

IFSBWT

**Revived. Renewed.
Resolved.**

**Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare
Trust**

Protecting Those Who Protect Our Forests

Trust Revived and Registered · February 2026 · New Delhi

WHY THIS MEETING?

Four months since revival — a note to our esteemed Deemed Members

CLAUSE 10 — DEEMED MEMBERSHIP

All serving and retired Indian Forest Service officers are deemed members of the Trust — under Clause 10 of the Trust Deed.

CLAUSE 19 — ANNUAL MEETING

Clause 19 of the Trust Deed mandates that at least one ordinary meeting of the Trust be held every year.

WHY EARLY IN THE YEAR?

The Governing Body chose to hold the GBM early — to apprise members of progress so far and invite their suggestions for improvement.

THE HUMAN COST

India constantly ranks as having highest number of fatalities of forestry personnel globally


Annually on an average: 30-35; deaths or 120-150 seriously injured

Compensation/ex-gratia payments are grossly inadequate and often delayed

Sustainability of support for livelihood largely absent

A family losing its breadwinner in the protection of forests can lose everything without any institutional support, they are invisible.

OUR HISTORY — FROM 2008 TO REVIVAL

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- 2008** Trust originally founded with 14 Founding Trustees and registered with Sub-Registrar, New Delhi.
 - 2008–09** 12 additional Trustees co-opted. Meetings held in August 2008 and April 2009.
 - 2009–25** Activities could not be pursued due to various reasons. Trust remained dormant for 16 years.
 - Jan 24, 2026** Fourth Meeting of Trustees revives the Trust. Scope widened to all forest personnel. 08 new Trustees inducted.
 - Feb 2026** Amended Trust Deed registered at Sub-Registrar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. e-stamp certificate obtained. Trust formally reinstated. Protecting families of frontline field personnel in distress is the thrust area of this Trust

WHAT CHANGED IN 2026 — EXPANDED MANDATE

BEFORE (2008 Deed)

- × Only IFS officers' families as beneficiaries
- × Assistance only for death in harness
 - × Dormant for 15+ years
- × Limited governance structure
 - × No formal committees



AFTER (2026 Amended Deed)

- ✓ All forest field personnel Guard, watcher, Forester, Ranger, SFS and IFS Officers
- ✓ Death and injury/disability on duty
 - ✓ Actively revived and legally registered
- ✓ Governing Body, two Committees
- ✓ Online donations, website, PAN obtained
- ✓ e-newsletter/Linkedin/website

THE REVISED FOCUS

Senior officers face boardrooms. Frontline guards face bullets.

PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES

Families of forestry field personnel who sacrifice their lives while performing duties Watchers, Forest Guards, Foresters, Range Officers, SFS and IFS officers

INJURY AND DISABILITY

Personnel who suffer serious injuries, permanent disabilities, or critical illness while on duty also now qualify for assistance.

WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Any welfare activity for family members of officers and field personnel, as decided by Trustees including education, health and livelihood support.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Board of Trustees
32 Members

Governing Body
President · Vice President · Secretary ·
Joint Secretary. Treasurer + ten
Members

Committee for
Scrutiny and Evaluation of
Proposals

Coordination Committee
for Fund Mobilisation

OVER 5000 MEMBERS OF THE TRUST
(Serving and retired)

OUR TRUSTEES – STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

13

Founding Trustees
(2008)

11

Co-opted Trustees
(2008)

08

New Trustees
(Jan 2026)

32 Trustees

Trustees are appointed for their lifetime and represent all cadres. Minimum quorum of 8 Trustees needed for Board meetings.

Membership

All serving and retired members of Indian Forest Service are Deemed Members of the Trust no formal application needed.

HOW ASSISTANCE WORKS

Channel 1 – Trust Corpus

Applications from State Forestry Associations are reviewed by the Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation. Grants are made directly from Trust's Corpus to verified cases.

Channel 2 – Direct Donor Platform

Donors wishing to support a specific case contribute directly. 100% of such donations pass to beneficiary family with zero deductions.

Process Flow

1. State Associations identifies case



2. Google Form submitted



3. Committee reviews proposal



4. Assistance disbursed

Two cases offered financial assistance by the Trust

CASE I

Direct Support to Family

**Late Shri Jitendra Singh Shekhawat,
FG, Rajasthan, January 07, 2026**

Martyred while combating illegal sand mining in Dholpur District. The Trust released ₹1.35 lakh to his family on 11 February 2026, handed over by the DCF, Alwar, on behalf of the Trust. His family was among the first beneficiaries of the revived IFSBWT



Two cases offered financial assistance by the Trust (contd.)

