

# Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust

Standing with Green Warriors  
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## A Month of Resolve — June 2026 in Review

June was a month of swift, compassionate action. The Trust extended financial assistance to two more families of frontline personnel — Ms. Rasmita Subuddhi, a Forest Guard (FG) of Odisha grievously injured in the line of duty, and the family of the late Shri Sohan Singh, a FG of Uttarakhand who lost his life battling a forest fire. The Governing Body (GB) met for its seventh meeting on June 20, 2026, the Trust made a special appeal to the young officers of the Service, and condolence messages were conveyed to the bereaved families of four colleagues. Steady contributions from the forestry fraternity continued through the month.

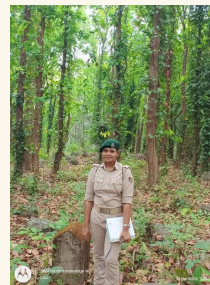
## ◆ Standing By Frontline Personnel

### Standing by an Injured Forester

#### Ms. Rasmita Subuddhi, FG, Malkangiri, Odisha

Ms. Rasmita Subuddhi, a FG, of the Malkangiri Division, Odisha, was grievously injured in the line of duty and required prolonged medical treatment and rehabilitation. On a reference received from the PCCF (HoFF), Odisha, on June 14, the case was examined by the Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals (CSEP) on the very same day.

The GB approved financial assistance of **₹2.50 lakh** through circulation on June 15, 2026, towards her medical treatment and rehabilitation. The amount was released to one of her family members on June 17, 2026, and the decision was formally ratified at the seventh meeting of the GB. This assistance is over and above any entitlement due from the State Government.



On duty, Malkangiri



Under treatment

### Standing by the Family of a Fallen Forester

#### Late Shri Sohan Singh, FG, Uttarakhand (UTT)

Following a news report on June 19, 2026 regarding the tragic death of Shri Sohan Singh, a FG, Tons Forest Division, who lost his life while battling a forest fire in UTT, the Trust immediately approached the concerned DFO for the case details who responded with commendable promptness. The requisite particulars duly authenticated and approved by the PCCF (HoFF), UTT were made available to the Trust by the evening of June 20, 2026.

At its seventh meeting, the GB approved financial assistance of **₹2.00 lakh** to the mother of the deceased, the recorded beneficiary in the Government's records. The amount was credited to her account without delay. The assistance is a token of the fraternity's solidarity, over and above any entitlement due from the State.



On duty, controlling a forest fire just before the accident



Trust officials with the parents of the late FG

## ◆ Governance and Key Decisions

### Seventh Meeting · Governing Body

June 20, 2026 | Virtual

- Decided to convey condolence messages to the bereaved families of four IFS colleagues — Dr. H.S. Panwar, Shri D.P. Sharma, Dr. Amit Sahay, and Shri Naveen Shah — all of whom were deemed members of the Trust.
- Financial assistance of ₹2.50 lakh to Ms. Rasmita Subuddhi (released June 17, 2026) ratified.
- Appointment of State Coordinators and Nodal Officers across States and UTs ratified.

### Other Key Decisions

- Simplification of the Trust's financial-assistance application form approved.
- Strategy agreed to deepen institutional engagement with the offices of the PCCFs (HoFFs); a virtual meeting with PCCFs, State Coordinators and Nodal Officers to be held in late July 2026.
- Details of a reported case from Jim Corbett (February 2025), in which a frontline staffer was grievously injured by an animal attack, have been requested.
- Assistance of ₹2.00 lakh approved for the family of the late Shri Sohan Singh, FG (UTT).

## ◆ An Appeal to the Young Officers

On June 5, 2026, the Trust addressed a special appeal to the young officers of the Indian Forest Service. The appeal reminds the entrants that the character of the Service is shaped by the values each generation chooses to carry forward, and that those who make the supreme sacrifice are most often the Watchers, Forest Guards and Foresters who stand first — and often alone — between the forests and those who would plunder them. The young officers, who have the longest stake in the institution, were invited to contribute to the Trust's corpus in any measure, regular or one-time, and to be counted among those who make a Service that cares for its own a matter of personal honour.

