



No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2021-22 (Qtr-II)/42

Date: 25th October, 2021

To,

Mr. Arvind Kumar
C/o Sh Chunni Lal Acharya
VPO Vashisth, Tehsil Manali
Distt Kullu (HP) 175103

Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005-reg.

Ref.: Your manual RTI Application No. -- dated 19/09/2021

Dear Mr. Arvind Kumar,

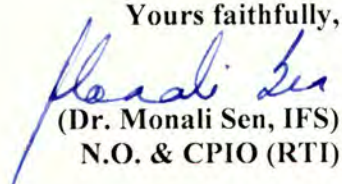
Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, the additional fee deposited by you via Indian Postal Order's has been received and the information sought by you has been collected from concerned authority of the Institute and attached herewith as **Appendix-I**. Point-wise response to your queries is given below:

Information Sought under RTI	Reply
1. Details of M.Sc. affiliation with Saurashtra University	Information available at page No. 68-83 of Appendix-I.
2. Details of Audit para received by WII regarding M.Sc. affiliation with Saurashtra University	
3. Details of cancellation of subsequent M.Sc. courses after receipt of Audit Para	
4. Details of official dealing (note sheet copy) of the audit para & action taken	
5. Details of M.Sc. courses awarded after receipt of audit para	
6. Details of approval taken from MoEFCC to run M.Sc. course despite receiving audit para	
7. Details of contractual employees from any and all funding, registered for PhD under project PI	Information available at page No. 67 of Appendix-I.
8. Details of rules for engagement of research personnel (JRF/ SRF/ others)	Information available at page No. 01-66 of Appendix-I.
9. Copy of approval of Ministry for rules of engaging research personnel (JRF/SRF/ Others)	

If you are not satisfied with the aforesaid reply, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority i.e. "Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Post Box 18, Chandrabani, Dehradun – 248 001, Ph. 0135-2640910".

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Monali Sen, IFS)
N.O. & CPIO (RTI)

Agenda Item No. 5

Appendix-I

Revised rules for the award of research fellowship and guidelines to engage Research Personnel at Wildlife Institute of India

Selection procedure to engage JRF, SRF & RA at WII

The existing rules/criteria for the selection of JRFs/SRFs and RAs (as approved by TRAC and GB), have been derived from UGC/CSIR norms. However, these organizations have changed their rules during recent years. Since, Wildlife Science is a multi-disciplinary subject, it is proposed to include candidates from Humanities/Social Sciences in its ambit. Revised (proposed) procedure for the selection of JRFs/SRFs and RAs is as follows:

- The selection of the advertised JRF/SRF positions at WII shall be done through a Qualifying Test followed by interview, three times a year.
- Announcement of the JRF/SRF position(s) shall be made through a window advertisement three times a year in one of the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website at least 45 days in advance.
- An 'Expert Committee' constituted by the Director, WII, shall conduct the personal interview for the selection of JRFs/SRFs. The panel of committee shall comprise of Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science as Chairperson; One External Subject Matter Expert; Research Coordinator; two senior Faculty Members (Scientist-E and above); and concerned PI(s) of the Project.
- During the interview, the Committee would test the candidate for his/her knowledge of the subject, scientific temperament, aptitude for wildlife research, creative ability and interest.
- There shall be 3 components, based on which selection merit would be arrived at as follows:

Component	Marks
Academic Background	20% (10% UG+10% PG)
Qualifying Test*	50% (25% General + 25% Subject)
Interview	30% (Inclusive of research experience & publications)

- The cut off criteria for interview would be a minimum of 50% marks in written test.

* Qualifying test would be covering syllabi of M.Sc. course in Wildlife Science, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and M.A. course in Social Science, Economics, Mass Communication, Anthropology and Psychology.

**Selection procedure to engage research fellows
other than JRF, SRF & RA at WII**

- a) The selection of the advertised positions other than JRF, SRF & RA at WII viz., Junior Project Fellow/Senior Project Fellow/Project Associate/Junior Technical Assistant/Senior Technical Assistant or any other category as approved in the respective project, shall be done through a Qualifying Test followed by interview.
- b) Announcement of the position(s) shall be made through a window advertisement three times a year in one of the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website at least 45 days in advance.
- c) An 'Expert Committee' constituted by the Director, WII, shall conduct personality test. The committee would consist of the Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science as Chairperson; Research Coordinator; two senior Faculty Members (Scientist-E and above), One External Subject Matter Expert and concerned PI(s) of the Project.
- d) During the interview, the Committee would test the candidate for his/her knowledge of the subject, scientific temperament, aptitude for wildlife research, creative ability and interest.
- e) There shall be 3 components, based on which selection merit would be arrived at as follows:

Component	Marks
Academic Background	20% (10% UG+10% PG)
Qualifying Test*	50% (25% General + 25% Subject)
Interview	30% (Inclusive of research experience & publications)

- f) The cut off criteria for interview would be a minimum of 50% marks in written test.
- g) A short list of 'wait-listed' candidates shall be maintained valid for a period of one year. In case of any urgent requirement for a project/activity, the PI(s) with the approval of the Dean and Director may select the candidates from the pool.

* *Qualifying Test would be project specific and covering syllabi of M.Sc. course in Wildlife Science, Environmental Sciences, Natural Resource Management, Forestry, Veterinary Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and M.A. course in Social Science, Economics, Mass Communication, Anthropology and Psychology.*

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Eligibility Criteria for selection of JRF, SRF, RA and other category of research fellows at WII

S. No.	Designation	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Criteria	Monthly Fellowship (In Rs.)
For UGC/CSIR/CAR/WII-NET qualified candidates for Junior Research Fellowship and GATE qualified candidates for JRFship in the discipline 'Ecology and Evolution'					
1.	Junior Research Fellow (JRF)	Masters' Degree in Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Life Science/Experimental Biology/Environmental Sciences/ Environmental Management/Geo-informatics/Ecological Sciences/Biological Sciences/ Wildlife Science or M.V.Sc. or M.Sc. Agriculture or M.A. (Sociology/ Economics/Mass Communication/ Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks. OR M. Tech/M.Phil in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences with a minimum of 60% marks aggregate.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 28 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 25,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.
2.	Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	Masters' Degree in Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Life Science/ Experimental Biology/Environmental Sciences/ Environmental Management/Geo-informatics/Ecological Sciences/Biological Sciences/ Wildlife Science or M.V.Sc. or M.Sc. Agriculture or M.A. (Sociology/ Economics/Mass Communication/ Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks and possess at least two years of research experience as JRF or after Post Graduation. OR M. Tech/M.Phil in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences with a minimum of 60% marks aggregate and possess at least two years of research experience.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 32 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 28,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.

S. No.	Designation	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Criteria	Monthly Fellowship (In Rs.)
3.	Research Associate (RA-I, II & III)	Ph.D. Degree in Zoology/Botany/Wildlife Science/ Environmental Science/Forestry/Experimental Biology/ Biological Science/Ecological Science/Life Science and Social Science relevant to studies in human dimensions aspect of wildlife management, have published research work to their credit and have already shown evidence of independent research work.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 40 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 36,000/-, RA-I; Rs. 38,000/-, RA-II; Rs. 40,000/-, RA-III + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.
For non-NET Qualified Candidates (Positions other than JRF, SRF & RA viz., Junior Project Fellow/Senior Project Fellow/Project Biologist/Project Assistant/Project Fellow/Research Biologist and/or any other category) for the project duration of maximum two years					
4.	Junior Technical Assistant (JTA) or any other category as approved in the project	Bachelors' Degree in any discipline related to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences or B.V.Sc. or B.Sc. Agriculture or B.A. (Social Science/Economics/Mass Communication/Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University. OR B. Tech in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/ Ecological Sciences.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 26 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 16,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.
5.	Senior Technical Assistant (STA) or any other	Bachelors' Degree in any discipline related to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences or B.V.Sc. or B.Sc. Agriculture or B.A. (Social Science/Economics/Mass Communication/Anthropology and Psychology) degree from	Shall be specifically determined by the individual	Shall not be more than 28 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age	Rs. 18,000/- + HRA (as admissible)

S. No.	Designation	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Criteria	Monthly Fellowship (In Rs.)
	category as approved in the project	a recognized University and possessing at least two years of research experience. OR B. Tech in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/ Ecological Sciences and possessing at least two years of research/work experience in the relevant field.	project needs.	limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.
6.	Junior Project Fellow (JPF) or any other category as approved in the project	Masters' Degree in Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Life Science/Experimental Biology/Environmental Sciences/ Environmental Management/Geo-informatics/Ecological Sciences/Biological Sciences/ Wildlife Science or M.V.Sc. or M.Sc. Agriculture or M.A. (Sociology/ Economics/Mass Communication/ Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University. OR M. Tech/M.Phil in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 30 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 25,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.
7.	Senior Project Fellow (SPF) or any other category as approved in the project	Masters' Degree in Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Life Science/ Experimental Biology/Environmental Sciences/ Environmental Management/Geo-informatics/Ecological Sciences/Biological Sciences/ Wildlife Science or M.V.Sc. or M.Sc. Agriculture or M.A. (Sociology/ Economics/Mass Communication/Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University and possessing at least two years of research experience as JPF or after Post Graduation. OR M. Tech/M.Phil in any discipline relevant to Biological Science/Life Science/Ecological Sciences and possessing at least two years of research experience in the relevant field.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 35 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 28,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.

S. No.	Designation	Essential Qualification	Desirable Qualification	Age Criteria	Monthly Fellowship (In Rs.)
8.	Project Associate of any category possessing minimum essential qualification equivalent to a Research Associate	Ph.D. Degree in Zoology/Botany/Wildlife Science/ Environmental Science/Forestry/Experimental Biology/ Biological Science/Ecological Science/Life Science and Social Science relevant to studies in human dimensions aspect of wildlife management, have published research work to their credit and have already shown evidence of independent research work.	Shall be specifically determined by the individual project needs.	Shall not be more than 45 years as on date of interview. However, the upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and physically challenged applicants.	Rs. 36,000/- or Rs. 38,000/- or Rs. 40,000/- + HRA (as admissible) Retirement Benefits, Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Leave Travel Concession (LTC) shall not be paid.

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Agenda Item No. 11

Rules for the award of Research fellowship at WII other than JRF & RA

The TRAC approved the rules and regulations for the award of research fellowship to Project Biologist, Project Assistant, Project Fellow and Research Biologist under different externally funded research projects at WII.

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Agenda Item No. 11**Rules for the award of Research fellowship at WII other than JRF & RA**

It is informed that the Institute has implemented the rules and regulations for engaging JRF and RA as per the approval of TRAC and Governing Body. These rules are based on the lines of CSIR. However, the Institute is also required to engage research personnel under various categories such as Project Biologist, Project Assistant, Project Fellow and Research Biologist under various externally funded research projects as per the approved project by various funding agencies. These additional categories are owing to different nature of projects, varying duration and expected outputs. It is felt that there is a need to consolidate the rules and regulations regarding the selection of research personnel such as Project Biologist, Project Assistant, Project Fellow and Research Biologist and the same are given as **Annexure-V**.

Submitted for consideration and approval of TRAC.

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Rules for the award of Research fellowship at WII other than JRF & RA

1. Eligibility

1.1. Essential Educational Qualification: The essential educational qualifications will be specifically determined by the individual project needs.

1.2. Desirable Qualifications: The desirable qualifications pertaining to research experience will be specifically determined by the individual project needs.

1.3. Age: The age criteria, upper age limit and age relaxation if any for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and Physically Challenged applicants will be determined by the individual project needs.

2. Selection Procedure

a) Announcement of Research Personnel (Project Biologist, Project Assistant, Project Fellow and Research Biologist) positions will be made in one of the National Daily Newspapers (English) and WII's website well in advance.

b) The following criteria will be used for short listing the candidates for attending the interview:

S. No.	Item	Maximum Marks
1)	UGC/CSIR/ICAR/GATE (Ecology and Evolution) and WII-Net passed candidates	10 Marks
2)	Percentage of marks in Post Graduate Degree	10 Marks
3)	Percentage of marks in Graduate Degree	05 Marks
4)	Specialization relevance in P.G. degree	10 Marks
5)	Research Experience – (Publications, Paper Presented in Workshops/Seminars/Symposiums/Conferences)	07 Marks
6)	Extra Curricular Activities –	
	a). Participation and awards in games, sports, trekking, mountaineering, NCC, NSS etc.,	05 Marks
	b). Participation and awards in Literary and Cultural activities	03 Marks

c) The candidates selected by the Screening Committee will be called for interview. The 'Expert Committee' recommended by the Dean, FWS and approved by the Director, WII, for interviewing the candidates will consist of the Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science, External Subject Expert (1), the Research Coordinator, two senior Faculty Members (Senior Reader and above) and concerned P.I. of the Project.

d) During the interview, committee would test the candidate for his/her knowledge of the subject, aptitude for wildlife research, creative ability and sincerity. Interview will be of 50 Marks in total. Final selection of the candidate will be based on the total marks (100 marks) obtained from screening of application as per the criteria mentioned above in point 'b' (50 Marks) plus the Interview marks (50 marks).