CASE II

From Corpus of Trust

**Late Shri Harikesh Singh Gurjar, FG, MP,
April 08, 2026**

Shri Gurjar martyred by sand mafia in Morena Forest Division, while attempting to intercept the vehicle along with his Range Officer and team. An assistance of ₹3.0 lakh has since been disbursed: ₹1.5 lakh has been credited to the bank account of his widow, on May 12, 2026 and a demand draft of ₹1.5 lakh has been sent to the Life Insurance Corporation of India for the issue of a policy under LIC NIVESH PLUS — Plan 749 in the name of his five-year-old daughter, so that she receives a meaningful sum for her higher education in due course.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED — MARCH/APRIL 2026

 **Amended Trust Deed registered
(Feb 11, 2026) at Sub-Registrar,
Kashmere Gate**

Created LinkedIn page

**PAN Card received
(AACTI5925J)**

**Online Google Form for assistance
applications launched**

 **Formal communications sent to all State Forest Departments, IFSA State/UT
units/some of the batchmates' groups**

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED — MARCH/APRIL 2026

Board of Trustees approved provision for nominating Patrons to the Trust

 **Governing Body formally adopted (March 19, 2026) Vision and Mission Statements**

 **Website (foresttrust.in) hosted**

 **Chartered Accountant appointed for statutory compliance and tax filings**

 **Donations received and acknowledged; receipts issued in approved format**

ON THE HORIZON – MAY 2026 and BEYOND

01

**Explore ways to increase
Corpus of the Trust**

02

**Submit 12AB and 80G income-
tax exemption applications to
make donations tax-deductible**

03

**Convene Committee meetings to
finalise institutional
mechanisms for fund
mobilisation**

04

**Expand social media: Facebook
and Instagram in addition to
existing LinkedIn page**

05

**Process assistance applications
with speed and compassion as
they arrive from States**

06

**Request amendments to CSR
guidelines to include assistance
to forestry field personnel
making supreme sacrifices**

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

Four months since revival · January 24, 2026 — May 24, 2026

STILL IN THE NASCENT STAGE

Systems, databases, donor records and communication channels are still being built up. Institutional muscle is being added month by month.

FRUGAL BY DESIGN — NO OFFICE, NO OVERHEADS

All Governing Body members work from home. The Trust runs on a single part-time executive assistant. Administrative expenses are being held to the absolute minimum.

EVERY RUPEE FOR THE CAUSE

With overheads close to zero, every rupee received goes to the families we serve. This lean model will be preserved even as the Trust scales.

THE ROAD AHEAD — BUILDING THE CORPUS

From immediate response today to lasting welfare tomorrow

THE CORPUS IMPERATIVE — OUR CENTRAL THRUST

The first thrust is to stand by families of frontline personnel who make the supreme sacrifice or are grievously injured in the line of duty. A robust corpus lets the Trust respond immediately, every single time.

THE THIRD OBJECTIVE — WELFARE FOR FRONTLINE STAFF

Once the corpus reaches a healthy size, the Trust can pursue its third objective — welfare activities for frontline forest staff in States where the need is most acute.

A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

A corpus built by the forestry fraternity, for the families of those who serve to protect the national wealth, is both an institutional and a moral imperative.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every contribution – big or small – protects a family

DONATE

Contribute to the Trust corpus-**ONE-TIME**,
AT **FIXED FREQUENCY** OR
PERIODICALLY AS PER CHOICE

CSR PARTNERSHIPS

Help in channelising CSR funds to
the Trust

SPREAD THE WORD

Share Trust's story with fellow IFS/SFS
officers, state cadre colleagues, and forest
lovers. Every new aware person helps.

IDENTIFY CASES

Help in proactively identifying and
forward cases of such personnel who need
support. Use our Google Form.

GET IN TOUCH – CONNECT WITH US

 Website

foresttrust.in

 LinkedIn

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 Registered Address

**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dept. of
Forests & Wildlife, Kamla Nehru Ridge, New Delhi –
110007**

PAN

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 Apply for Assistance

**Google Form (available on website) for State
Associations/units to submit cases**

They protect our forests

We protect their families

**Join the IFSBWT movement. Donate. Advocate. Identify cases.
Be the safety net that our forest guardians deserve.**



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Thank You

For listening

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