



Benevolent and Welfare Trust

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

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OFFICE**

Office of the Deputy
Conservator of
Forests,
Department of
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Kamla Nehru Ridge,
New Delhi- 110007

File No. IFSBWT/101/2026 - Nodal Officer

Date: 16th June, 2026

R. K. Chaudhry
Secretary, IFSBWT

Dear Shri Abhilash Damodaran,

We are pleased to inform you that the Governing Body of IFSBWT in consultation with PCCF (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh has nominated you as the Nodal Officer of the Trust for Himachal Pradesh.

2. In this role, you will act as the nodal point for the State Coordinator to obtain the necessary information required by the Trust and forwarding of the proposals (through the prescribed Google form available at the website www.foresttrust.in of the Trust) to the Trust for financial assistance to the beneficiaries.

3. Sh. Kirupasankar M, IFS (HP: 2009) has been nominated as the State Coordinator for Himachal Pradesh.

4. Please find attached a brief note detailing the Trust's constitution, objectives, and activities. For regular updates, you may also visit the Trust website www.foresttrust.in.

We look forward to your active assistance and engagement in the matters of the Trust in this capacity.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely

Encl. As above.


(R. K. Chaudhry)
Secretary, IFSBWT

To,

Mr. Abhilash Damodaran, IFS (HP: 2007)
(Through WhatsApp, mobile no. 9412050571)

Copy to:

PCCF (HOFF), Himachal Pradesh for information.

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A NOTE ON THE TRUST

Background, Governance, Objects, Procedure for Assistance and Modes of Contribution

FOREWORD

Across the length and breadth of India, our forestry field personnel—Indian Forest Service officers, State Forest Service officers, Forest Range Officers, Foresters, Forest Guards and Watchers — perform a duty that is silent and dangerous. They patrol remote and most difficult terrains to confront timber smugglers, poachers and the illegal mining mafia; they manage human–wildlife co-existence conflicts on the fragmented edges of habitations; and they hold the line, often alone and unarmed, between an organised forest department and an organised crime equipped with the most advanced technology and tools.

When such a personnel falls in the line of duty, the loss is irretrievable; when he or she is grievously injured and rendered incapable of further service, the family is left to navigate not just the grief but the financial collapse that follows. State compensation, where due, takes its own time to flow and is rarely sufficient. The **Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust (IFSBWT)** exists to bridge that gap with immediate, dignified financial relief—over and above whatever may be due from the State.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Trust was originally constituted in **July 2008** by a group of Indian Forest Service officers in Delhi, as a public charitable trust under the provisions of the *Registration Act, 1908*, with the object of providing financial and other assistance to the bereaved families of IFS officers who die in harness.

A series of unfortunate incidents in recent years—frontline forestry personnel killed or grievously injured while attempting to stop illegal mining, smuggling, encroachment and poaching across several States—prompted the Board of Trustees, in its meeting held in **January 2026**, to revive the Trust and substantially widen its scope. The Board recognised a critical reality: the overwhelming majority of casualties and serious injuries occur not at the level of officers, but among the **frontline forestry personnel**—the Foresters, Guards and Watchers who are the first and often the only line of defence for the country's forests. Supporting these frontline warriors and their families was therefore made the foremost priority of the Trust.

Pursuant to that decision, the Trust was re-registered with the Sub-Registrar-I, Kashmere Gate (Central), Delhi-110006 on **11 February 2026**, with an expanded mandate covering *all categories of forestry field personnel*—IFS officers, State Forest Service officers, Forest Range Officers and frontline staff—and their families.

LEGAL STATUS

The Trust is registered as a Public Charitable Trust in the name of the *“Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust”* with the Sub-Registrar-I, Kashmere Gate (Central), Delhi-110006. Its registered office is located at the Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Kamla Nehru Ridge, New Delhi-110007.

Tax exemptions and CSR registration: Applications for registration under *Sections 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961*, and for *Form CSR-1 with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs* (so that contributions from companies qualify as eligible CSR expenditure under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013), are presently being processed. Particulars shall be communicated to all donors and prospective donors immediately upon receipt of the registrations.

ORGANISATION AND TEAM

The Trust is governed through a three-tier structure designed to combine policy oversight, operational management, and objective scrutiny of cases.

I. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the apex policy-laying body, with overall control and management of the Trust. It comprises thirty-two Life Trustees drawn from amongst retired and serving IFS officers. The office bearers of the IFS Association (Central Unit) are special invitees to the Board. All retired and serving IFS officers are deemed members of the Trust.

II. Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Trust, including record-keeping and legal compliances. The present composition of the Governing Body is set out below.

Office	Name (Cadre : Batch)
President	Shri A. K. Goyal (KR : 1981)
Vice-President	Dr. D. D. Sharma (JHK : 1984)
Secretary	Shri R. K. Chaudhry (PB : 1987)
Treasurer	Shri V. K. Tiwari (HP : 1986)
Joint Secretary	Shri Sanjeev Chadha (OR : 1989)
Members	Shri Ashok Pai (UTT : 1983); Shri Surender Kumar (TR : 1985); Dr. Bipin Bihari (AGMUT : 1985); Shri Surendra Kumar (KR : 1986); Shri A. K. Johari (AM : 1986); Shri C. D. Singh (AGMUT : 1987); Ms. Jyotsna Sitling (UTT : 1987); Ms. Anita Karn (GJ : 1997); Shri Kunal Satyarthi (HP : 1997); Shri Nishant Verma (UTT : 1999).