- e) Candidates are expected to join within 30 days from the date of issue of the fellowship offer, failing which the offer may be cancelled. However, in exceptional circumstances the Dean, FWS may grant an extension of maximum one month to the deserving candidate.

3. Fellowship and Tenure: As per the requirement of the project and, subject to the approved position and availability of funds.

4. Terms and conditions for the award of Fellowship as Research Personnel (Project Biologist, Project Assistant, Project Fellow and Research Biologist)

1. The engagement is purely on temporary basis for a period of two years from the date of joining the Institute. However, the same can be extended by the Institute, depending upon the exigencies of work at its sole discretion.
2. Offer of engagement is subjected to his/her being found medically fit. For this purpose he/she is required to submit a medical fitness certificate issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner at the time of his/her joining.
3. The engagement in the project at WII does not give any assurance of guarantee for subsequent employment in the institute. It is purely occasional and does not entitle to any regular employment in the services of the Institute.
4. During the tenure of engagement at WII, he/she will be governed by the office orders, rules and regulations of the Institute passed from time to time as are/or will be made applicable from time to time.
5. During the term of engagement, he/she will be paid the fellowship and HRA as applicable and the emoluments may be revised subject to the notification from the funding agencies from time to time. He/She will not be entitled to any other allowances, bonus, LTC and/or retirement benefits as are admissible to regular employee of the Institute.
6. Even during the said period of engagement, the offer can be discontinued without giving any notice and without assigning any reason thereof.
7. On the expiry of the said period or at the end of the extended period, the term of engagement as Research Personnel will automatically come to an end.
8. At the time of joining the Institute he/she will have to submit two financial sureties from responsible persons (viz. Group 'A' and 'B' employees of Central Government/State Government/Autonomous Institutions under Central/State Government, Universities, etc.) for Rs. 50,000/- (*Rupees Fifty Thousand only*) each. He /She will also produce at the time of joining copies of documents related to educational and professional experience, certificate regarding his/her release from his/her present employer, if any.
9. Travel Rules: The Project Fellow is eligible to claim TA/DA as admissible in accordance with the rules of the Institute for any tour undertaken by him/her during the tenure of engagement.
10. Leave: The Project Fellow will be entitled to avail usual casual leaves (08) per year and will seek prior approval from the Nodal Scientist/PI of the Project. The Director, WII under special circumstances may consider sanction of leave without or without monthly emoluments. In case, a Research Personnel proceeds on leave before termination of offer, he/she must join back duty before the expiry of tenure, failing which the tenure will be deemed to have terminated with effect from the date he/she proceeded on leave. A prior

11 approval of the Director, WII is mandatory for the Research Personnel to visit a foreign country for attending conference/seminar/symposium, etc., related to the research activities of the project.

11. HRA: The House Rent Allowance (HRA) shall be paid as per the rules of the Institute/Funding agency subject to the condition that HRA payable, in no case, shall be more than the rates payable to Central Government/WII Employee(s) in that area. The basis for calculating HRA will be the monthly consolidated emolument paid to the Research Personnel.
12. DA, CCA, HCA, etc.: Not entitled to these allowances.
13. Medical Benefits and Insurance: Medical reimbursement for self through government approved medical practitioners will be provided subject to a maximum cost ceiling of Rs 5,000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand only) during the contractual period of one year based on submission of duly certified bills. A Medi-claim Policy for the self may be taken. The Institute would reimburse the premium paid for the policy of Rs. 5.0 lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) annually upon production of receipt. The Medi-Claim Policy will not be allowed after end of contractual service in the Institute. An Accidental Insurance Policy for a maximum amount of Rs. 5.0 lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs only) will be provided by the Institute and the annual premium will be paid by the Project.
14. Field Equipment: For research purpose the Institute may issue various field equipment/kits as per the requirement of the project and also subject to having budgetary provisions. These items will be Institute's property. The supervising faculty will ensure return of the permanent stores /non-consumable items at the time of conclusion of the Project.
15. Field Dress Allowance: Research Personnel will be allowed to avail Field Dress Allowance for field shoes and uniform from the Project fund and as per provision in the project budget. The amount not exceeding Rs. 2,500/- may be sanctioned for field dress/uniform to the Research Personnel or as amended from time to time.
16. Contingency Grant: The contingency grant as approved in the Research Personnel will be fully controlled by the Nodal Scientist/PI of the project but will be subject to usual scrutiny in finance. The concerned Supervisor/Nodal Scientist will be fully responsible for its utilization and he/she will be free to recommend disallowing of any unjustified expenditure. The Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences on recommendations of the Nodal Scientist would sanction tour/forest advance(s).
17. Publication/Patent: The results of research work will be encouraged to publish in standard refereed journals as well as other popular forms of scientific documentation at the discretion of the Nodal Scientist/PI of the project. Due authorship will be given to the Research Personnel and other team members, who have contributed to research papers and patents. The Nodal Scientist/PI of the project will be responsible for a fair and just authorship order. In case of any dispute, the Dean, FWS will be responsible to resolve it amicably. Due acknowledgement will be given to all funding agencies in all publications arising out of research work conducted at WII. The right to commercial exploitation of the results and patent arising out of the investigation will, however, rest exclusively with WII. In case of Project funded by other agencies or collaborative research project(s), the commercial exploitation of the results and patent arising out of the research work will be worked out as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the collaborating parties or as per the guidelines of the concerned funding agency.
18. Identity Card: Institute will issue an identity card to the Research Personnel. For this purpose the Research Personnel should furnish requisite information to the Administration section.

19. Transport Facility: Both for the POL and its maintenance and also in the event of having jeep/motor cycle as per the requirement in the field research and having provisions in the project budget, the Research Personnel will be required to maintain logbook, which will be, scrutinized by the concerned supervising faculty/Nodal Scientist and Finance Section as and when required.

20. The following are the responsibilities that a Research Personnel is expected to meet:

- a. He/she must be a full time research/technical worker and submit him/herself to the discipline and regulation of the Institute in which he/she is working. The supervisor/Nodal Scientist may ensure regular attendance of the Research Personnel by keeping an attendance register.
- b. In case, of the Research Personnel desiring to appear for any competitive examination, he/she must inform the Director, WII in writing and obtain written approval before applying. He/she should submit his/her application through the Nodal Scientist/PI of the project and Dean, FWS.
- c. The Research Personnel shall be required to submit a detailed report on the progress of his/her work to the Nodal Scientist/PI of the project who in turn shall submit a copy of the progress report to the Office of the Research Coordinator. Once a Research Personnel accepts the fellowship and joins the Institute, it is obligatory for him/her to continue for the normal tenure.
- d. The Research Personnel shall not be allowed to discontinue his/her fellowship without the prior approval of the Nodal Scientist/PI of the Project and the Director, WII. In case, he/she wants to discontinue prior to the completion of the tenure or the attainment of original objective of the research, he/she must submit resignation to the Director, WII through the Nodal Scientist/PI of the project at least one month in advance indicating specific reasons for not continuing for the full term. In case he/she leaves the Fellowship without prior approval of the Director, WII, he/she will be liable to make such refund as may be decided by the Director, WII. The monthly emoluments shall be ceased from the date stipulated by the Director, WII while accepting the resignation.
- e. Before the termination or resignation of the offer, a Research Personnel must furnish a detailed report of the work done during the entire tenure through including field data the supervisor and Nodal Scientist/PI of the project to the Director, WII.
- f. Any kind of paid or honorary part-or-fulltime employment or private even in honorary capacity by the Research Personnel is not permissible during the engagement tenure at the Institute.

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Minutes of the XXXII Meeting of the Training, Research and Academic Council (TRAC) held on 22nd August 2014

The XXXII Meeting of the Training, Research and Academic Council (TRAC) was held on 22nd August 2014 in WII Campus, Dehradun under the chairmanship of Prof. R. Sukumar. Following were present:

- (1) Dr. S.K. Khanduri Member
IG (Wildlife), MoEF
Representative of Director, Wildlife Preservation, MoEF
New Delhi
- (2) Sh. Sarjan Bhagat Member
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and
Chief Wildlife Warden
Govt. of Maharashtra
Nagpur
- (3) Sh. D.V.S. Khati Member
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and
Chief Wildlife Warden
Govt. of Uttarakhand
Dehradun
- (4) Dr. P.S. Easa Member
Director In-charge, Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI)
Peechi P.O., Thrissur District
Kerala
- (5) Dr. Priya Davidar Member
Professor, Dept. of Ecology & Environmental Sciences
Pondicherry University
Puducherry
- (6) Dr. Mewa Singh Member
Professor of Psychology
University of Mysore
Mysore
Karnataka
- (7) Dr. S. Shivaji Member
Research Consultant, Jhaveri Microbiology Centre
L. V. Prasad Eye Institute
Hyderabad
Andhra Pradesh

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| (8) | Dr. P.C. Tak
Scientist, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Dehradun
<i>Representative of Director, Zoological Survey of India</i>
West Bengal | | Member |
| (9) | Dr. S.K. Shrivastava
Scientist, Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Dehradun
<i>Representative of Director, Botanical Survey of India</i>
West Bengal | | Member |
| (10) | Dr. G.S. Goraya
Dy. Director General (Research)
<i>Representative of Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun</i>
Uttarakhand | | Member |
| (11) | Dr. V.B. Mathur
Director
Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun
Uttarakhand | | Member Secretary |
| (12) | Dr. P.K. Mathur
Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences
Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun
Uttarakhand | | Member |
| (13) | Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj
Scientist 'F' and Head, Dept. of Eco-development, Planning &
Participatory Management
Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun
Uttarakhand | | Member |
| (14) | Sh. P.C. Tyagi
Scientist 'F' and Head, Dept. of Landscape Level Planning &
Management
Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun
Uttarakhand | | Member |
| (15) | Dr. K. Sankar
Research Coordinator
Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehra Dun
Uttarakhand | | Member |

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The Chief Wildlife Wardens of Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh, Tripura, Assam and Member Secretary, CZA, could not attend the meeting. Therefore, leave of absence was granted to them by the Chair.

Director, WII, welcomed the Chairman and members of the TRAC and thereafter with the permission of Chairman, agenda items were deliberated upon one by one.

Agenda Item No. 1

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the XXXI meeting of the
Training, Research & Academic Council held on 17th February 2014**

XXXI meeting of the Training, Research & Academic Council was held on 17th February 2014 in WII Campus, Dehradun. The minutes of the meeting were circulated to the members vide letter No. WII/RES/TRAC-31st Meeting/A. 2.34(I) dated 8th March 2014. No comments on the minutes were received. The minutes were therefore confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2

Action taken report on the decisions of the previous meeting

- I. **Final project reports due for submission:** The TRAC noted the information provided by the Member Secretary that the final reports of two Grant-in-aid research projects titled "Ecology of lions with emphasis on the agro-pastoral landscape of Greater Gir Ecosystem" and "Status survey and conservation of Himalayan Crocodile Salamander (*Tylototriton verrucosus*) in the Eastern Himalayas. (Phase-I)" have been submitted by the respective PIs and the same shall be accepted by the Director, WII, subsequent to the presentations made by the PIs to the faculty. The TRAC complimented efforts by the Dean and Director for reducing the number of pending final reports to zero.
- II. **Research Seminar for Field Managers and Scientists from other organisations/ institutions along with the Annual Research Seminar of WII:** Chairman, TRAC appreciated the efforts of the Institute for conducting a workshop for Field Managers and Scientists on 'Human-Wildlife Interactions and Management of Invasive Species' at WII on 23rd & 24th July, 2014. The Member Secretary informed TRAC that the Institute is in the process of preparing policy briefs regarding the management of Invasive Species and Human-Wildlife Interactions as the outcome of the workshop and submit the same to MOEF & CC within a period of 3 months i.e. by the end of October 2014. It was also noted that the term 'Human-Wildlife Conflict' has been appropriately replaced by 'Human-Wildlife Interactions'. The IGF (WL), MOEF&CC said that human-wildlife interactions is a most talked about and a priority subject for the Ministry. Occasionally, this is being deliberated upon and only the successful conduct of the workshop will not

serve the purpose. In response, the Member Secretary and Chairman, TRAC assured that workshop proceedings would incorporate the best available information on each type of conflict and would include the Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for key species on conflict.

III. Renewal of International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) between Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado USA and Wildlife Institute of India (2013-17): The TRAC noted the information that as part of this IMOU, Indian Forest Service Officers undergoing IFS-MCT (Phase III) visited Colorado State University, USA, in August 2014.

IV. Proposed workshop on Conservation Action Planning for Endemic Turtles in Peninsular India: After deliberations and suggestions by Dr. P.S. Easa, Member-TRAC and Director, In-charge, KFRI, it was agreed that the proposed workshop on "Conservation Action Planning for endemic turtles in Peninsular India" shall be held in 2014 in partnership with the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Peechi. Necessary funding support for the same shall be sought from MoEF & CC or DST.