## ◆ Appointed State Coordinators and Nodal Officers

During the month of June, the following state coordinators and nodal officers have been appointed in consultation with the PCCFs( HOFFs) and the officers concerned:

State Coordinators	State Nodal Officers
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Kirupasankar M (HP:2009)-Himachal Pradesh.</li><li>2. Mr. Suneesh Buxy (AGMUT: 1998)-Jammu &amp; Kashmir</li><li>3. Mr. Santosh Kumar G (KN: 2016)-Karnataka</li><li>4. Mr. Arun Kumar Mishra (OD: 2006)-Odisha</li><li>5. Mr. Animesh Das (TR:2013)-Tripura</li><li>6. Mr. Pradeep Vyas (WB: 1983)-West Bengal</li><li>7. Mr. D.S. Meena (UTT: 2009)-Uttarakhand</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. Pradyumn Gaurav (BH: 2016)-Bihar</li><li>2. Mr. Abhilash Damodaran (HP: 2007)-Himachal Pradesh</li><li>3. Mr. Vivek Verma (AGMUT: 2010)-Jammu &amp; Kashmir</li><li>4. Mr. Ajinkya Bankar (JHK:2017)-Jharkhand</li><li>5. Ms. Vaanathi M.M. (KN:2012)-Karnataka</li><li>6. Mr. M. Yogajayananda (OD: 2005)-Odisha</li><li>7. Mr. Chaitanya Murti (TR:1995)-Tripura</li></ol>

## ◆ Trust Corpus — June Highlights

<b>46</b> Donors in June 2026	<b>₹2.79 L</b> Corpus contributions in June	<b>₹18.56 L+</b> Total received since revival
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Together with the contributions of earlier months, the Trust has, since its revival in January 2026, received over **₹18.56 lakh** in fresh contributions toward the corpus donated by **395+** donors— a steady measure of the confidence the forestry fraternity and well-wishers place in the Trust's mandate. An amount of **₹10.85 lakh** has been disbursed so far to the families of the fallen and seriously injured foresters in five cases.

## ◆ Milestones – June 2026

<b>June 05, 2026</b>	The Trust addresses a special appeal to the young officers of the IFS, inviting them to contribute to the Trust's corpus.  Submitted a Memorandum to the Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC requesting for some welfare measures for the forest frontline personnel.
<b>June 15, 2026</b>	Financial assistance of ₹2.50 lakh approved for the medical treatment of Ms. Rasmita Subuddhi, FG, Malkangiri (Odisha); released June 17, 2026.
<b>June 20, 2026</b>	Seventh meeting of the GB (virtual). Assistance to the family of the late Shri Sohan Singh approved; Rasmita assistance ratified; State Coordinators and Nodal Officers ratified.
<b>June 20, 2026</b>	Assistance of ₹2.00 lakh to the mother of the late Shri Sohan Singh, FG (Uttarakhand), credited to her account.


## ◆ Registration and Compliance – Updates

- **Condolence messages** were conveyed on behalf of the Trust to the bereaved families of four IFS colleagues who passed away recently – all were deemed members of the Trust.
- **Income-tax exemption:** The Trust's application is progressing through the new faceless (CPC) system/reference to the jurisdictional Income-tax Officer.
- **NGO-Darpan Portal:** The Trust has been registered on the NGO-Darpan portal of the NITI Aayog, a prerequisite for seeking funding and grants from the Government.

## ◆ On the Horizon – July 2026

- SOPs and guidelines for processing beneficiary proposals to be finalised by the CSEP and the GB.
- Virtual meeting with PCCFs (HoFFs), State Coordinators and Nodal Officers to be convened in late July, 2026.
- Outcome of the memorandum to the Hon'ble Minister, MoEFCC, to be pursued; details to follow once the Trust is heard.
- Continued outreach to institutional, corporate and other well-wishers to strengthen the corpus.
- State Government compensation orders for forest field personnel to be progressively uploaded on [www.foresttrust.in](http://www.foresttrust.in).

## ◆ Support the Cause

<p><b>Contribute to the Trust Corpus</b>  <b>UPI ID: ifsbwt@sbi    Account No.: 30454625682</b></p> <p><b>Account Name: Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust</b></p> <p><b>Bank and Branch:</b> State Bank of India, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi</p> <p><b>PAN: AACTI5925J</b></p> <p><i>Payments accepted via UPI · BHIM · Net Banking · Google Pay · PhonePe · Paytm</i></p> <p><i>Earmarked donations for specific cases are transferred in full to the named beneficiary family. The Trust acts as a facilitating agency and retains nothing.</i></p>	
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*Honouring the sacrifices of foresters and standing by their families*

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