III. Committees of the Governing Body

(1) Coordination Committee. Tasked with liaison with State Forest Associations and other forestry bodies for awareness about the Trust's objectives and modes of contribution, and with the identification of beneficiary cases for submission to the Trust for assistance.

Composition: Chairman — Shri V. K. Tiwari (HP : 1986); Vice-Chairman — Shri Kunal Satyarthi (HP : 1997); Secretary — Shri Sanjeev Chadha (OR : 1989); Members — Shri C. D. Singh (AGMUT : 1987); Shri Ajay Kumar Lal (HP : 1987); Shri Rajan Sehgal (KR : 1992); Ms. Anita Karn (GJ : 1997); Shri Nishant Verma (UTT : 1999); and Shri Deepak Mohanty (OR : 1986).

(2) Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals. Tasked with the objective examination of proposals received for assistance from the Trust, and with making recommendations to the Governing Body on each case.

Composition: Chairman — Shri Ashok Pai (UTT : 1983); Vice-Chairman — Shri Surendra Kumar (KR : 1986); Secretary — Shri Anil Ganeriwala (SK : 1986); Members — Shri Surender Kumar (TR : 1985); Shri A. K. Johari (AM : 1986); Ms. Jyotsna Sitling (UTT : 1987); Shri V. B. Kumar (PB : 1987); Shri Suneesh Buxy (AGMUT : 1998); and Ms. Cheshta Singh (AGMUT : 2016).

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE TRUST

The Trust pursues the following charitable objects:

- To provide financial assistance to the bereaved families of IFS officers and all other forestry field personnel who die while performing their duties;
- To provide financial assistance in cases of serious injury, disability or critical illness arising in the course of performing duties; and
- To undertake any other activity for the welfare of the families of officers and other forestry field personnel, as may be decided by the Trustees from time to time.

QUANTUM AND PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE

On an average, fifteen to twenty unfortunate incidents take place each year of forestry personnel who die in the line of duty or are grievously injured and incapacitated while protecting the country's forest wealth from smugglers, poachers, the illegal mining mafia, and in the course of managing human-wildlife conflicts.

Subject to the size of the Trust corpus and the availability of funds, the Trust endeavours to extend an ex-gratia assistance of the order of ₹5–6 lakh per affected family, with the corpus base permitting larger packages as donations grow. This assistance is *over and above* any compensation that may be due to the family from the State Government or Union Territory administration, or from any other body. The Trust treats its assistance as a supplementary, dignified gesture—not a substitute for entitlements due from the employer.

Donor-directed assistance. Apart from evaluation-based assistance funded out of the Trust corpus, donors who wish to support a specific beneficiary family may do so by routing the contribution through the Trust as a facilitative platform. Such directed contributions are passed on to the identified family in their entirety, and are accounted for separately.

PROCEDURE FOR SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Proposals for assistance shall be forwarded by the concerned PCCF (HoFF) of the State or Union Territory to the Chairman, Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals, at ifsbwtrust@gmail.com. Each proposal should ordinarily be accompanied by the following:

- Brief summary of the incident and circumstances of death or injury;
- Certification by the controlling officer that the deceased or injured personnel was on duty and was not at fault;
- Copy of the FIR or Police General Diary entry, where applicable;
- Particulars of any financial assistance already received from any source;
- A statement of the financial condition of the family;
- Employment status of family members;
- Family composition and details of dependents (including parents and unmarried sisters);
- Status of compassionate appointment, if any; and
- Bank account details of the proposed beneficiary.

For this purpose, a Google Form (<https://forms.gle/VHNhYQBW3nVfu887A>) has been created for online submission of proposals. The Google Form is also available on the website of the Trust.

MODES OF CONTRIBUTION

The Trust welcomes contributions from individuals, institutions, corporations, associations, societies and other entities, whether resident in India or abroad. Contributions may be made through the following modes:

Bank Transfer (RTGS / NEFT)

Account Name	Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust
Account Number	30454625682
IFSC	SBIN0007837
Bank	State Bank of India
Branch	CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003

UPI/QR Code

Contributions can also be made by UPI through the QR code circulated with the Trust's communications, available on the Trust website at www.foresttrust.in.

Acknowledgement of Donations

Individual acknowledgements are issued by the Trust to all donors. The list of donors is updated on the Trust's website fortnightly.

Donors are requested to share the transaction ID, donation amount, name and mobile number on WhatsApp at **+91 96500 29582 (Shri Vikas)** immediately upon making the contribution, to facilitate the issue of the acknowledgement.

AN EARNEST APPEAL

Conservation of nature is a silent and often invisible battle, fought by personnel who place themselves between the forest and those who would destroy it. The casualties of that battle leave behind families that have not only lost a loved one but also their primary source of support.

A contribution to the IFSBWT—irrespective of its size—is, in the fullest sense, a contribution to the dignity and security of those families. For corporate and institutional donors, a **lead contribution** has the additional value of catalysing further giving and setting a benchmark within the donor's peer group. We earnestly invite you to stand with India's green warriors.

CONTACT

Any of the office bearers of the Trust may be contacted at the numbers below for clarifications or further information:

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