IV. Enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA: Dean, FWS, informed TRAC subsequent to the approval by the WII's Governing Body, the Institute is in the process of implementing revised 'Rules for the award of research fellowships and guidelines for conduct of Wildlife Institute of India - National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) for selection of Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) and Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the Discipline of Wildlife Science' during 2014 in the light of guidelines adopted by CSIR'. The 'Rules for the award of research fellowship and guidelines for conduct of Wildlife Institute of India - National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) and Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the Discipline of Wildlife Science' along with revised syllabus after appropriately incorporating suggestions made by Dr. Reena Mathur and Dr. Priya Davidar, Members, TRAC, was approved by the TRAC and the same is placed as **Annexure – I**. The TRAC also noted that, as in the past, revised fellowships will be automatically adopted as and when they are revised by the DST, GoI. TRAC also approved one-time age relaxation for WII's internal research scholars those intend to apply for WII-NET 2014 as they have to switch over from existing old norms.

V. Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), USA and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun: The TRAC noted the information that the approval from the MoEF & CC for the 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA),

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France and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII)' and with that of Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute is awaited.

- VII. Enhancement of Monthly Stipend to Non-sponsored candidates of M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course:** The TRAC noted the information regarding the implementation of enhanced monthly stipend from Rs. 1800/- to Rs. 3000/- for six (6) self-sponsored students of current batch of M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course at WII as approved by the Governing Body.
- VIII. Effect of landscape characteristics on butterfly communities in Dehradun, Uttarakhand:** The TRAC noted the information that the response from Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board for funding the research project is awaited.
- IX. Study on ecology and migratory patterns of Golden Mahseer (*Tor putitora*) using radio telemetry techniques:** The TRAC noted the information that the response from Uttarakhand Forest Department for funding this research study is awaited.
- X. Meeting of CWLWs of north-eastern states to prepare strategies for research in the NE region with funding support from MoEF:** The Member Secretary informed TRAC that as and when the meeting of CWLWs of North-Eastern States is organised by the MoEF & CC in the near future, necessary strategies for research in the NE region will be taken up by the Institute with funding support from MoEF & CC in the same meeting.
- XI. Phase-II of the monitoring of re-introduced tigers in Panna Tiger Reserve in collaboration with MPFD and NTCA:** The TRAC noted that the Phase-I of project has ended in July 2014 and subsequently the Phase-II will be initiated in collaboration with MPFD and NTCA.
- XII. Annual Work Programme of WII (2014-15):** Dean, FWS informed that subsequent to endorsement of Annual Work Programme of WII (2014-15) by the TRAC in its 31st Meeting held on 17th February 2014 and approved by the Institute's Governing Body in its 62nd Meeting held on 12th May 2014 TRAC some of the activities (Training and Research) listed in the revised Annual Work Programme at Sl. No. B.5 "WII's Alumni Meet for Ph.D. and M.Sc. Degree Awardees"; B.24 "Training Workshop on Wildlife Health Management for the Field Veterinarians of Uttar Pradesh State"; D.8 "Establishing ecological baselines for long term monitoring of tigers, co-predators and prey species in Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary and its adjoining landscapes in Arunachal Pradesh"; F.55 "Ecology and conservation of sea turtles along the Sindhudurg Coast, Maharashtra"; F.56 "Evaluating ecological status of leopards in Kalesar National Park, Haryana"; F. 57 "The diet of Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) at an

important stop-over site in Nagaland, India during their southbound migration” and H.10 “Compulsory Course Work for the candidates registering for Ph.D. Program in the FRI University, Dehra Dun and Saurashtra University, Rajkot, WII Centre (2014-15)” were included on the request of respective CWLW of State Forest Departments and other agencies. TRAC endorsed the additional activities conducted and proposed by the Institute in the revised Annual Work Programme of WII for the year 2014–15 subject to the approval of Governing Body.

XIII. Emeritus Scientist Scheme (ESS) at WII: The Dean, FWS informed TRAC that the WII’s Governing Body in its 62nd Meeting held on 12th May 2014 has approved the implementation of Emeritus Scientist Scheme (ESS) and, subsequently, comprehensive rules and regulations as amended in the light of guidelines adopted by CSIR for implementing the same at WII has been placed to TRAC for necessary approval. The same was approved by the TRAC.

XIV. Different scientific theme based research work in Tripura State: The TRAC was informed that the DCF (Wildlife), Tripura, vide his letter No. F. 8 (243)/wl-2012/TRAC/50-59 dated 19.05.2014 requested WII to conduct research studies on six select topics in Tripura. Subsequently, faculty members of the Institute were requested to develop research proposals on the assigned theme/topics at the earliest in consultation with PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW or DCF (Wildlife), Tripura. In response, two research proposals viz ‘Ecological status of clouded leopard and sympatric carnivores in Tripura’ and ‘Ecological status on non-human primates of Tripura’ were submitted by WII faculty members to the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, Tripura for funding. Since there was no funding available with Tripura State Forest Department to support the proposed two studies, the Director, Clouded Leopard National Park, O/o PCCF, Tripura, has written to the Inspector General of Forests (WL), MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, requesting to provide necessary funds to conduct the above studies. Further, developments in this regard will be reported to TRAC in its next meeting.

XV. Proposal for ‘Strengthening and Modernization of Wildlife Forensic and Conservation Genetics Research Facilities for Conservation of Flagship Species’ to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): Member Secretary informed the TRAC that the proposal for ‘Strengthening and Modernization of Wildlife Forensic and Conservation Genetics Research Facilities for Conservation of Flagship Species at Wildlife Institute of India’ with funding support from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was discussed during the meeting of the Chief Executives of select Public Sector Undertakings

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held on 13th August, 2014 at New Delhi. The Institute has also prepared a document 'Partnerships on Conservation' for securing funding under CSR. It was also informed that further developments in this regard will be informed to TRAC in its next meeting.

- XVI. Establishment of UNESCO Category 2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India:** TRAC appreciated the efforts of the MOEF&CC and WII in setting up UNESCO Category-2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region at WII.

Agenda Item No. 3

Proposal for budget revision, no cost extension and time period extension of ongoing research projects

- 3.1. Evaluation of MHC heterozygosity in isolated tiger population:** The TRAC approved a 'No Cost' extension to the project for a period of one year from 04.02.2015 to 03.02.2016 to complete the analysis and submission of final report.

Agenda Item No. 4

Consideration of new research proposal

- 4.1. Research and management of Rhesus macaque - Human interface in a mosaic landscape:** Dr. Y. V. Jhala, PI of the project, explained the genesis of the proposal to the TRAC members and highlighted the national importance of the research to address potential solutions for locally abundant wildlife populations that can attain pest proportions. This was followed by a presentation of the proposed research. The TRAC members appreciated the presentation and agreed to the importance of the applied problem solving nature of the research in the national context. The TRAC deliberated whether the study area in and around WII campus could serve as a model that could subsequently be replicated in other regions infested with macaque problem. After much deliberation, it was decided that the study area would serve the purpose as it will be carried out in a mosaic of habitats that included urban, forest, agriculture, and rural areas. Further, the project would benefit from the ownership and involvement of the larger WII's student fraternity. Dr. S. Shivaji, Member TRAC suggested that there may be possibility to develop macaque specific *Zona Pellucida* vaccines instead of using Porcine *Zona Pellucida* vaccines for immuno-contraception of macaques. He agreed to provide the contact details of scientists to explore this further. This proposal was discussed at length with Dr. S.K. Khanduri, IG (Wildlife) and representative MoEF & CC and Sh. D. V. S. Khati, Addl. PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Uttarakhand. Both agreed to find funds to support the proposed research project. The Director WII and Member Secretary stressed that the project would only commence once there was clarity and commitment of funding from external

sources. The TRAC approved the five year research proposal '*in principle*' with a budget outlay of RS 1.20 crores and the PI was advised to explore possibilities of getting external funding for the project from Uttarakhand Forest Department/MoEF & CC.

Supplementary Agenda Item No. 1

Reorganization of Wildlife Forensic Cell and Conservation Genetics Laboratory at WII

The TRAC considered the Supplementary Agenda on the reorganization of Wildlife Forensic Cell (WFC) at WII. TRAC noted that activities of the existing 'Wildlife Forensic Cell' have grown manifold in scope and mandate since the period when this was initiated as a project under Indo-US collaborative effort. TRAC was informed that the MoEF & CC has provided some financial support initially to strengthen required infrastructure at WFC. Dean, FWS informed TRAC that so far Institute has received over 2,800 legal cases from various law enforcement agencies for investigation and providing technical reports. TRAC also noted that the Governing Body in its 58th meeting held on 29th March 2012 has approved to charge Rs. 15,000/- per legal case from the concerned agency towards laboratory investigations, sample analysis and the cost for appearance in the court by the technical expert and defend the legal case. It was also approved that no fee shall be charged for the analysis of samples received from Uttarakhand Forest/Wildlife Department, Hon'ble Courts and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Member Secretary informed that over the years WFC has started making optimal use of molecular biology/DNA based technology. Dr. S. P. Goyal, Scientist-G and Nodal Officer, WFC who was instrumental in development of WFC is due for superannuation on 31.8.2014. Considering the increasing involvement of Molecular/DNA based technology or conservation genetics and the fact that Dr. Goyal is superannuating soon, there is a felt need to reorganize the Wildlife Forensic Cell and Conservation Genetics Laboratory at WII as Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics (WFCG) Cell under Dr. Y.V. Jhala, Scientist 'G' as Nodal Officer, WFCG Cell. Upon superannuation Dr. S.P. Goyal is expected to be associated with WFCG as Emeritus Scientist which has already been approved by the TRAC as well as the Governing Body.

After deliberation, TRAC approved the proposed reorganization of Institute's Wildlife Forensic Cell and Conservation Genetics Laboratory as Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics (WFCG) Cell with suggestions from Chairman TRAC and noted the distribution of responsibilities among existing manpower with a suggestion to incorporate horizontal linkages in organogram at all levels. The revised organogram is placed as **Annexure - II**. The Member Secretary as well as Chairman, TRAC were of the opinion that it would be appropriate that MoEF&CC; Director, WII and Nodal Officer, WFCG Cell collectively consider the aspect of accreditation of WFCG Cell so as to avoid frequent appearance in the court by technical experts and to find ways for strengthening and smooth function of vital WFCG facility at WII.

Any other item with permission of Chair

The Dean, FWS informed the TRAC that the Institute conducted its First Alumni Meet of M.Sc. students and Ph.D. scholars who had obtained their degrees from various Universities at WII since its inception. The Alumni Meet was inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University on 21st August 2014 followed by presentations made by WII-Alumni on 22nd August 2014 on select thematic areas. In total, 74 alumni attended the said meet. Dean, FWS also informed that the Institute's X-Internal Annual Research Seminar (IARS) was conducted from 18th to 20th August 2014 and the XXVIII-Annual Research Seminar (ARS) on 21st August 2014 at WII. A brief report on the IARS and ARS is placed as **Annexure - III**.

Prof. R. Sukumar informed that his tenure of three years as Chairman, TRAC has come to an end and he has thoroughly enjoyed his role as Chairman with active support from other Members. He appreciated the achievements of WII in the last three years in Training, Research and Academic endeavours. He also thanked the Members of TRAC for their valuable contributions made for the smooth functioning of TRAC. The Member Secretary expressed his gratitude to Prof. Sukumar, Chairman, TRAC and non-official members of the TRAC whose 3 year term was coming to end for their active support and contribution in enhancing the quality of training, research and academic activities of the Institute. Member Secretary also wished that Institute will continue to receive guidance and advice by the outgoing Chairman and Members.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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1. Background

The Government of India established Wildlife Institute of India (WII) at Dehra Dun in 1982 and conferred autonomous status in 1986. WII seeks to create a cadre of trained wildlife managers, wildlife biologists/ecologists and socio-economists and help generate research information on biological, managerial and human aspects of wildlife conservation. The WII's research guided by its "Training, Research and Academic Council (TRAC)" addresses applied and basic research in different ecological and geographic regions of the country. Wildlife Science is a fast developing discipline in India and yet to be recognized as a subject by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) for their National Eligibility Test (NET) for the award of research fellowships. The research demands in this discipline are both academic, applied and management oriented and therefore, essentially field based. Thus, requires appropriate field aptitude and physical fitness to undertake research in arduous field and harsh climatic conditions. The Institute carries out its research projects supported by its Grant-in-aid funds as well funded by other national and international agencies. Institute thus, engages research personnel [Junior Research Fellow (JRF) and Research Associate (RA)]. The norms/guidelines to engage research personnel as developed by CSIR are helpful to a great extent and have been used as the basis for selection of researchers in the discipline of Wildlife Science and award of research fellowship(s) by Wildlife Institute of India. In order to attract talented students, WII intends to further develop better ways for awarding fellowships to researchers at WII.

To achieve this and to promote WII as the 'Centre of Academic Excellence' in the field of Wildlife Science, the Institute proposes to conduct WII-NET annually in the field of "Wildlife Science" for the purpose of award of Junior Research Fellowship(s). The WII-NET qualified candidate, who subsequently qualifies the interview conducted by the Institute, will be eligible for the award of Junior Research Fellowship to carry out research by joining a specific assigned project. The WII-NET qualified candidates shall be considered in equivalence with UGC/CSIR/ICAR NET qualified candidates for Junior Research Fellowship. In addition, GATE qualified candidates for the award of JRFship in the discipline 'Ecology and Evolution' shall also be considered in equivalence to WII-NET qualified candidates.

