



Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust

STANDING WITH GREEN WARRIORS

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Two Meetings, One Resolve — April 2026 in Review

April was a month of consolidation. The Board of Trustees and the Governing Body (GB) met on the same evening — April 23, 2026 — to take a few forward-looking decisions: a framework for nominating Patrons of the Trust, the first year budget post-revival, an outreach plan for State and UT forestry associations, and the date of the first General Body meeting of the Trust. The month also saw a remarkable surge in the number of donors, led by the frontline forestry fraternity of Haryana.

◆ DECISIONS TAKEN — TWO MEETINGS ON APRIL 23, 2026

FIFTH MEETING · BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 April 2026|1900 hrs|Virtual

Patrons of the Trust — Framework Approved

- ▶ GB authorised to nominate up to five senior and eminent IFS officers as Patrons.
- ▶ Patron to hold an honorary, non-executive position—no administrative or voting powers.
- ▶ Role: primarily in recognition of capacity to mobilize resources for the Trust, public stature, ambassadors and well-wishers—contributing to objectives through advocacy, visibility and support.
- ▶ Tenure: three years, extendable based on continued association and contribution.
- ▶ Resolution No. **IFSBWT/BOT/2026/5-01** approved.

FOURTH MEETING · GOVERNING BODY

23 April 2026|1930 hrs|Virtual

Budget, Outreach and Calendar Finalised

- ▶ **Budget FY 2026–27:** Corpus target ₹5 crore; projected expenditure ₹1.2 crore.
- ▶ **State Coordinators nominated:** Mr. N. Gopinathan (KR:1981) for Kerala; Mr. R.K. Sapra (HR:1982) for Haryana.
- ▶ **First General Body Meeting of the Trust:** May 24, 2026, 1900 hrs (online).
- ▶ **Webinar with State/UT Associations:** May 23, 2026, 1900 hrs (online).
- ▶ **Press conference:** Last week of May 2026.

Other decisions of the Governing Body:

- ▶ **Brochure of the Trust** to carry indicative aggregate projections of financial assistance and the approximate number of cases.
- ▶ **Donor acknowledgements**—individual receipts for donations of ₹1,000 and above; consolidated receipts (with annexure listing names and amounts) for organisational contributions; on-request receipts for donations below ₹1,000.

- ▶ **Donor list** to be uploaded on www.foresttrust.in once every fortnight.
- ▶ **Compensation orders** issued by State Governments granting compensation to forestry personnel killed or grievously hurt in the line of duty will be uploaded on the Trust website to build awareness within the fraternity.
- ▶ **Schedule of GB meetings:** third Saturday of every month at 1900 hrs.

◆ APPRECIATION

🙏 Appreciation — Mr. R.K. Sapra (HR:1982)

The Governing Body, at its fourth meeting on April 23, 2026, passed a formal resolution placing on record its sincere appreciation of the efforts of Mr. R.K. Sapra in motivating various sections of society — particularly the frontline forestry establishment of Haryana to contribute to the Trust.

◆ TRUST CORPUS — APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

200+ Donors in April 2026	₹2.56L Corpus contributions in April	275+ Cumulative donors since revival
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April 2026 saw the maximum number of donors contributing, especially the fraternity of frontline personnel, since the revival of the Trust. Since revival in January 2026, 275+ donors have contributed ₹8.34 lakh in fresh contributions toward the Trust corpus. The April donors surge— driven overwhelmingly by frontline forest staff signals that the Trust’s mandate to stand with all forestry field personnel resonates among those it is meant to serve.

◆ MILESTONES — APRIL 2026

April 23, 2026	Fifth Meeting of the Board of Trustees (virtual). 12 Trustees participated. Patrons framework approved. Resolution No. IFSBWT/BOT/2026/5-01 passed.
April 23, 2026	Fourth Meeting of the Governing Body (virtual). Budget for FY 2026–27, brochure format, State Coordinators, donor acknowledgement policy, GB meeting calendar, and outreach plan finalised. Resolution acknowledging Mr. R.K. Sapra’s contribution passed.

◆ ON THE HORIZON — MAY 2026

May 23, 2026 1900 hrs	Webinar with State/UT Associations All IFS/SFS/FRO/Frontline Staff Associations across States and UTs to be apprised of the Trust’s objectives and activities.
May 24, 2026 1900 hrs	First General Body Meeting of the Trust All serving and retired IFS officers (deemed members) will be notified about this Online meeting.

Last week of
May 2026

Press Conference

To publicise the Trust's objectives and activities to the wider public, after the webinar and the first General Body meeting.

Other priorities for May:

- ▶ Brochure of the Trust to be finalised and circulated.
- ▶ Income-tax exemption applications under sections 12AB and 80G to be progressed through the Chartered Accountant.
- ▶ GB members to propose nomination of Coordinators for other States/UTs.
- ▶ State Government compensation orders to be obtained and progressively uploaded on www.foresttrust.in.

◆ SUPPORT THE CAUSE

Contribute to the Trust Corpus


UPI ID: ifsbwt@sbi Account No.: 30454625682

Account Name: Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust

Bank & Branch: State Bank of India, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi

PAN: AACTI5925J

Payments accepted via UPI · BHIM · Net Banking · Google Pay · PhonePe · Paytm

 Earmarked donations for specific cases will be transferred in full to the named beneficiary family. The Trust acts as a facilitating agency and retains nothing.



Honouring the sacrifices of foresters and standing by their families

(Indian Forest Service Officers · State Forest Service Officers · Forest Range Officers · All Frontline Forestry Field Personnel)