

Management Development Programme
On
**Management of Village Relocation
from Tiger Reserves**

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BACKGROUND

While conservation induced displacement or the displacement of families/ villages from within areas notified for wildlife conservation (Protected Areas) has a long history in India dating back to pre-independence days, relocation under the Protocol/ Guidelines for Voluntary Village Relocation in Notified Core/ Critical Tiger Habitats (CTH) of Tiger Reserves issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in 2011 positioned itself as a game changer in many ways. The Protocol/ Guidelines seek to consolidate the earlier Revised Guidelines issued by the NTCA in 2008 for implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger (which also included a format for preparation of village relocation plan from core/ CTH) along with further guidelines issued. The NTCA Guidelines seek to give effect to legal commitments under two national laws- the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 also commonly known as the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (WPA). The Guidelines mandate the voluntariness of the relocation and informed consent, has adopted a 'rights' approach and based on a 'double sustainability' model, in tune with commitments under international and national policies and laws.



Management of village relocation from Tiger Reserves can be very demanding, especially because it involves skills and knowledge from multiple disciplines. It may also require out of the box thinking that is rarely covered in books but comes with experience. The proposed course is envisaged as the right blend of established frameworks, guidelines and experiences of forest officers who have been in the thick of things of many challenging village relocations. The course will bring to the forefront the challenges faced by the villagers post relocation (immediate, intermediate and long-term) as well as by the field staff in mitigating impoverishment risks arising out of relocation and rebuilding lives both under Option A & B of the aforesaid Guidelines.



OBJECTIVES

The following are the broad objectives of the course:

- I. To provide participants with the requisite skills and knowledge to manage village relocation from Protected Areas, particularly Tiger Reserves under NTCA guidelines.
- II. To provide participants with insight and knowledge for carrying out village relocation within national and international legal and policy frameworks.
- III. To help participants increase effectiveness of the relocation process and to think out of the box by engaging with corporates (CSR) and by convergence of existing government schemes.

BROAD COURSE CONTENTS

The course will cover the following broad topics:

- a) Management of Protected Areas- An Overview
- b) Rationale for Relocation from Protected Areas
- c) Legal and Policy Framework for Relocation- International and National
- d) Components of an Effective Relocation Strategy and NTCA Guidelines
- e) Case Discussion of Successful Relocation (Option-I & Option- II of NTCA Guidelines)
- f) Engaging with Corporates: Exploring the Potential of CSR
- g) Field visit to Villages Relocated from Satpura Tiger Reserve (Option-I & Option- II of NTCA Guidelines)
- h) Group Assignment- Hands-on Learning

PEDAGOGY

The programme which is scheduled from 02-04 November 2022 at IIFM Bhopal (and includes a fieldtrip) is envisaged as one of its kind in the country. The uniqueness of the training programme lies in its multi-disciplinary approach to be accomplished by faculty members from a diverse range of academic disciplines, current and former senior Forest Officers. The programme will include lectures, discussions, experience sharing, field trip and group assignment. On successful completion of the programme, the participants will be presented with a certificate.

The programme will be conducted by the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal and it is sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India.



PARTICIPATION

Working professionals in Not-for-Profits/ NGOs/ Foundations, research scholars, teachers, and other interested stakeholders are welcome to apply.

There is no course fee for this programme. Boarding and lodging will be provided on twin sharing basis by IIFM. Limited travel bursary is available (train/ bus).

Those who wish to attend this three-day training programme may submit their expression of interest on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/VD8NjkJAWeriXuGPA>

The last date for registration is 10th October 2022.

The participants will be selected based on work/ research experience and academic background. The shortlisted participants will be intimated through email.

Programme Director



Dr. Ujjal Kumar Sarma is an Associate Professor at IIFM and has been working at the intersection of communities, and conservation for about two decades. In addition to teaching, research, training, he has also been part of several Government appointed committees, including Committee on Monitoring of Village Relocation from Tiger Reserves constituted by the NTCA, Govt. of India. For more information, please see <https://iifm.ac.in/teacher/ujjal-kumar-sarma/>

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