These guidelines are relevant to the award of JRFs/RAs at the Wildlife Institute of India and to encourage researchers (JRFs/SRFs) to pursue higher education by way of Ph.D. degree. Presently, WII's researchers register for Ph.D. degree in 'Wildlife Science' with the Saurashtra University, Rajkot (Gujarat) or with FRI University, Dehradun for Ph.D. in "Forestry" or allied subjects.

2. Rules for the award of Junior Research fellowship (JRF) at WII

2.1. Eligibility

2.1.1 Essential Qualification: A candidate seeking selection as JRF must possess M.Sc. (Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Life Science/Experimental Biology/Environmental Sciences/Environmental Management/Geo-informatics/Biological Sciences/Wildlife Science or M.V.Sc. or M.Sc. Agriculture or M.A. (Sociology/Economics/Mass Communication/Anthropology and Psychology) degree from a recognized University with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks.

2.1.2 Desirable Qualifications: The desirable qualifications will be specifically determined by the individual project needs.

2.2 Age: The candidate shall not be more than 28 years of age as on the last date of receiving applications online for appearing in WII's National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) at WII. The upper age limit may be relaxed up to 5 years in the case of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and Physically Challenged applicants.

2.3 Selection Procedure

- a) Announcement of JRF positions will be made in the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website well in advance.
- b) Qualified candidates of UGC/CSIR/ICAR/WII-NET for the award of JRFship meeting the essential qualification as given in para 2.1.1 shall be eligible to appear for an interview conducted by the Institute as per the advertised positions. In addition, meeting the essential qualification as given in para 2.1.1, GATE qualified candidates for JRFship in discipline 'Ecology and Evolution' are also eligible to appear for the interview.
- c) An 'Expert Committee' recommended by the Dean, FWS and approved by the Director, WII, for interviewing the NET qualified candidates will consist of the Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science; External Subject Expert (1); the Research Coordinator; two senior Faculty Members (Scientist-E and above); and concerned P.I. of the Project.
- d) During the interview, the Committee should test the candidate for his/her knowledge of the subject, scientific temperament, aptitude for wildlife research, creative ability and interest. The interview will be of 100 Marks in total. The final selection of the candidate for JRFs will be based on the marks obtained during the Interview.
- e) Candidates are expected to join within 30 days from the date of issue of the fellowship offer, failing which the offer may be cancelled. However, in exceptional circumstances the Dean, FWS may grant an extension of maximum one month to the deserving candidate.

2.4 Fellowship and Tenure of JRF

The JRF shall be entitled to get a monthly fellowship of Rs. 16,000/- consolidated. The fellowship shall be enhanced as per the revisions made by the Dept. of Science & Technology (DST), GOI from time to time. The fellowship amount is exempted from the payment of Income Tax under 10(16) of IT Act, 1961. The tenure of award of JRFship will be as per the requirement of the research project/period advertised.

The JRF in special case may be allowed by the Institute to leave for abroad with fellowship to participate or attend in International Workshop/Conference/Symposium/Meeting or to undergo a training programme for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of award of Junior Research Fellowship, on the recommendations of the supervisor/concerned faculty and approval of Dean, FWS.

2.5 Up-gradation of Junior Research Fellow (JRF) to Senior Research Fellow (SRF)

On completion of two years of tenure, a Junior Research Fellow may apply for an up-gradation of research fellowship as Senior Research Fellow with enhanced fellowship of Rs. 18,000/- per month. The fellowship tenure of a JRF can be extended for further period(s) on the recommendation of the PI of the research project adjudged on the basis of the work/achievements made by the researcher in the project and with approval of the Dean, FWS. However, for fellowship up-gradation of a JRF to SRF, application of the JRF duly forwarded by the supervisor(s) will be evaluated by an Expert Committee referred as the 'Research Fellow Performance Assessment Committee – RFPAC' consisting of the Dean, FWS as Chairman; two senior WII-faculty as Members; Research Coordinator as Member Convener and PI/Co-PI of the project, as Special Invitee. The recommendations of the RFPAC would need to be considered and approved by the Director, WII. Detailed progress reports duly supported by reprints of publications along with the recommendations of the RFPAC are to be forwarded by the Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science to the Director for approval for issuing extension/up-gradation order.

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3. Rules for the award of fellowship as Research Associate (RA)

3.1 Scope and Objective

This scheme envisages providing opportunities and support to outstanding research workers to do research work independently at post-doctoral level. The main objective is to utilize the skills and competence of post-doctoral fellow for research at higher level of scholarship. The fellowship will be tenable at WII, Dehradun, and also at the sites of field based research projects.

3.2 Eligibility

The award of Research Associateship at WII intends to engage research scholars below the age of 40 years with a doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in Zoology/Botany/Wildlife Science/Environmental Science/Forestry/ Experimental Biology/Biological Science/Life Science and Social Science relevant to studies in human dimensions aspect of wildlife management, have published research work to their credit and have already shown evidence of independent research work. Age limit is relaxable by five years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women and Physically Challenged applicants.

3.3 Selection Procedure:

- Announcement of RA positions for 'walk-in-interview' will be made in the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website at least one month prior to the date of conducting the 'walk-in-interview'.
- The screening of applications will be done by a 'Screening Committee' consisting of the PI of the Project/Nodal Officer/Cell In-charge/concerned Head of Department, Research Coordinator, and two senior faculty members (Scientist E and above) of the Institute. This Screening Committee would be proposed by the Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science and approved by the Director, WII. The following criteria will be used for candidates application evaluation:

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1.	Specialization relevance in Ph.D Degree	20 Marks
2.	Research Experience – (Publications, Paper Presented in Workshops/Seminars/Symposiums/Conferences)	20 Marks
3.	Extra Curricular Activities –	
	a). Participation and awards in games, sports, trekking, mountaineering, NCC, NSS etc.,	05 Marks
	b). Participation and awards in Literary and Cultural activities	05 Marks
Total		50 marks

- The 'Expert Committee' recommended by the Dean, FWS and approved by the Director, WII for interviewing the candidates will consist of the Dean, FWS as Chairman; External Subject Expert (1) as Member, two Senior Faculty Members (Scientist-E and above) as

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Members, the Research Coordinator as Member Convener and concerned P.I of the Project, as a Special Invitee.

- d) During the interview, the Committee should test the candidate for his/her knowledge of the subject, scientific temperament, aptitude for wildlife research, creative ability and interest. The interview will be of 50 Marks in total. Final selection of the candidate will be based on the total marks obtained from screening of application as per the criteria mentioned above in point 'b' (50 Marks) plus the Interview marks (50 marks). List of selected and wait-listed candidates based on merit will be prepared subject to availability of vacancies.
- e) Candidates are expected to join within 30 days from the date of issue of the fellowship offer, failing which the offer may be cancelled. However, in exceptional circumstances the Dean, FWS may grant an extension of maximum one month to the deserving candidate.

3.4 Fellowship and Tenure of Research Associates (RAs): The Research Associateship will be awarded in three categories carrying the following consolidated emoluments:

RA-I	Rs. 22,000/- per month, consolidated.
RA-II	Rs. 23,000/- per month, consolidated.
RA-III	Rs. 24,000/- per month, consolidated.

Selected Research Associate may be fixed at any one of the above three categories, depending upon the qualifications and experience. The Selection Committee may decide the level in which a particular Associate should be placed. The fellowship amount to RAs shall be enhanced as per the revision by DST, GOI from time to time and shall be exempted from the payment of Income Tax under 10(16) of IT Act, 1961. A 'Term of Reference' (ToR) highlighting description of expected research work, contributions to be made, responsibilities assigned and envisaged outputs from the selected RA will be prepared by the concerned PI/supervisor at the time of joining and the said ToR will be signed by the RA and countersigned by the supervisor(s) and will subsequently be approved by the Dean, FWS.

The Research Associateship will be tenable initially for a period of three years extendable for another term not exceeding two years. The fellowship will take effect from the date of joining by the RA at WII.

3.5 Conditions of award of fellowship as Research Associate

- a) The Research Associate (RA) will do whole time research work and will not enjoy any other part time employment during the tenure of the Associateship. However, his/her services could be utilized by the Institute for teaching purpose provided it will not affect the research programme and he/she should not accept any extra remuneration for this purpose.
- b) The Research Associate of the Institute should submit annual progress report of his/her research work, through the Supervisor/Faculty with whom he/she is associated. The Research Associate shall submit a comprehensive report to the Institute before the expiry of Associateship free of cost and a copy of the published work (if any), and an abstract in about 500 words of the research work done during the fellowship tenure, through the concerned supervisor/ faculty.
- c) If the Research Associate wishes to leave the fellowship before the end of tenure, a prior approval of the Dean, FWS must be obtained. The RA would also obtain prior approval of Dean, FWS for appearing at any examination/interview by any Institute/Organization/ University.
- d) If the Dean, FWS is not satisfied either with the progress of the research work or the conduct of the Research Associate, the Institute may terminate the fellowship at any time without any notice and assigning any reason, thereof.
- e) The award of fellowship as Research Associate does not imply any assistance or guarantee for subsequent appointment in WII to the beneficiary.
- f) The Research Associate may avail leave for a maximum period of thirty days in a year in addition to general holidays as applicable, on the recommendation of supervising faculty and approval by the Dean, FWS. Women awardees would be eligible for maternity leave at full rates for a period, not exceeding three months only, once during the tenure of the award.

The Research Associate in special case may be allowed by the Institute to leave for abroad with fellowship to participate or attend in International Workshop/Conference/ Symposium/ Meeting or to undergo training programme for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of award of Research Associateship, on the recommendations of the supervisor/concerned faculty and approval of Dean, FWS. This period will be counted as without fellowship towards the tenure of Research Associateship.
- g) A Research Associate will be eligible to claim TA/DA for the tour undertaken by him/her only in connection with his/her approved research programmes/or presentation of research results in a conference/seminar/symposium, etc. during the fellowship tenure. The basis for calculating TA/DA will be the actual monthly fellowship of the RA, which shall be considered equivalent to the Basic Pay as admissible to the employees of the

Institute. No TA/DA shall be admissible for stay at the field station and travel within the defined study area. Leave travel concession (LTC) will not be admissible during the fellowship tenure.

- h) Due authorship will be given to RA who has contributed to research papers and patents. The PI of the Project/concerned faculty supervisor will be responsible for a fair and just authorship order. In case of any dispute, the Dean, FWS will be responsible to resolve it amicably.

3.6 House Rent Allowance

The Research Associate may be allowed hostel accommodation. In case of non-availability of the hostel accommodation, House Rent Allowance (HRA) will be allowed as per the rules of the Institute. The basis for calculating HRA will be the actual monthly fellowship of the Research Associate and the fellowship amount will be taken as Basic pay.

3.7 Medical Facilities

Health facilities will be available to the Research Associates on the basis as that for other Junior/Senior Research Fellows of the Institute.

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4. Guidelines for conduct of WII's National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)

- 4.1 An 'online' National Eligibility Test (NET) of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII-NET) for the award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) at WII will be conducted once every year preferably during the period of July-September. Announcement for the same will be made in the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website well in advance.
- 4.2 Eligible candidates as per the advertised essential qualification shall appear for the WII-NET on a specified date at the Centre, allotted as per the Admit Card issued.
- 4.3 Qualifying the WII-NET would not automatically imply the award of fellowship to the candidate. However, all candidates who qualify WII-NET will be eligible for applying for an interview (which will be conducted thrice a year) at WII or as and when advertised for the vacant positions of JRF under various research projects.
- 4.4 The upper age limit for (JRF/SRF) engaged at WII under various ongoing research projects, who wish to appear in WII-NET, 2014, shall be not more than 35 years as on the stipulated last date of receiving applications online in response to WII's advertisement. NET qualified WII's researchers shall be entitled to get a monthly fellowship of Rs. 16,000/- consolidated for Junior Research Fellowship and monthly fellowship of Rs. 18,000/- consolidated for the award of Senior Research Fellowship.
- 4.5. The research fellowship (JRF/SRF/RA) shall be enhanced as per the revisions made by the Dept. of Science & Technology (DST), GOI from time to time. The fellowship amount is also exempted from the payment of Income Tax under 10(16) of IT Act, 1961.
- 4.6. The tenure of award of JRFship will be as per the requirement of the research project/period advertised.
- 4.7. The WII-NET score secured by the candidate shall be calculated by following steps:
 - a. *Determine the rank of the candidate. This ranking indicates how well candidate has performed in WII-NET relative to all of the other test-takers. The person who performed the best receives a ranking of 1, the second best receives a ranking of 2, and so on.*
 - b. *Determine the total number of candidates appearing in WII-NET.*
 - c. *Insert the information gathered from the first two steps into the formula: $P = ((T-R) / R) \times 100$, where P = Percentile, T = Total number of candidates, and R = All India Rank. For example, if a candidate obtains All India Rank 700 and the total number of candidates appeared were 3,000, this information would be used into the formula to get:
 $P = ((3,000-700) / 3,000) \times 100$*
 - d. *Solve the equation. Using example from the previous step would give: $P = (3,000 - 700) / 3,000 \times 100 \rightarrow P = (2,300 / 3,000) \times 100 \rightarrow P = 0.766 \times 100 \rightarrow P = 76.6\%$*
 - e. *The cutoff for WII-NET for the advertised positions of JRFs shall be 60% and above.*

5. Guidelines for conduct of Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the Discipline of 'Wildlife Science'

Candidate qualifying WII-NET shall make him/her eligible for admission in Ph.D. Program of Saurashtra University in the discipline of 'Wildlife Science'. However, admission to Ph.D. Programme in Wildlife Science will be regulated as per the provisions of Ph.D. Ordinance of the Saurashtra University, Rajkot. Qualified candidates of UGC/CSIR (JRF) Examination/SLET/NET/GATE or who are the teacher fellowship holders/M.Phil. Degree holders shall be exempted from the Entrance Test for Ph.D. However, they would be required to go through the process of Research Degree Committee (RDC).

