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Standing for Green Warriors

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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
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New Delhi- 110007

File No. IFSBWT/101/2026 - State Coordinator

Date: May 25th, 2026

R. K. Chaudhry
Secretary, IFSBWT

Dear Shri Ankit Singh,

We are pleased to inform you that during its sixth meeting on May 21, 2026, the Governing Body of IFSBWT has nominated you as the State Coordinator of The Trust for Jharkhand.

2. In this role, you will act as the primary liaison between the Trust and forestry and allied associations within the State with a focus on mobilization of monetary resources and facilitation in beneficiary identification and extending the Trust's assistance.
3. Please find attached the minutes of the meeting along with 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 engagement and leadership in this capacity.

With warm regards.

Encl. As above.

Yours sincerely


(R. K. Chaudhry)
Secretary, IFSBWT

To,

Mr. Ankit Singh, IFS (JH: 2017)
(Through WhatsApp, mobile no. 9953704018)



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Date: May 23rd, 2026

Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Governing Body held on May 21st, 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 -23rd 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 – 24th 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 – 26th 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 20th 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 24th 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 GoI (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 21st, 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

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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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