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File No. IFSBWT/101/2026-General Body meeting

Date: May 27, 2026

To,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
All States/UTs

Subject: General Body meeting of the Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust (IFSBWT) held on May 24, 2026, at 19:00 hrs. through virtual mode.

Dear Sir/Madam

In continuation of the letters of even number dated May 14, 2026 and May 21, 2026 regarding first meeting of the General Body of the IFSBWT, please find enclosed (Annexure) a copy of the minutes of the said meeting held on May 24, 2026. You are kindly requested to circulate a copy of the minutes of the meeting to all serving and retired members of IFS in your State/UT as well as to the respective Associations of SFS, FROs and the other forestry personnel.

R.K. Chaudhry
Secretary, IFSBWT

Copy to the State Coordinators of IFSBWT for similar action as above.

Minutes of the first meeting of General Body of the Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust (IFSBWT).

- **Date:** May 24, 2026, 1900 hours
- **Mode:** Video Conference
- **Chair:** President, IFSBWT

The meeting commenced with a formal welcome address by the Trust Secretary. Following this, the President delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the Trust's expanded mandate, governance framework, and recent milestones. Key achievements highlighted in the presentation included infrastructure development, corpus growth, and beneficiary assistance provided recently. The President emphasized the critical need for the long-term self-sustainability of the Trust and to achieve the same, he urged all members to actively expand the Trust's network across the forestry fraternity to its maximum potential. The floor was subsequently opened for participants' discussion, feedback, and recommendations.

2. Key observations and suggestions made are presented below:**A. Governance and Institutional Framework**

- **Trust's Board Composition:** Consider nominating serving officers, particularly Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (PCCFs), for shorter tenures on the IFSBWT Board to enhance fund mobilization.
- **Nodal Officer Network:** Appoint dedicated IFSBWT nodal officers across all States and Union Territories to compile local welfare measures and document best practices.

B. Policy Standardization

- **National Standardization:** Approach the Government of India to establish uniform guidelines across all States and UTs regarding compensation for forest personnel in cases of death or injury.
- **Parity with Police Forces:** Advocacy for uniform compensation frameworks nationwide to ensure forestry personnel receive line-of-duty death benefits equal to the police force, citing the state models where it is being practiced.
- **Operational Benchmarking:** Study the welfare measures of the Indian Army to adopt relevant, scalable practices for the forestry fraternity.



C. Beneficiary Assistance Guidelines

- **Policy Uniformity:** Adopt a standardized policy within the IFSBWT to extend consistent financial aid across identical case categories.
- **Distress-Based Aid:** Calibrate financial assistance packages based on the actual severity of distress experienced by the affected families.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** Circulate the draft guidelines for beneficiary financial assistance to all members to gather comprehensive inputs.
- **Scope Expansion:** Broaden the assistance framework to cover medical emergencies. Subject to fund availability, introduce academic scholarships and professional grants for the children of field staff.
- **Family Outreach:** Maintain continuous communication with the families of assisted field staff to reinforce the Trust's long-term support.

D. Financial Mobilization and Institutional Funding

- **The 'Sanjeevani Scheme' Model:** Evaluate Andhra Pradesh's 'Sanjeevani Scheme' (registered under the Societies Registration Act in 2023 for forestry personnel welfare) to adopt its operational best practices.
- **Government Grants:** Request a foundational grant from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, mirroring the Andhra Pradesh Government's ₹5 crore contribution to the Sanjeevani Scheme.
- **Alternative Funding Streams:** Leverage Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER) funds alongside traditional CSR channels to utilize their higher operational flexibility.
- **State-Level Drives:** Launch targeted membership drives across all states with annual subscriptions to augment financial contributions to the Trust.
- **Window for Donations:** Explore the possibility of creating a window for donations for the Trust on other institutions' websites.

E. Digital Outreach and Visibility

- **Web Integration:** Link the official IFSBWT website with the digital portals of the MoEFCC and individual State Forest Departments to maximize institutional outreach.

3. Following the open discussions, it was resolved that the Governing Body of the Trust would evaluate all feedback received and integrate feasible proposals into the immediate and long-term initiatives of the Trust.

4. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed to the Chair and all participating members.