Selected candidates shall prepare the synopsis of their Ph.D. proposal and defend the same before the RDC of Saurashtra University in its meeting tentatively to be held sometime in July-September every year at WII. The Ph.D. proposal should include the title (research topic), name of the Ph.D. Guide from Wildlife Institute of India, Introduction, Literature Review, Study Area, Methodology, Data Analysis, Expected Outcome, Work Plan and References.

5.1 Eligibility for Ph.D. Entrance Test at Saurashtra University

Candidate must have obtained a Post-graduate degree with 55% aggregate marks in Life Sciences (Botany/Zoology/Forestry/Statistics/Experimental Biology/Environmental Science/Biological Science/Wildlife Science/Agriculture/M.V.Sc.) and 5% relaxation in marks will be given to the candidates belonging to the SC/ST and OBC category. Candidate appearing in the final examination of the Post Graduate Degree, shall also be eligible to apply for the Entrance Test, but their Entrance Test result will be validated only after their final Post Graduate Degree Examination Result in the same academic term/semester.

5.2 Age Limit for Ph. D. Entrance Test at Saurashtra University

There is no age limit for the candidates seeking Ph.D. Registration in the Saurashtra University.

6. Pattern of Question Paper and Marking Scheme for WII-NET and Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University

WII-NET and the Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the discipline of 'Wildlife Science' would be conducted on the following components;

Component	Subject	No. of Questions	Maximum Marks (100)
Component 1	English Language	15	15
Component 2	Computer Awareness	15	15
Component 3	General Aptitude (GA)	10	10
Component 4	Research Methodology	20	20
Component 5	Subject Knowledge	40	40

WII-NET Paper would contain only 'Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)' carrying equal marks. These questions shall be objective in nature and each will have four answers, out of which the candidate has to mark the correct answer. There will be negative marking for wrong answer to

the extent of one-fourth (1/4) of the marks allotted to the question. The duration of the WII-NET is three hours.

7. Design of Questions

The questions in a paper may be designed to test the 'Knowledge' and 'Understanding' on the basis of **Recall** abilities (expected to be able to obtain the answer from his/her memory of the subject), **Comprehension** (candidates ability to draw simple conclusions from fundamental ideas), **Application** (candidate is expected to apply his/her knowledge through logical reasoning) and testing skill **Analysis and Synthesis** abilities (candidate is presented with data, diagrams, images etc.), that require analysis before a question to be answered. A synthesis question might require the candidate to compare two or more pieces of information.

8. Mode and frequency of WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Test

The WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Test will be conducted 'online' once a year sometime during the month of July-September. Announcement for the same will be made in the National Daily Newspaper (English) and WII's website well in advance.

9. Validity period of WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Test

The validity of WII-NET will be for a period of two years from the date of declaration of results. However, the time limit of validity period is not applicable in case of Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University.

10. Model Question

A model question paper for the Ph.D. Entrance Test/WII-NET will be hosted in the Institute's website prior to the examination.

11. Syllabus for WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Test

11.1. Component 1: English Language

Reading Comprehension (Answers of MCQs on the basis of comprehension of a passage), Vocabulary (Synonyms, Antonyms, One word for a phrase, Phrase for one word), Basic Grammar (Structure of Language), Improvement of the sentences.

11.2. Component 2: Computer Awareness

Computer Fundamentals, MS Office Tools

11.3 Component 3: General Aptitude

Critical reasoning and verbal deduction, Numerical computation, numerical estimation, numerical reasoning and data interpretation.

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11.4. Component 4: Research Methodology:

Problems and research questions; research and statistical hypotheses; approach and designing research projects; rapid assessment techniques and questionnaire survey. Random and systematic sampling design; experimental design and hypothesis testing. Stratified sampling design; Use of Remote Sensing and GIS Technology.

Recognition of data types: continuous, rank and nominal data. Exploratory analysis; Central tendency, Statistical variance and Population variance; Sub-sampling techniques; Boot-strap and Jack-knife estimator; Probability distributions: normal, binomial, Poisson, t-distributions and Chi-square distributions. Concept of derivatives and slope of a function; Permutations and combinations; Basic probability (probability of random events; sequences of events, etc); Frequency distributions and their descriptive statistics (mean, variance, coefficient of variation, correlation, etc). Statistical hypothesis testing: Concept of p-value; Type I and Type II error, test statistics like t-test and Chi-square test; Basics of linear regression and ANOVA. Bayesian concept and analysis. Correlation and regression analysis; Test of homogeneity and analysis of variance.

11.5. Component 5: Subject Knowledge (Wildlife Science)

- i. **Vegetation Science:** Relationship between environmental factors and vegetation types; structural and physiognomic classification of vegetation; Forest Types of India: Champion & Seth's classification; theories and stages of plant succession. Alien invasive plants; aquatic vegetation and its classification; Vegetation quantification and mapping; Biomass estimation. Plant-animal interaction, Economic Botany, Major plant products and Non-timber forest products in India. Plant adaptations to different climatic conditions.
- ii. **Animal Systematics:** Major classes of vertebrates and invertebrates; Characteristic features and examples; Economic importance of invertebrates, their adaptation and role as indicators for biodiversity monitoring; Origin and radiation in Birds and Mammals. Zoo-geography, distribution of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals; biology of rare, threatened and endangered mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish species of India. Bird migration.
- iii. **Ecology:** Population ecology; meta-population dynamics; growth rates; density independent growth; density dependent growth; niche concept; Species interactions: Plant-animal interactions; mutualism, commensalism, competition and predation; trophic interactions; functional ecology; eco-physiology; behavioural ecology.
- iv. **Community ecology:** Community assembly, organization and evolution; biodiversity: species richness, evenness and diversity indices; endemism; species-area relationships; Ecosystem structure, function and services; nutrient cycles; biomes; habitat ecology; primary and secondary productivity; invasive species; global and climate change; applied ecology.

- v. **Evolution:** Origin, evolution and diversification of life; natural selection; levels of selection. Types of selection (stabilizing, directional etc.); sexual selection; genetic drift; gene flow; adaptation; convergence; species concepts; Life history strategies; adaptive radiation; biogeography and evolutionary ecology; Origin of genetic variation; Mendelian genetics; polygenic traits, linkage and recombination; epistasis, gene-environment interaction; heritability; population genetics; Molecular evolution; molecular clocks; systems of classification: cladistics and phenetics; molecular systematics; gene expression and evolution.
- vi. **Behavioral Ecology:** Classical ethology; neuroethology; evolutionary ethology; chemical, acoustic and visual signaling; Mating systems; sexual dimorphism; mate choice; parenting behaviour Competition; aggression; foraging behaviour; predator-prey interactions; Sociobiology: kin selection, altruism, costs and benefits of group-living.
- vii. **Conservation Laws, Policies and Management:** National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves, Community Reserves, Biosphere Reserves in India: National Wildlife Conservation Policy and Action Plans. Forest (Conservation) Act; Wildlife (Protection) Act; Environment (Protection) Act; Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act; National Conservation Authorities (National Biodiversity Authority and National Tiger Conservation Authority), and International Conventions viz., RAMSAR Convention, Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention on Migratory Species. Eco-sensitive Zones, Wetlands of National Importance, Project Elephant, Project Snow Leopard, Important Bird Areas, Coastal and Marine Biodiversity, Forestry and Forest Management in India.
- viii. **Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conservation, Conservation Strategies/ Approaches:** Community Participation, Traditional Resource Dependence, Socio-economic Situation, Sustainable Livelihood, Vulnerability, Community Forests, Protected Area-People Interface, Micro-planning, Ecodevelopment and Ecodevelopment Committees, Biodiversity Management Committees, Participatory Rural Appraisal, Livestock-Wildlife Interaction, Human-Wildlife Conflicts and Mitigation.

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National Eligibility Test (WII – NET) and Ph. D. 'Wildlife Science'
Entrance Test of Saurashtra University, Rajkot

APPLICATION FORM

Application Fee: Rs. 3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)
 (Application to be submitted online)

Please tick your preference as applicable:

1. Application for National Eligibility Test of Wildlife Institute of India (WII-NET) for the award of Junior Research Fellowship at WII (*Masters' Degree as per para 2.1.1 with 60% aggregate and above. Age shall not be more than 28 years of age as on date of NET. Upper age limit is relaxed up to 5 years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Women & Physically Challenged*)
2. Application for admission to Ph.D. Program in Wildlife Science (Subject Code: 32-WL) of Saurashtra University (*Masters' Degree as per para 5.1 with 55% aggregate and above and 5% relaxation in marks for the candidates belonging to the SC/ST and OBC category. No age limit*)
3. Both above i.e. WII-NET and Admission to Ph.D. in Wildlife Science of Saurashtra University.

Category: General/SC/ST/OBC, please indicate _____

1.	Name of the applicant: _____	A recent passport size colour photograph of the candidate should be uploaded here
	A. Present Postal Address with Pin Code	

	Phone/Fax # _____	
	e-mail _____	
	B. Permanent Residential Address with Pin Code	

	Phone/Fax # _____	
	e-mail _____	

2. Date of birth _____ Age in years _____ (as on last date of receiving application online)
3. If belonging to SC/ST/OBC (state name of the Caste/Tribe) & Physically Challenged _____.
A photo copy of the original caste certificate issued by competent authorities may be uploaded.

4. (a) Academic Achievements:

Examination Passed	Year	Name of the University	Subject	Percentage of marks obtained or CGPA/CPI	Class/Grade Obtained
Master's Degree					

Note:

- Copy of the Masters' Degree Certificate and Final Year Mark Sheet to be uploaded.
- Candidate appearing in their Post Graduation final year examination shall also be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. Entrance Test in the discipline 'Wildlife Science' but their results will be validated only on production of the final semester result by the candidates to the Institute in the same academic term/semester.
- Candidate(s) possessing Masters' Degree shall only be eligible to appear for the WII-NET for the award of Junior Research Fellowship at WII.

5. Employment held so far:

Name of the Employer	Position held	Period		Emoluments per month
		From	To	

Declaration: Certified that information furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

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Application Form for the award of Junior Research Fellowship

Name of the Project: _____

Category: General/SC/ST/OBC/Physically Challenged, please indicate _____

(Attach copy of the certificate issued by the Competent Authority)

1. Name of the applicant: _____

A. Present Postal Address with Pin Code

Phone/Fax # _____

e-mail _____

B. Permanent Residential Address with Pin Code _____

Phone/Fax # _____

e-mail _____

Affix a recent passport
size photograph

2. Nearest Railway Station for undertaking the Journey _____

3. Date of birth _____ Age in years _____ (as on the date of Interview at WII)

3. Please furnish details:

Qualified for the award of Junior Research Fellowship	Date of declaration of results for the award of Junior Research Fellowship
UGC/CSIR/ICAR/WII-NET	
GATE (Ecology & Evolution)	

4. (a) Academic Achievements (Attach copies of Degree Certificate and Mark Sheets):

Examination Passed	Year	University	Subject	Percentage of marks obtained
Higher Secondary				
Bachelor's Degree				
Master's Degree				
Ph.D. Degree (Awarded)				

(b) Creative Achievement (State briefly your bio data as research worker/giving details of research papers, participation in Seminar, Symposium, Conference, etc.). Furnish this information in a separate sheet.

