

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

Training of the Forest Officers under the scheme "Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel" of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

1. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India, invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from Institutions of international repute dealing with training/capacity building of various levels of forestry personnel in Government sector / executives/ field personnel for conducting the training of Forest Officials under the scheme "Foreign Training of Forestry Personnel (FTFP)" of MoEF & CC. The training programmes would include short term trainings of duration of 3 weeks and 4 weeks including one-week of domestic program in India. The selected institute would be required to undertake the development and delivery of the training. A background note giving a brief introduction of Forest Management and Job Profile of Forest Officials is provided at website www.moef.nic.in or www.ifs.nic.in. The assignment is expected to be for duration of four years, but may be extended further. The training courses are required to be conducted w.e.f. 2018-2019.
2. The selected Institution would be required to design and execute the delivery of training programmes for the Ministry or any other agency assigned by the Ministry. MoEF & CC expects the selected institute to be able to demonstrate strong training capabilities in any one or more fields of Sustainable Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Wildlife Management / Ecotourism, Geo-informatics in Forestry, Climate Change Scenario and Forestry: Response in Mitigation and Adaptation, Community Forestry and Livelihood Issues, Forest Genetics and Tree-Improvement, Forest Policy Research, Ecosystem Services from Forests: their Valuation and Payment, landscape management. The Institution should have a commendable record of running academic and executive education programmes in the field, especially for senior level officers/executives. The venue for the conduct of programme would be the respective institute.
3. Foreign training is initially proposed in countries of Asia and South America, which are closer to the conditions in Indian sub-continent i.e., Malaysia, Nepal, Indonesia, Philippine's, Sri Lanka, Brazil etc.

ELIGIBILITY

4. The Institution should have a strong track record of at least five consecutive years in running academic and executive education programs in the area/areas mentioned earlier and must have annual turnover exceeding Rs. 5 Crore in last three years. It should have qualified & experienced in-house faculty well versed in the respective subject areas as indicated in proposed training modules and also should be in a vantage position to outsource resource persons of good standing and eminence in their specific areas.
5. In submitting the Expression of Interest (Eoi), information may be furnished on the nature of business of the Institution, more particularly the programs being run in forestry and allied subjects. A short resume of the key resource personnel likely to be deployed may also be given.
6. The short listed Institutions from amongst those who have expressed interest would be sent detailed terms of reference and criteria for final selection, to enable them to submit their technical and financial bids. Such a shortlist would be prepared primarily based on the acknowledged reputation of the interested Institution in teaching courses in forestry and allied subjects. MoEF & CC reserves the right to also shortlist an Institution that has not submitted its Expression of Interest (Eoi), provided it is satisfied that such an Institution otherwise meets the short listing criteria.

Responses may be sent to reach the undersigned by 1700 hrs (IST) on 14th July, 2018.

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Note: - It may kindly be noted that no communication will be sent to the responding parties except to the shortlisted Institutions. Those sending their offers electronically will, however, receive an electronic acknowledgement of the receipt of their Expression of Interest (Eoi).

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BACKGROUND NOTE**INTRODUCTION**

The management and administrative system of forests in India is about 150 years old: This sector is primarily charged with the responsibilities of managing, protecting and developing country's forests on scientific lines based on ecological principles and to provide goods and services emanating from them to a vast multitude of masses, as also to provide ecological security for general well being of the people of the country.

Forestry management system of the country, of late, has undergone a paradigm shift by assuming key functions of meeting subsistence requirement and supplementation of income for livelihood support to the communities, solely dependent upon the vitality and sustainability of the resource base to which they are intricately linked by their culture and traditions, since generations. Forests are also perceived as an important resource for mitigation strategy for climate change, global warming and their ill effects. Forestry sector has also to play a key role in national missions for greening India, preservation of Himalayan eco-system and sustainability of agriculture, water resources & energy supply. Besides, the sector also plays a dominant role in conservation of wetlands, combating desertification, preservation of soil/water regime and providing a range of ecological services considered essential from the point of view of human welfare.

The reach of forestry sector is now considered for expansion to include various inter-sectoral issues such as its role as catalyst of environmental conservation, rural development and livelihood issues and social change.

JOB PROFILE OF FOREST OFFICERS

Indian Forest Service (IFS) is mainly manned by officers belonging to Indian Forest Service, State Forest Service and from Range Forest Officers.

Indian Forest Service (IFS) is one of the three All India Services constituted under the provisions of Article 312 of the Constitution of India. The IFS Officers provide senior level leadership to forest personnel, both in the States and at the Centre. The appointment to IFS is done in two ways, namely, recruitment through Indian Forest Service Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) every year and by induction promotion of the State Forest Service (SFS) Officers. Direct recruits to the Service undergo 15 (fifteen) weeks Foundation Course at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie and 80 (eighty) weeks basic/professional training at Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun followed by practical training in States/Districts/Divisions allotted to them. The officer promoted from the State Forest Services to Indian Forest Service also undergoes 10(ten) weeks Induction training at IGNFA, Dehradun (Professional Skill Upgradation Course).

While the minimum qualification for being selected into IFS is a Bachelor's Degree in any of Science/Engineering disciplines, yet, given the high level of competition, most of the officers have a Master's Degree and an outstanding academic record. They come from a wide range of backgrounds such as Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Science etc. A good number are also engineers and doctorates.

On completion of the training, officers are posted to respective state cadres allocated to them and assigned postings as Assistant Conservator of Forests.

