



Building Foundations — March 2026 in Review

March 2026 marked the Trust's decisive transition into operational readiness. The month saw the formalisation of the Trust's **Vision and Mission statements**, receipt of the **PAN card**, appointment of a **Chartered Accountant**, finalisation of the Trust's **logo**, creation and hosting of a dedicated **website**, and the first wave of outreach to Forest Departments and Forestry Associations across the country.

◆ OUR VISION AND MISSION

Guiding Principles — Now Formalised

At its third Governing Body meeting on March 19, 2026, the IFSBWT formally adopted its Vision and Mission statements — giving the Trust a clear, concise articulation of its purpose.

| VISION | MISSION |
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| Honouring the sacrifices of foresters and standing by their families. | To extend support to the families of forestry field personnel who lose their lives, health, or livelihood in the line of duty. |

◆ MILESTONES

What We Have Accomplished — March 2026

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| March 02, 2026 | Communications sent to all State Forest Departments and IFSA (State/UT units), providing detailed information about the Trust—its history, amended deed, expanded mandate, governance structure, and an appeal for contributions. The package included a copy of the registered Trust Deed and the January–February 2026 e-Newsletter. |
| Early March 2026 | The Trust finalised the format of donor acknowledgement receipts (ratified at the GB meeting on March 19, 2026) and began issuing formal acknowledgements to all contributors, ensuring transparency and providing donors with proper documentation for their records. |
| Mid-March 2026 | Domain name forestrust.in secured. Website developed and temporarily hosted for review by the Governing Body at: https://tirkeyjimmi.github.io/ifsbw_t_website/ecombase.html . |
| Mid-March 2026 | Google Form (https://forms.gle/VHNhYQBW3nVfu887A) created for receiving proposals for financial assistance from State Forest Departments and families of forestry field personnel. It is available on the website. IFSA (State/UT Units) have been requested to identify and forward details of cases requiring assistance as per the Trust's objectives. |
| March 19, 2026 | The third meeting of the Governing Body was held online. Eight of the Trustees participated. Key decisions included adoption of Vision and Mission statements; finalization of logo of IFSBWT; appointment of chartered accountant (CA) ratified; |

format of donor acknowledgement receipt approved; PAN card status updated and the CA was requested to initiate income-tax exemption applications. The contents for the website were approved and the domain name “www.foresttrust.in” was confirmed. Mr. Surendra Kumar has been requested to create a Facebook page and it was decided to assign the work of creating an Instagram handle separately. Protocol for WhatsApp group decisions and their ratification at formal meetings agreed upon. Both the committees have been requested to hold their meetings within March 2026 and the President to examine legal feasibility of Patrons nominations.

March 23, 2026

The first meeting of the Coordination Committee was held online, chaired by Mr. V. K. Tiwari. The Committee resolved to organize a webinar coordinated by the Governing Body in the second week of April, 2026 to create awareness about Trust’s mandate among state forest staff associations. An introductory letter from IFSA (CU) will be sent to all state PCCFs (HoFF) and Association Presidents by March 31, 2026. The Secretary of the respective State IFS Association may act as Nodal Coordinator for IFSBWT until a dedicated coordinator is nominated by the State Associations.

March 27, 2026

The website with domain name **www.foresttrust.in** has been hosted.

◆ TRUST LOGO

Logo of IFSBWT Finalised

The Governing Body finalised the Trust's official logo at its third meeting on March 19, 2026. The logo will be used across all official communications, letterheads, and digital platforms.



◆ TAX AND COMPLIANCE

PAN Card Received – AACTI5925J

The Trust's Permanent Account Number (PAN) card has been received from the Income Tax Department, marking a critical step toward securing income-tax exemptions under sections 12AB and 80G of the Income Tax Act. The chartered accountant has been requested to do the needful in this regard.

◆ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Chartered Accountant Appointed

To ensure statutory and regulatory compliances, the Governing Body ratified the appointment of a chartered accountant at its third meeting.

Shri Sandip Kumar

Scope: Routine accounting, taxation advisory, PAN and tax exemption work
Annual Fee: Rs. 20,000/- Tax exemption work: Rs. 10,000/- as one-time professional fee
Day-to-day Delhi NCR liaison: Shri Anirudh Singh | Mob: +91 82074 07415

◆ DIGITAL PRESENCE

Website, Social Media and Online Forms

The Trust's digital footprint expanded significantly in March 2026, with the simultaneous development of a website, social media presence, and an online assistance application system.

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|  Website www.foresttrust.in <i>Live w.e.f. March 27, 2026</i> |  Social Media LinkedIn (active) <i>Facebook and Instagram (in progress)</i> |  Assistance Form Google Form created and uploaded on website |
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◆ CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations Received and Acknowledged

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the generosity of all the contributors. Every donation—large or small—strengthens the Trust's ability to stand by the families of fallen and injured forest guardians. So far 52 donors have been issued formal acknowledgement receipts.

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| Rs. 12.04L Trust corpus as on March 31, 2026 | 80 Number of Donors | 32 Active Trustees |
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The Trust operates through two channels: (a) direct financial assistance from the Trust Corpus, evaluated by the Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals; and (b) a facilitative platform for donors wishing to contribute to specific cases – such donations are passed directly to beneficiary families without any deduction.

◆ OUTREACH AND FUND MOBILISATION

Reaching Every Corner of India's Forest Community

Formal communications were sent in early March to all State Forest Departments and IFSA (State/UT units) across the country, providing comprehensive information about the Trust's history, mandate, governance, and donation channels. The Coordination Committee convened its first meeting on March 23, 2026 and deliberated on the modalities for an institutional mechanism for fund mobilisation, over and above personal contributions by the Trustees. State IFSA's have been requested to proactively identify and forward details of cases requiring assistance as per the Trust's objectives. A Google Form has been created for structured submission of assistance proposals from the States.

◆ LEADERSHIP

Governing Body – Elected January 2026

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| PRESIDENT Mr. A.K. Goyal <i>(KR:1981)</i> | VICE PRESIDENT Dr. D.D. Sharma <i>(JHK:1984)</i> |
| SECRETARY | TREASURER |

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| Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chaudhry (PB:1987) | Mr. V.K. Tiwari (HP:1986) |
| JOINT SECRETARY Mr. Sanjeev Chadha (OR:1989) | Governing Body supported by: Committee for Scrutiny and Evaluation of Proposals – Chaired by Mr. Ashok Pai Coordination Committee – Chaired by Mr. V.K. Tiwari |

◆ **SUPPORT THE CAUSE**

Your Contribution Makes a Difference

Every patch of forest saved, every tiger protected, every illegal encroachment checked – these victories come at a human cost, borne by frontline personnel earning modest wages, far from home. When one of them doesn't return, his family is left with nothing. Your contribution can change that.

 **Contribute to the Trust Corpus**

UPI ID: ifsbwt@sbi



Account Name: Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust

Savings Account No.: 30454625682

Bank and 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.

◆ **WHAT'S NEXT**

On the Horizon – April 2026 and Beyond

As the Trust's activities gather momentum, the focus in the coming month(s) will be on:

- Moving applications for income-tax exemptions under sections 12AB and 80G to make donations tax-deductible.
- Exploring ways including institutional mechanisms for fund mobilisation.
- Expanding social media presence with Facebook and Instagram pages alongside the existing LinkedIn page.
- Processing assistance cases with speed and compassion as they arrive from States/UTs.
- Examining the legal feasibility of nominating Patrons to the Trust.



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)