5. Have you received any scholarship/fellowship before applying for this award? (If so, please give its source, value, period and details of work done under that award)

Name of the Scholarship	Awarding Agency	Period		Amount
		From	To	

6. Employment held so far (up to date):

Name of the Employer	Position held	Period		Emoluments per month
		From	To	

7. Research publications, title of the publication, year of publication, journal, etc., may be indicated (reprints may be enclosed). Details may be given in a separate sheet.
8. Seminar/Symposium/Workshop/Conference attended.
9. Extracurricular activities. (Details may be given in a separate sheet and attach attested copy of the certificates, if any).
10. National Parks, Sanctuaries & Forest areas visited, and a paragraph on self interest in the field of Wildlife Conservation & Research (attach a separate sheet).
11. Name, Address and Phone Number of three referees should be given below. **Also attach separately testimonials obtained from any two referees:**
- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
12. Certified that:
- (a) I have not received and do hereby undertake not to receive any financial assistance from any agency, whatever.
 - (b) I have understood all conditions of award of fellowship and agree to abide by those conditions.
 - (c) I shall submit an undertaking regarding conditions of award at the time of accepting the fellowship.
 - (d) Information(s) furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)

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Terms and conditions for the award of research fellowship at the Wildlife Institute of India

File No.: _____

Name & Designation : _____

Project Title (*In brief*) : _____

Period of Fellowship : (Period) from: _____ to: _____

1. The engagement is for an occasional nature of work and is purely on temporary basis for a period of _____ from _____ to _____. However, the same can be extended by the Institute, depending upon the exigencies of work at its sole discretion.
2. Award of fellowship will be subject to his/her being found medically fit. For this purpose he/she is required to submit a medical fitness certificate issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner at the time of his/her joining.
3. The award of fellowship does not imply to the awardee any assurance of guarantee for subsequent employment in the institute. The engagement is purely occasional and would not entitle a research fellow to any regular employment in the services of the Institute.
4. During the term of engagement, the fellowship will be governed by the office orders, rules and regulations of the Institute passed from time to time as are/or will be made applicable to research personnel from time to time.
5. During the term of engagement, he/she will be paid the fellowship of _____ per month. The fellowship as shown above is consolidated and all inclusive. He/She will not be entitled to any other allowances, bonus, LTC and/or retirement benefits as are admissible to regular employee of the Institute.
6. Even during the said period of engagement from _____ to _____, the fellowship can be discontinued without giving any notice and without assigning any reason thereof.
7. On the expiry of the said period or at the end of the extended period, the engagement will automatically come to an end.
8. At the time of joining the Institute he/she will have to submit two financial sureties from responsible persons (*viz.* Group 'A' and 'B' employees of Central Government/State Government/Autonomous Institutions under Central/State Government, Universities, etc.) for Rs. 50,000/- (*Rupees Fifty Thousand Only*) each. Pro-forma for the financial security will be issued by the O/o Research Coordinator subsequent to the joining of research fellow.
9. The acceptance of engagement will be deemed for an unreserved acceptance of the terms and conditions.

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10. **Travel Rules:** A research fellow will be eligible to claim TA/DA for the tour undertaken by him/her only in connection with his/her approved research programmes/or presentation of research results in a conference/seminar/symposium, etc. during the fellowship tenure. The basis for calculating TA/DA will be the actual monthly fellowship, which shall be considered equivalent to the Basic Pay as admissible to the employees of the Institute. No TA/DA shall be admissible for stay at the field station and travel within the defined study area. Leave travel concession (LTC) will not be admissible during the fellowship tenure
11. **Leave:** A research fellow will be entitled to avail eight days (08) casual leaves per year during the fellowship tenure with approval from the concerned supervisor. No carrying over of the leave to the next year is permitted. Dean, FWS under special circumstances may consider sanction of leave without fellowship. In case a research personnel proceeds on leave before termination of fellowship, he/she must join back duty before the expiry of tenure, failing which the tenure will be deemed to have terminated with effect from the date he/she proceeded on leave.
12. A research personnel in special case may be allowed by the Institute to leave for abroad with fellowship to participate or attend in International Workshop/Conference/Symposium/ Meeting or to undergo training programme for a period not exceeding three months during the fellowship tenure, on the recommendations of the supervisor/concerned faculty and approval of the Dean, FWS.
13. **Accommodation/HRA:** The research fellow may be allowed hostel accommodation. In case of non-availability of the hostel accommodation, House Rent Allowance (HRA) will be allowed as per the rules of the Institute. The basis for calculating HRA will be the actual monthly fellowship of the research fellow and the same will be taken as Basic pay.
For Hostel facilities at WII, researcher is required to deposit **Refundable Caution Money of Rs. 3,000/- and Hostel Mess Advance of Rs 3,000/-** at the time of occupying hostel room.
14. **DA, CCA, HCA, etc.:** He/She will not be entitled to these allowances.
15. **Medical Benefits:** Research personnel will be provided medical benefits as per the rules of the Institute. This will be limited to the research personnel only and not for his/her family members/dependents. The Institute will obtain Life/Personal Accident insurance coverage for researcher, as decided from time to time.
16. **Books and Book Allowance:** For making aware the Research Personnel with the up-to-date development of the scientific research, the Institute will make available field guides, technique manual, etc. from Institute library. In addition, a research personnel can avail Book Allowance of Rs. 2,500/- once during the fellowship tenure to purchase books, periodicals, research publications, etc. pertaining to the concerned research project, on recommendation of the Supervising Faculty/PI and necessary budgetary provisions are made in the project budget under contingency. The research personnel may use their rational freedom for using book allowance but supervisor shall ensure proper utilization of the same. If warranted, the supervisor will recommend disallowing of any unjustified

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purchases and in such cases, the book amount will be recovered from research personnel. However, since the books, etc. so purchased will be the property of the Institute, it will be the sole responsibility of the research personnel to maintain proper account of the books and deposition of the same in the Institute's Library after completion of the research project. Respective supervising faculty/PI of the project will ensure the stock entry of books purchased in the project and its subsequent return.

17. **Field Equipment:** For research purpose the institute will issue following equipment/kits to each research fellow as per the field conditions of the research project and subject to having budgetary provisions. These items will be the Institute's property: (a) Camera with lenses and tripod; (b) Binoculars; (c) Tent; (d) Compass; (e) Calculator; (f) Thermometer (Max. & Min.); (g) Sleeping bag; (h) Ruck-sack; (i) Torch; and (j) Raincoat. The supervising faculty will ensure return of the permanent items at the time of conclusion of the project.
18. **Field Dress Allowance:** Research personnel shall be allowed to avail Field Dress Allowance annually to procure field shoes and uniform from the project fund. The amount not exceeding Rs. 2,500/- may be sanctioned for field dress/uniform (Olive Green) to research personnel.
19. **Publication/Patent:** The results of research work will be encouraged to publish in peer-reviewed journals as well as other popular forms of scientific documentation at the discretion of the Principal Investigator. Due authorship will be given to all researchers and other team members, who have contributed to research papers and patents. The PI of the project will be responsible for a fair and just authorship order. In case of any dispute, the Dean, FWS will be responsible to resolve it amicably. Due acknowledgement will be given to all funding agencies in all publications arising out of research work conducted at WII. The right to commercial exploitation of the results and patent arising out of the investigation will, however, rest exclusively with WII. In case of projects funded by other agencies or collaborative research project(s), the commercial exploitation of the results and patent arising out of the research work will be worked out as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the collaborating parties or as per the guidelines of the concerned funding agency.
20. **Identity Card:** Institute will issue an identity card to each Research personnel. Research personnel will be able to obtain identity card from the Administrative Section before leaving for field station. For this purpose, each research personnel should furnish requisite information to the Administrative Section.
21. **Transport Facility:** While drawing the research project, the concerned supervising faculty will visualize the need for the transport for the project i.e. jeep, motorcycle, bicycle and make requisite necessary provisions in the budget. Both for POL and its maintenance and in the event of having jeep/motor cycle, the researcher will be required to maintain logbook, which will be, scrutinized by the concerned supervising faculty and WII Finance Section as and when required. Purchase of vehicles, however, will require further approval from the Governing Body.

- 22. Support Personnel:** The Institute allows hiring Field Assistant(s) and Driver(s) locally at the field research site as provisioned in the research project duly approved by the TRAC. The wages for such hired support personnel will be in accordance with the minimum rates as approved by the Labour Commissioner of the concerned state(s) and as amended from time to time. These support personnel will be purely on temporary/casual basis and will have no claim for permanent/regular position at WII.
- 23. Obligations to Other Agencies:** Research personnel engaged by the Institute while they have been permitted to avail their fellowship directly from DST/CSIR/UGC, etc. based on qualifying the corresponding National Eligibility Test are obliged to abide by the terms and conditions of such agency in addition to the general terms and conditions of award of fellowship by the Institute.
- 24.** The following are the responsibilities that a research personnel is expected to meet under the fellowship grants:
- He/she must be a full time research worker and submit him/herself to the discipline regulation of the institute in which he/she is working. The supervisor may ensure regular attendance of the research personnel by keeping an attendance register.
 - In case, of the research personnel desiring to appear for any competitive examination, he/she must inform the Director, WII in writing and obtain written approval before applying. He/she should submit his/her application through the concerned Principal Investigator (PI) and Dean, FWS.
 - Each researcher should submit a detailed annual report on the progress of his/her work to his/her supervisor. The project supervisor/investigator shall submit a copy of the progress report to the Office of the Research Coordinator. Once a research fellow accepts the fellowship and joins the Institute, it is obligatory for him/her to continue the fellowship for the normal tenure.
 - No research personnel shall discontinue his/her fellowship without the prior approval of the concerned supervisor/investigator of the project and the Director, WII. In case, he/she wants to discontinue, his/her fellowship prior to the completion of the tenure or the attainment of original objective of the research, he/she must submit his/her resignation to the Director, WII through his/her project supervisor/investigator at least one month in advance indicating specific reasons for not continuing the fellowship for the full term. In case he/she leaves the fellowship without prior approval of the Director, WII, he/she will be liable to make such refund as may be decided by the Director, WII. The fellowship shall cease from the date stipulated by the Director, WII while accepting the resignation.
 - Before the termination or resignation of the fellowship, a researcher must furnish a detailed report of the research work done during the entire tenure through the supervisor/investigator to the Director, WII.
 - Research personnel may apply to register for the award of Ph.D. degree in any University provided the Ph.D. work to be undertaken does not interfere with the research work assigned to the awardee. The Institute would normally encourage research

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personnel to register themselves for Ph.D. registration. A copy of the Ph.D. thesis shall be deposited with the Library of the institute.

- g. The Fellowship amount payable to research personnel is exempted from the payment of the Income Tax under 10(16) of IT Act, 1961.
- h. Any kind of paid or honorary part-or-fulltime employment or private even in honorary capacity is not permissible during the tenure of the fellowship at the Institute.

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Bond for the award of Junior Research Fellowship

Now all men by these presents that we, _____
 _____ S/o/D/o/W/o _____ resident of
 _____ in the district
 of _____ and at present employed as
 _____ in the Ministry
 office of _____ (hereinafter called "the
 obligor") and Shri/Ms. _____ son/daughter of Shri
 _____ and Shri/Ms _____
 son/daughter of Shri _____ who have accepted to act as sureties
 on behalf of obligor do hereby undertake to jointly and/or severally bind ourselves and our
 respective heirs, executors and administrators to pay to the Director, Wildlife Institute of India
 (hereinafter called "the Institute") on demand a sum of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand
 only) on account of obligor having been awarded research fellowship _____
 from _____ to _____ at _____
 at the cost of the Institute in terms of the Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F.21(1)-
 E.II (A)/61, dated the 24th November, 1961, together with interest thereon from the date of
 demand at Institute rates for the time being in force on Government loans or, if payment is made
 in a country other than India, the equivalent of the said amount in the currency of that country
 converted at the official rate of exchange between that country and India.

This bond has been executed and signed at _____
 on this _____ day of _____ two thousand and _____.

Whereas the above obligor Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ is engaged to
 conduct research by the Institute as a Research Fellow.

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Now as per this bond the written obligation is such that if in the event of the above bounden obligor Shri/Ms. _____ resigning from research fellowship without completing the research assigned before the expiry or termination of the period of fellowship or at any time within the fellowship period after his/her joining the fellowship or in the event of his/her removal or dismissal from fellowship for any kind of misconduct during the prescribed period. The obligor and sureties shall forthwith refund to the Institute on demand the said sum of Rs. 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) on account of the obligor having failed to carry out the awarded research fellowship successfully as aforesaid together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government of India rates for the time being in force on Government loans.

And upon the above bounden obligor Shri _____ and Shri _____ and Shri _____ the sureties aforesaid making such refund the above written bond shall be void and of no effect otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect and will vest right with the Institute Management to initiate legal proceedings for the recovery of the said amount.

Provided always that the liability of the sureties herein under shall not be impaired or discharged by reason of time being granted by the Institute or by any forbearance act of omission of the Institute or any person authorised by them (whether with or without the consent or knowledge of the sureties) nor shall it be necessary for the Institute to sue the said obligor first before suing the above bounden sureties Shri _____ and Shri _____ or either of them for amount due herein under.

In witness whereof, these presents this bond has been signed by a duly authorised officer on behalf of the Director, WII and by the other person(s) party hereto.

Signed and delivered by the above obligor, Sh./Smt/Ms. _____ in the presence of _____. Signed and delivered by the surety above named Shri _____ in the presence of _____. Signed and delivered by the surety above named Shri _____ in the presence of _____ for and on behalf of the Director, WII.

