

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**

# INDIA'S FOREST GUARDIANS

India has over 07 lakh sq km of forest area guarded by front-line forest staff- each protecting 05 -10 sq km 24x7

**Frontline Force (Watchers/  
Guards/ Foresters/Deputy Range  
Officers and Range Officers)**

**Daily ground-level  
patrols, seizures  
and confrontations  
with  
poachers/criminals/  
encroachers**

**State Forest Service (SFS)  
Middle-level Managers**

**Divisional  
management,  
policy  
implementation/  
field coordination,  
enforcement**

**Indian Forest Service (IFS)  
Top-level Managers**

**Policy formulation,  
overall leadership  
and management,  
coordination/  
international  
liaison**

***Combined strength of India's forest protection force: ~80,000+ personnel***

# DAILY THREATS FACED BY FRONTLINE PERSONNEL

## **ARMED POACHERS**

Wildlife poachers armed with guns, traps and poison. Guards intercept high-value contraband tiger parts, ivory, pangolin scales.

## **TIMBER SMUGGLERS**

Organised syndicates felling sandalwood, teak and rosewood. Often backed by local criminal networks with political links.

## **ILLEGAL MINERS**

Sand, granite, coal illegal mining mafias operate in forested riverbeds and hills, often with armed escorts.

## **ENCROACHERS**

Forest land grabbed through arson, threats and violence. Officers attempting eviction face physical assault.

## **ATTACKS FROM WILDLIFE**

## **WILD FIRES / FLOODS / CALAMITIES**

*These risks are concentrated at the bottom of the hierarchy where pay is lowest and protections are fewest*

# 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)

- x **Only IFS officers' families as beneficiaries**
- x **Assistance only for death in harness**
- x **Dormant for 15+ years**
- x **Limited governance structure**
- x **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

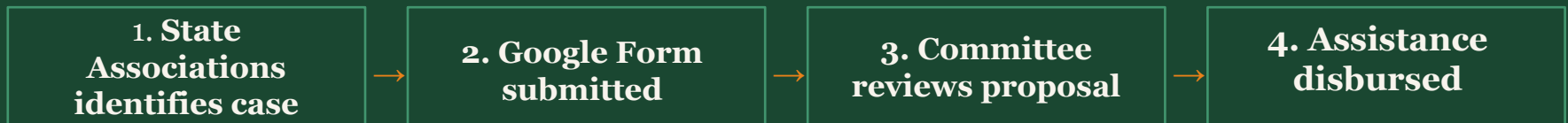
## Channel 1 – Trust Corpus

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



# 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](https://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 or sponsor a specific family case. All donors get formal receipts; 80G deduction will be available soon.

## CSR PARTNERSHIPS

Companies can channel CSR funds through the Trust for welfare activities.

## SPREAD THE WORD

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

## IDENTIFY CASES

State Associations: proactively identify and forward cases of fallen personnel who need support. Use our Google Form.

# GET IN TOUCH — CONNECT WITH US

 Website

[foresttrust.in](https://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

**AACTI5925J**

 Apply for Assistance

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

# They protect our forests

## We protect their families

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**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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