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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Setting up of a Cell on "Forest Biodiversity" in IGNA- regarding.

With a view to strengthen the capacity building in the Academy and to impart latest knowledge and skills on Forest Biodiversity to various stakeholders especially the in-service officers and Probationers of Indian Forest Service and other stakeholders like participants of Joint Training programmes from IAS/IPS/IRS, Judiciary etc, a "Cell on Forest Biodiversity" is constituted with a mandate to deliberate upon and build opinion on issues relating to:

- i) International conventions and protocols related to Biodiversity with special reference to Forest Biodiversity and their effect on legal, socio-economic, and ecological aspects in India;
 - ii) Governance issues related to Forest Biodiversity;
 - iii) Synergies between various legal, administrative regulatory frameworks on issues related to forests and biodiversity;
 - iv) Capacity building of stakeholders relating to biodiversity management to achieve the objectives of conservation of biodiversity, sustainable utilization and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of utilization of genetic resources;
 - v) Developing suggestive case studies on best practices related biodiversity conservation as well as its sustainable use including access and benefit sharing mechanisms;
 - vi) Any other matter as advised by the Apex Academic Committee
2. The proposed Cell would have two Committees as below:
- A. In order to fulfill the above mandate, an "Apex Academic Committee on Forest Biodiversity" is constituted as under:
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| a) Chairman, NBA. | Chairman |
| b) Director, IGNA | Co-Chairman |
| c) D.G., ICFRE or his representative. | Member |
| d) Director, WII or his representative | Member |
| e) Sh BMS Rathore, J.S., MoEF | Member |
| f) Sh. D.V.S. Khatri, C.C.F., Uttarakhand Forest Department | Member |
| g) Sh D K Ved, FRLHT Bangalore | Member |
| h) Sh. C. Achalender Reddy, IFS, | Member |
| i) Representative, UNDP, New Delhi. - | Member |
| j) Representative, JICA, New Delhi. - | Member |
| k) Member Secretary, NBA | Member |
| l) Dr. Alok Saxena, Addl. Director, IGNA | Member Secretary |

The Committee may co-opt 3 experts /scientists who have rich knowledge and experience on matters related to Biodiversity.

- B. The terms of reference of the Apex Academic Committee:


- i. Identification of segments of Forest Biodiversity Conservation framework for imparting training and upgradation of skills of forest resource managers and other stakeholders.
- ii. Documentation of available information, its synthesis and sharing with stakeholders, especially in the development of capacity building programmes;
- iii. Building linkages with the State Forest Departments, State Biodiversity Boards, Research Institutions, Experts, NGOs to promote capacity building of stakeholders on Forest Biodiversity Conservation, sustainable utilization and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of use of biological resources.
- iv. Assess and recommend way forward towards achievement of Forest Biodiversity Conservation objectives.

3. There shall be a **"Core Academic Committee on Forest Biodiversity"** for guiding day to day working of the cell, with the following members:

a) Dr. Alok Saxena, Additional Director IGNFA	Chairman
b) Dr. V. B. Mathur, Dean, WII	Member
c) Sh. Rakesh Shah, IFS, Forest Dept. Uttarakhand	Member
d) Sh. B C Chowdhary	Member
e) Sh. K.C.A. Arun Prasad, Associate Professor	Member
f) One expert from ICFRE, Dehradun	Member
g) Ms. Anu Nagar, Associate Professor	Member Secretary

4. The Core Academic Committee is required to meet on bi-monthly basis and look after day to day working of the Cell as per the advice of the Apex Academic Committee. The Core Committee would also keep the Apex Committee informed on the progress of activities on a regular basis.

5. The non official members of the Committees would be reimbursed Travelling Allowance, etc., for attending the meetings convened in the Academy and would also be provided boarding and lodging.


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