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Appendix - 5**Pro-forma for self-assessment by Junior Research Fellow (JRF)
on completion of two years of tenure**

1. Name of the Junior Research Fellow :
2. Project Title :
3. Principal Investigator(s) of the project :
4. Date of Joining WII and Designation :
5. Date of Joining WII as JRF :
6. Date of Project initiation :
7. Date of commencement of field study :
8. Publications after joining WII project
Give a brief list & enclose copies of each :
9. Conferences/Seminars/Workshops
attended – Details of participation
10. Details of project report(s) submitted
to Project Supervisor
11. Award received, if any, give details :
12. Brief account of Project progress
Attach a separate sheet, if required
(about 300 words)
13. Confidential report by the Project
Principal Investigator and his/her
Recommendations
- Date:**
14. Committee's Remarks :
15. Committee's Recommendations
to the Director, WII :
16. Signature(s) of Committee Members :

Signature
(Principal Investigator)

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Appendix - 6**Terms and Conditions for Conduct of National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) and Ph.D. Entrance Test in the discipline of 'Wildlife Science'**

1. The application form and examination fees should be submitted 'online'.
2. The last date of receipt of application each will be announced upon scrutiny of duly filled-in application(s) received as on last date. The list of candidates eligible to appear for the WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Test will be hosted in the Institute's website www.wii.gov.in.
3. Syllabus, Application Form and other details can be downloaded from the Institute's website www.wii.gov.in.
4. Applicants should clearly mention all contact details (phone/mobile/e-mail) in the application form.
5. The Admit Card and the Attendance Slip for the eligible candidates for WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Examination will be issued by e-mail.
6. The Institute will not provide any accommodation and travel cost(s) for candidates appearing for WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Examination. They are required to travel at their own cost to the Examination Centre and make arrangements at their own for their stay, if required.
7. The Director, WII, reserves the right to reject any candidature in view of incomplete information provided by the candidate or for any other reason.

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Appearing for: WII-NET/Ph.D. Entrance Examination/Both
(Please tick)

Day & Date of Examination: _____

Centre: _____

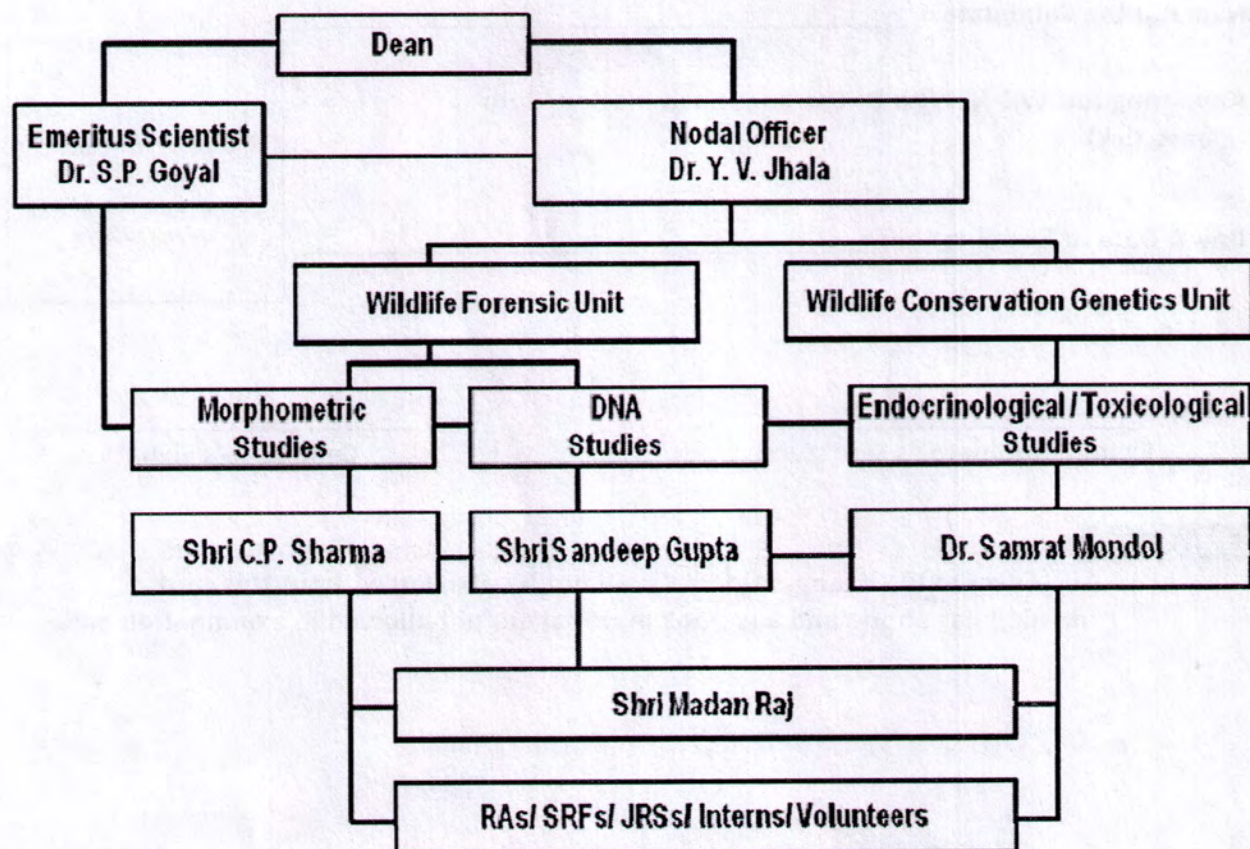
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candidate should be
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Exam Coordinator's Signature_____
Candidate's Signature**Instructions:**

- i. Entry to the examination hall will not be allowed without this card.
- ii. Cellular phone and any book material are not allowed in examination hall.

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**Revised Organogram of Wildlife Forensics and Conservation Genetics (WFCG) Cell
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**A brief report on the X Internal Annual Research Seminar (IARS) and
XXVIII Annual Research Seminar (ARS) of WII**

The X Internal Annual Research Seminar (IARS) was conducted at WII from 18th to 20th August 2014. The IARS was chaired by Shri Vinod Rishi, Former, ADG(WL), MoEF, Govt. of India, New Delhi. During the IARS, a total of 47 presentations were made by research fellows and faculty members of the Institute under three categories (Newly Initiated Research Projects; Ongoing Research Projects and Completed & Near Completion Research Projects) in 10 (Ten) technical sessions *viz.*, Biodiversity and Drivers of Change; Studies on Avifauna; Ecology of Large Mammals and Wildlife Techniques; Conservation Genetics and Bio-informatics; Conservation and Development; Park-People Interface; Species Communities & Landscape Ecology; Large Carnivores and their Prey; Conservation Genetics & *Ex-situ* Conservation, and Diversity and Distribution of Flora and Fauna. The following were adjudged as the 'five best' oral presentations and the research personnel were awarded book prizes:

BEST PRESENTATION AWARDS		
X – Internal Annual Research Seminar (18th to 20th August 2014)		
Rank	Name of the researcher	Title of Presentation
I	Mr. Stotra Chakrabarti	A new home for lions?
II	Mr. Sutirtha Dutta	Prioritizing, planning and assessing the recovery of bustards.
III	Mr. Nishant Kumar	Breeding ecology of an urban raptor, Black Kite (<i>Milvus migrans govinda</i>) in Delhi.
IV	Ms. Ankita Bhattacharya	Developing habitat suitability maps for key mammalian species for Askot landscape, Uttarakhand.
V	Ms. Amrita Laha	An assessment of the socio-economic status of local communities for conservation planning - A case study of Gori valley, Askot landscape, Uttarakhand.

The XXVIII Annual Research Seminar (ARS) of the Institute was conducted on 21st August 2014 at WII. Prof. R. Sukumar, Chairman, Training, Research and Academic Council (TRAC), chaired the ARS. A total of 12 presentations were made by the faculty members of WII showcasing the outcome of their specific research studies conducted during last 5 year or so in four technical session *viz.*, Ecological Studies; Conservation and Development; Long-term Research on Large Mammals and Re-introduction, and Forensics in Wildlife Conservation and Veterinary Interventions.

About 350 delegates attended the ARS that included the Principal Chief Conservators of Forests, Chief Wildlife Wardens and other senior officials representing State Forest Departments, delegates representing NGOs, scientists, wildlife experts, faculty members, researchers, M.Sc. students of WII and IFS probationers from IGNFA.

In the concluding session, comments on the ARS were made, the summary of which is given below:

Dr. Sandeep Sharma, former WII Alumni commented that WII has made tremendous progress in the field of conservation genetics. He complimented the enthusiasm of the presenters and noted that WII presentations stand out on two respects: healthy discussions and constructive criticism, which is unheard of in other Institutes and that this helps managers and practitioners to improve their decisions and management.

Dr. Kavita Isvaran, former WII Alumni expressed her happiness at the diversity of the talks presented at the ARS and that this was an eye opening experience to the research conducted at the Institute.

Dr. Sukumar, Chairman, TRAC expressed his regret for not being able to be present during the IARS. He extended his gratitude to Mr. Vinod Rishi for taking up the responsibility of chairing the IARS. He mentioned that he was happy that the faculty has provided a history of the breadth of projects taken up by the Institute during the ARS. He felt that even though he had been the chairman of the TRAC committee for the past three years, it had been an eye opener and he appreciated the breadth of research conducted at WII. He remarked that the large carnivore presenters ensured that they made a mark. He was especially happy that conceptual issues are being addressed in the Institute, referring to concepts like bird diversity in Himalayas presented by Dr. Dhananjai Mohan. He commented that there is a lot of good information generated on species distribution, on a variety of different taxa and could eventually contribute to insights on biogeography, which is a fairly new and emerging discipline in ecology. He had a couple of comments regarding the Dean's presentation on the overview of research carried out at WII. He said that he agreed with Dr. P. K. Mathur's comment about dwindling Grant-In-Aid to the research Institute; and that even though the quanta of fund might have increased, only a small percentage is available for research and the onus is now on the institute to acquire external funds. He said that this is also apparent, as several faculty members have approached and achieved external funding from CSIR, DST and other funding agencies. He remarked that he is also pleased to see landscape level studies being attempted, which are the future of India. He went on to comment that even though tiger conservation did not start off as a landscape level study and started at PA level, elephant conservation was always taken up at a landscape scale, but he is happy to note that tiger conservation has also reached the landscape level conservation. He expressed that it is important to contribute and merge the science of landscape level planning, ecosystem services, communities and livelihoods in a holistic manner and then take it up to the policy makers. He informed that he had completed three years as the Chairman of TRAC, WII and that 22 Aug, 2014 would be his last meeting as head of the TRAC. He had three messages to the researchers 1) Pay attention to detail in anything that you do, whether its planning, execution, analysis or writing; 2) Ensure quality research and you will be able to make a mark; and 3) Think differently, do not accept established paradigm just because it seems obvious to everybody since science evolves only through paradigm shifts. He also congratulated Dr. V. B. Mathur on his first ARS as Director, WII.

The Director thanked Dr. Sukumar for his comments and reminisced about a comment that Dr. Sukumar made three years ago when he took over as Chairman of the TRAC. He had said that he would like to see a shift in the direction of research addressed in the Institute from dealing with empirical issues to conceptual issues and is happy that he could observe that change. He emphasised on how the Institute is also moving from a PA-based approach to a landscape level approach which was highlighted in the Dean's presentation and also represented in the awards given to the best presenters during IARS. He remarked that a change in ARS structure was attempted for the first time and is happy to have received good feedback, where people have appreciated to have been able to know the research being carried out at WII for the past five years or so. He also mentioned that this is only a part of the story and would be complete after hearing from the alumni the next day regarding what they are doing. The alumni after having passed out from WII have been actively contributing to science and have attained specialization in their fields and he looked forward to hearing some interesting things the following day.

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Action taken report on the decisions of the previous meeting

Agenda Item No.	Nature of Action	Extract of the minutes of 31 st Meeting of the TRAC held on 17 th February 2014	Action taken report for compliance of 32 nd Meeting of the TRAC on 22 nd August 2014
2 (I)	Final project reports due for submission.	<i>Dean, FWS, informed the TRAC that all pending final reports of the completed research projects have been submitted by the PIs and all have made a presentation to the faculty members on their projects. Comments/suggestions made during the presentation are being incorporated.</i>	It is informed that during the intervening period two grant-in-aid research projects titled "Ecology of lions with emphasis on the agro-pastoral landscape of Greater Gir Ecosystem" and "Status survey and conservation of Himalayan Crocodile Salamander (<i>Tylotriton verrucosus</i>) in the Eastern Himalayas. (Phase-I)" were completed. The draft reports of these projects have been submitted by the PIs. The final reports will be accepted by the Director, WII, subsequent to the presentations made by the PIs to the faculty.
2(II)	Research Seminar for Field Managers and Scientists from other organisations/ institutions along with the Annual Research Seminar of WII.	<i>The proposal to conduct the Research Seminar/Workshop for Field Managers and Scientists from other organization/ institutions on 'Human-wildlife conflicts and management of invasive species' with funding support from MoEF/NTCA, was approved by the TRAC. A detailed programme in this regard will be sent to the Chairman, TRAC for necessary comments/suggestions.</i>	A workshop for Field Managers and Scientists on 'Human-Wildlife Conflicts and Management of Invasive Species' was conducted at WII on 23 rd & 24 th July 2014 with funding support from MoEF. A brief write up on the above is place as Annexure-II for information.
2(III)	Renewal of International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) between Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado USA and Wildlife Institute of India (2013-17).	<i>The information provided regarding the signing of International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) between Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado USA and Wildlife Institute of India (2013-17) was noted by the TRAC.</i>	As part of this IMOU, Indian Forest Service Officers undergoing IFS-MCT (Phase III) would be going to Colorado State University, USA, for the overseas component of 2 weeks in August 2014.

