, etc.

*(Action: Treasurer; Mr. Vikas, Executive Assistant)*

**(iii) Online system of receiving the contributions and generation of the receipts against the same through the Trust Website**

Sh. V.K. Tiwari, Treasurer, in consultation with the Bank with which the Trust has its account, will explore the scope of free of charge facilitation of receiving the contributions through the Trust website and auto generation of receipt for the same

*(Action: Treasurer; Mr. Vikas, Executive Assistant)*

**(iv) Creation of a Suggestions Box on the Trust's Website**


After discussions, it was agreed that a "Suggestions Box" shall be created under the "Contact Us" tab on the Trust's website. Before submitting any suggestion, the user will be required to furnish basic identifying details, namely, name, designation, mobile number, e-mail ID and address. The suggestions so received will be examined and acted upon in accordance with a set of guidelines to be formulated by the Governing Body in the forthcoming meetings.

*(Action: Mr. Surendra Kumar and the President)*

**(v) Request to MoEFCC for modification of CSR guidelines**

A proposal will be sent by the Trust for modification of CSR guidelines of Gol (MoEFCC) so as to include the contribution to IFSBWT as a sub-set of Environment Forest and Wild Life Conservation. This would help the Trust in approaching PSUs for CSR funds.

*(Action: Treasurer)*

  
**R K Chaudhry,**  
**Secretary, IFSBWT**

**List of Participants — Sixth Meeting of the Governing Body (virtual), May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

S. No.	Name	Cadre & Batch	Designation
1.	Mr. A. K. Goyal	KR:1981	President
2.	Dr. D. D. Sharma	JHK:1984	Vice-President
3.	Mr. Vinod Tiwari	HP:1986	Treasurer
4.	Mr. R K Chaudhry	PB:1987	Secretary
5.	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha	OR:1989	Joint Secretary
6.	Mr. A. K. Johari	AM:1986	Member
7.	Mr. Surendra Kumar	KR:1986	Member
8.	Ms. Jyotsna Sitling	UTT:1987	Member
9.	Ms. Anita Karn	GJ:1997	Member
10.	Mr. Nishant Verma	UTT:1999	Member