



*Dear Officer Trainees of 2020-22 Professional Training Course in IGNFA,*

I welcome you to the forestry profession in public service entrusted with the custody and stewardship of forests and associated natural resource systems in the best national interest of India and Bhutan.

Those of you who are joining after completion of FC in LBSNAA should have already nurtured the ethos and culture of being part of the leading civil service cadres with the professional nobility dedicated to the service of nation and society. These ethical and cultural attributes would be firmed up in the IGNFA for flourishing and maturing on your completion of the training for assignments and postings onwards in your career. We expect the officers joining the academy directly to imbibe these attributes enabled by facilitation and induction from the fellow trainees and the academy community.

Our team of faculty and staff at the Academy look forward to providing you best possible opportunities and facilities in the training course for the coming sixteen and half months' training programme here. We are assured of your excellent moral and character attributes and talents accrued and nurtured thus far and to be flourished in the higher echelon of the forest service hereafter. We expect you to graduate from this academy with adequate learnings and orientation in forestry professional knowledge, skills and attitude and set you on continuous competency building path for a fulfilling career.

These are testing times due to Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, with *Covid-19 appropriate behavior and suitable improvisations and adaptations, and innovations*, we shall together make the training course fully effective and gainful.

The Course Director for 2020 Training Course Sh. Mukul Trivedi, Additional Professor, who has been in touch with you, is taking care for your comfortable arrival and settling down for the formal commencement of the programme on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Welcome once again and we shall meet on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

01 December 2020

Bharat Jyoti