

**INDIAN FOREST SERVICE BENEVOLENT AND WELFARE TRUST (IFSBWT)**

**Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Governing Body (Online mode)**

**Date: Monday, February 23, 2026. Time: 6.30 PM**

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List of Participants is at Annexure.

Agenda circulated on February 18, 2026 on WhatsApp group of the Governing Body (GB) was discussed and the record of discussions/decisions is as under:

**1. Modes of receiving contributions to the Trust and issue of receipts.**

Until an online system is developed through its website, the Trust shall maintain the current mechanism for receiving donations via its bank account and QR code. The Trust, in its communications, shall request that donors while making donations through these two modes, share their names and contact details (including email & mobile number) to enable the issuance of receipts.

Separately, the Trust will also explore the feasibility of engaging a suitable payment gateway for the simultaneous acceptance of donations and the online generation of receipts. Members of the GB were requested to examine the feasibility, including likely financial implications in terms of payment gateway charges and commissions under such a system.

**2. Disclosure of donors' list.**

The list of donors to the Trust will be disclosed monthly. Pending development of the Trust's website, the list will be shared on the Trust's LinkedIn page and WhatsApp groups, wherever possible.

**3. Communication to all the Indian Forest Service Associations (IFSAs) and other forestry associations of States/UTs.**

The draft of the communication to be sent to various IFSAs and similar associations, circulated on February 18, 2026, on the WhatsApp group of the Governing Body, was discussed and agreed to with an amendment to include a line seeking donor details for the purpose of issuing receipts. It was agreed that the "Appeal" should go officially from the Trust to (i) IFSAs (State/UT Units and also Central Unit); (ii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) of all States/UTs; (iii) Other Forestry Associations in the States /UTs like that of State Forest Service Officers, Forest Range Officers, and Subordinate Forest Field Staff. In addition to the above, rephrased versions of the "Appeal" can be shared with WhatsApp groups such as 'Friends of Biodiversity', 'Aranyak' and similar forums of retired and serving officers where the GB members are present. The GB members may also share such communication formally or via WhatsApp groups with their batchmates or respective cadre officers.

**4. Progress in appointment of a Chartered Accountant (CA).**

The matter related to appointment of a Chartered Accountant will be expedited jointly by Sh. V.K. Tiwari, Treasurer and Sh. Surendra Kumar, Member. The progress in this regard will be updated by them on the GB WhatsApp group.

**5. Progress in seeking Income Tax exemptions.**

The discussion on the agenda item was postponed as the appointment of the CA is still pending.

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## **6. Vision and Mission statements.**

The GB members will suggest one or two suitable options based on the draft list of Vision and Mission statements circulated on February 18, 2026, in the GB WhatsApp group.

## **7. Logo of the Trust.**

The discussion on the agenda item was postponed until the Trust's website is developed

## **8. Development of a website.**

Sh. Surendra Kumar, GB Member, will get back to the Governing Body via the WhatsApp group to recommend a suitable agency for website development and maintenance, along with the associated financial implications.

## **9. Issue of a monthly e-newsletter.**

The draft format of the e-newsletter, circulated on February 18, 2026, via the Governing Body's WhatsApp group, was discussed and approved. It was decided to issue the newsletter initially on a monthly basis. The GB President was, however, authorised to subsequently decide on its frequency depending on the availability of content.

## **10. LinkedIn page/Twitter handle/Instagram of the Trust.**

A LinkedIn page for the Trust has already been developed and will be maintained by the President of the Governing Body (GB). Regarding the Trust's Twitter and Instagram handles, these will be created with the help of a suitable agency, after which their links will be displayed on the Trust's website and letterhead. Members of the GB were requested to come forward and share this responsibility.

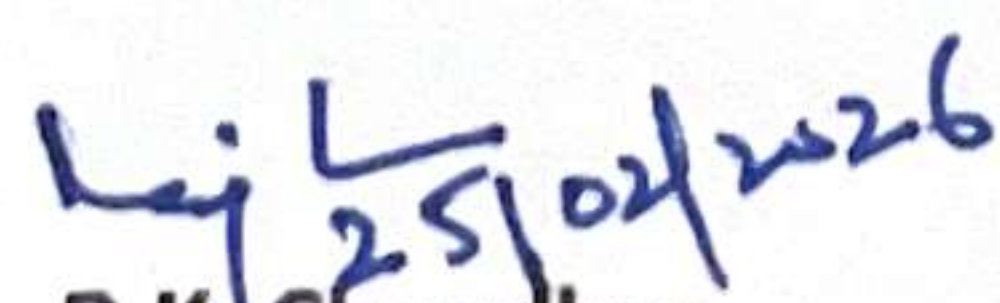
## **11. Any other issue with the permission of the chair.**

(i) The Chairman of the Coordination Committee was requested to convene a meeting to establish liaison with various IFSA's and similar bodies to raise awareness about the Trust's objectives, contribution modes, and beneficiary identification.

(ii) In order to avoid frequent meetings of the GB at short intervals, it was decided that the matters related to the Trust may be discussed and finalized in the WhatsApp group of the GB and thereafter taken to the next GB meeting for ratification/taking note of.

(iii) Based on the suggestion of one of the members of the GB, it was decided that efforts will be made to create email groups of different batches of the IFS officers to facilitate effective communication.

The meeting ended with a thanks to the chair and participants.

  
R.K. Chaudhry  
Secretary (GB)

**Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust**

**Annexure**

**List of Participants of the Second Meeting of the Governing Body of Indian Forest Service Benevolent and Welfare Trust held on February 23, 2026.**

- 1, Sh. A K Goyal (KR:1981) - President
2. Sh. D.D. Sharma (JH:1984) - Vice President
3. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Chaudhry (PB:1987) – Secretary
4. Sh. Surendra Kumar (KR:1986) - Member
5. Ms. Jyotsna Sitling (UTT:1987) - Member
6. Ms. Anita Karn (GJ:1997) - Member
7. Sh. A. K. Johari (AM:1986) - Member
8. Sh. Kunal Satyarthi ((HP:1997) - Member
9. Ms. Monalisa Das (SK:2003) -IFSA (CU) Special Invitee

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