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2 (IV)	Workshop on Conservation Action Planning for endemic turtles in Peninsular India.	<i>The Workshop on Conservation Action Planning for endemic turtles in Peninsular India that will be conducted during the financial year 2014-15 subject to the availability of funds from grant-in-aid was noted by the TRAC.</i>	The proposed Workshop on "Conservation Action Planning for endemic turtles in Peninsular India" will be held during the next financial year 2015-16 subject to availability of funds under the grant-in-aid.
2 (v)	Enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA.	<i>The revised rules for 'Enhancement of fellowship for JRF/SRF/TA at WII' along with conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship by the Institute which shall be considered equivalent to UGC/CSIR NET once a year from 2014 onwards was endorsed by the TRAC. It was suggested that WII may also consider the GATE conducted by other organizations in the country as equivalent to WII-NET and the qualified candidates through GATE based on cut-off marks shall be considered for selection of research fellows (JRF/SRF) at WII. Further, WII may also consider becoming part of GATE process.</i>	<p>It is informed that the Governing Body of WII in its 62nd Meeting held on 12th May 2014 approved the proposal for conducting a). WII-National Eligibility Test for JRF, which would be treated equivalent to UGC/CSIR NET and GATE and b). Enhancement of fellowship to research personnel at WII.</p> <p>It is also informed that the online examination for WII-NET and Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the discipline of Wildlife Science will be held during September-October 2014. Revised 'Rules for the award of research fellowship and guidelines for conduct of Wildlife Institute of India - National Eligibility Test (WII-NET) and Ph.D. Entrance Test of Saurashtra University in the Discipline of Wildlife Science', as amended in the light of guidelines adopted by CSIR are placed as Annexure-III for necessary approval of TRAC.</p>
2 (VI)	Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), USA and Wildlife Institute	<i>The information provided regarding sending the 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), USA and Wildlife</i>	It is informed that approval for the 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI), USA and Wildlife Institute of India,

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	of India, Dehradun.	<i>Institute of India, Dehradun to MoEF' for necessary approval was noted by the TRAC.</i>	Dehradun from MoEFCC is awaited.
2 (VII)	Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA), France and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun.	<i>The information provided regarding sending the 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA), France and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII)' to MoEF for necessary approval was noted by the TRAC.</i>	It is informed that approval for the 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institut National De La Recherche Agronomique (INRA), France and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII)' from MoEFCC is awaited.
2 (VIII)	Enhancement of Monthly Stipend to Non-sponsored candidates of M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course.	<i>The information provided regarding sending the proposal to Chairman, Governing Body for necessary approval was noted by the TRAC.</i>	The Governing Body of WII in its 62 nd Meeting held on 12 th May 2014 approved the proposal for enhancement of monthly stipend from Rs. 1800/- to Rs. 3000/- for 6 self-sponsored students of M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course w.e.f. 2013-15 batch onwards and the same has been implemented for the current M.Sc. batch.
2 (IX)	Effect of landscape characteristics on butterfly communities in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.	<i>The information provided regarding sending the project proposal to Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board for funding was noted by the TRAC.</i>	The response from the Uttarakhand State Biodiversity Board for funding the research project is awaited.
2 (X)	Study on ecology and migratory patterns of Golden Mahseer (<i>Tor putitora</i>) using radio telemetry techniques.	<i>The information provided regarding the revised budget for the project from Rs. 32,20,000/- to Rs. 40,60,000/- in order to increase the number of transmitters from 40 to 80 to study the migratory patterns of Golden Mahseer using telemetry techniques was noted by the TRAC. In addition, the information provided regarding sending the project proposal to MoEF or Uttarakhand Forest Department for funding was also noted by the TRAC.</i>	The response from Uttarakhand Forest Department for funding the research project is awaited.

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2 (XI)	Meeting of CWLWs of north-eastern states to prepare strategies for research in the NE region with funding support from MoEF.	<i>It was suggested that the proposed meeting of CWLWs of north-eastern states to prepare strategies for research in the NE region with funding support from MoEF may be taken as part of the meeting of CWLWs of North-eastern States conducted by the MoEF in near future.</i>	The TRAC will be informed as and when the meeting of CWLWs of North-eastern States is organised by the MoEFCC in near future.
2 (XII).	Phase II of the tiger re-introduction in Panna Tiger Reserve in collaboration with MPFD and NTCA. INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER RTI	<i>The information provided regarding the initiation of Phase II (2014-2019) of the tiger re-introduction in Panna Tiger Reserve in collaboration with MPFD and NTCA was noted by the TRAC.</i>	It is informed that WII and MPFD jointly prepared Phase II of the project document which has been submitted to NTCA. The NTCA has made some observation regarding population management and based on recent review meeting, a communication has been sent to NTCA by MPFD for formal issue of order regarding Phase II initiation. Meanwhile, Phase I of the project has been extended until 31 July 2014 and the PI of the project is finalising the Phase I report. Phase II would be initiated in two months time after signing mutually agreeable MoU between WII and MPFD.
3.	Annual Work Programme of WII (2014-15).	<i>The Dean, FWS presented the Annual Work Programme of WII (2014-15) highlighting the salient features in the proposed areas of training, collaborative projects and activities of Departments and Cells. After detailed deliberation, the Annual Work Programme (2014-15) (Annexure-I) of the Institute was endorsed by the TRAC for necessary approval by the WII-Governing Body. The TRAC advised that Institute's faculty members should continue to explore possibility of funding</i>	It is informed that the Governing Body of WII in its 62 nd Meeting held on 12 th May 2014 approved the Annual Work Programme of WII (2014-15). Subsequently, during the intervening period some additional activities conducted and proposed by the Institute are listed in revised Annual Work Programme of WII for 2014-15. The same is placed as Annexure-IV , for information and approval of the TRAC.

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		<i>from other organizations to initiate new research projects as the grant-in-aid allocations were not adequate.</i>	
6.	Emeritus Scientist Scheme (ESS) at WII.	<i>The revised proposal and budget for implementing the Emeritus Scientist Scheme at WII was endorsed by the TRAC for the approval of Governing Body.</i>	It is informed that the Governing Body of WII in its 62 nd Meeting held on 12 th May 2014 approved the proposal for implementation of Emeritus Scientist Scheme (ESS) at WII with provision to engage 02 persons during 2014-15. For implementing the same at WII, comprehensive rules and regulations as amended in the light of guidelines adopted by CSIR/UGC are placed as Annexure-V for necessary approval of TRAC.
8.1	Any other item with the permission of Chair	<i>It was informed that the CWLW, Tripura in his letter dated 27.01.2014 requested WII to take up different scientific theme based research work in Tripura State. In this regard, the TRAC was informed that the CWLW, Tripura has been requested to provide necessary funding for the proposed research studies (n=20) by the State Forest Department and prioritize the research projects to be carried out in Tripura. Further action would be taken on receipt of response from CWLW, Tripura.</i>	It is informed that the DCF (Wildlife), Tripura, vide his letter No. F.8 (243)/wl-2012/TRAC/50-59 dated 19.05.2014 requested WII to conduct research studies on six select topics in Tripura. Subsequently, the D/WII requested faculty members of the Institute to develop research proposals on the assigned theme/topics at the earliest in consultation with PCCF (Wildlife) & CWLW or DCF (Wildlife), Tripura. In response to this two research proposals viz 'Ecological status of clouded leopard and sympatric carnivores in Tripura' and 'Ecological status on non-human primates of Tripura' were submitted by WII faculty members to CWLW, Tripura for funding. Since there was no funding available with Tripura State Forest Department to support the above mentioned

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			studies, the Director, Clouded Leopard National Park, O/o PCCF, Tripura, has written to the Inspector General of Forests (WL), MoEF, Govt. of India, with a request to provide necessary funds to conduct the above studies.
Suppl. Agenda 2.	Proposal for 'Strengthening and Modernization of Wildlife Forensic and Conservation Genetics Research Facilities for Conservation of Flagship Species' to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).	<i>The information provided regarding the proposal that has been sent to MoEF for 'Strengthening and Modernization of Wildlife Forensic and Conservation Genetics Research Facilities for Conservation of Flagship Species at Wildlife Institute of India' with funding support from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Government of India, was noted by the TRAC. The TRAC appreciated the efforts being made by the Institute for augmenting funds through CSR projects.</i>	The Institute has prepared a proposal for consideration for funding under CSR and these have been compiled in a document "Partnerships in Conservation". The MoEFCC has convened a meeting on 13 th August, 2014 of the Chief Executives of select Public Sector Undertakings to discuss these projects.
Suppl. Agenda 3.	Establishment of UNESCO Category 2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India.	<i>The information provided regarding on the establishment of UNESCO Category-2 Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia-Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India, was noted by the TRAC. The TRAC complimented the Institute for getting this recognition from UNESCO.</i>	The MoEFCC has prepared a 'Cabinet Note' for approval of Government of India. Process of recruitment of 4 nos. of faculty members for UNESCO Category-2 Centre at WII has been initiated.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Revised rules for enhancement of fellowship for JRF/SRF/TA & Conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship at the Wildlife Institute of India

10.1 The proposal for revision of rules for enhancement of fellowship for JRF/SRF/TA and conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship at Wildlife Institute of India was placed in the 31st Meeting of the TRAC held on ~~17th February 2014~~ ^{01 October 2013}. The TRAC endorsed the proposal to revise rules pertaining to 'Enhancement of fellowship for JRF/SRF/TA at WII' along with conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship by the Institute which shall be considered equivalent to UGC/CSIR NET once a year, from 2014 onwards. It was suggested that WII may also consider the GATE conducted by other organizations in the country as equivalent to WII-NET and the qualified candidates through GATE based on cut-off marks shall be considered for selection of research fellows (JRF/SRF) at WII. Further, WII may also consider becoming part of GATE process. The revised rules regarding the enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA is placed at **Annexure – 10.1**.

Approval of the Governing Body to the above proposal is solicited.

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Annexure-10.1

**Revised rules for enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA &
Conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship
at the Wildlife Institute of India**

As per the DST Circular No. A.20020/11/97-IFD, dated 31st March 2010, WII has implemented the revised emoluments and guidelines w.e.f. 1st April 2010 for the research personnel employed in R&D programmes funded by the Central Government Departments/ Agencies as per the details given below:

Junior/Senior Research Fellows

S. No.	Designation & Qualification	Revised Fellowship per month for first 2 years	Emoluments per month after 2 years/SRF
1	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Basic Sciences and NET qualified.	Rs. 16,000/-	Rs. 18,000/-
2	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Basic Sciences, who have NET qualified for Lectureship.	Rs. 12,000/-	Rs. 14,000/-
3	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Professional Courses	Rs. 18,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-

Research Associates (RA)

S. No.	Essential Qualification	Designation	Revised Fellowship
1	Ph.D. Degree	Research Associate - I	Rs. 22,000/-
2		Research Associate - II	Rs. 23,000/-
3		Research Associate - III	Rs. 24,000/-

As per WII's approved rules for the award of fellowships to Junior/Senior Research Fellows, Technical Assistants & Research Associates (JRF/SRF/TA/RA), the fellowship amount should be enhanced as per revisions made by the DST, Govt., of India from time to time. Accordingly, the fellowship amount for all these categories of researchers were revised as per DST Circular issued dated 31.3.2010. The Technical Assistant's fellowship in case of NET qualified candidate(s) for JRFship at WII was also increased from the existing monthly fellowship of Rs. 9,600/- to Rs. 12,700/- w.e.f 1st April 2010. However, the DST Circular issued on 31.3.2010, for the first time made provision for enhanced fellowship only to NET qualified researchers (JRF/SRF). Therefore, researchers who are NET qualified are entitled for this enhanced fellowship.

Institute has accordingly allowed payment of fellowship at revised rates only to NET qualified researchers (JRF). Those who are not NET qualified have not been given enhanced fellowship. They continue to draw the fellowship they have been drawing earlier.

Since 'Wildlife Science' is yet to be recognized as a subject by the UGC for National Entrance Test (UGC/CSIR-NET), it is proposed that WII may explore the possibilities of conducting a NET for the award of JRFship once a year and the qualified candidates are informed accordingly. Qualifying the WII-NET would not automatically imply the award of fellowship to the candidate. Subsequently, when the WII NET qualified candidate who qualifies during the 'Walk-in-interview' to be henceforth conducted thrice a year by the Institute for any of the advertised positions shall be paid the revised fellowship of Rs. 16,000/- per month, equivalent to UGC-NET qualified candidate for JRFship. Upon completion of two years tenure in the project the up-gradation of JRF to SRF shall be considered as per existing WII rules. The fellowship of SRF who are WII-NET qualified after up-gradation shall be paid Rs. 18,000/- per month. Those who are not WII-NET qualified but get selected in the 'Walk-in-interview' for JRFship shall not be given the enhanced fellowship and they would continue to draw the fellowship of Rs. 12,000/- per month and the SRF shall be paid Rs. 14,000/- per month as per the existing rules. In case any WII-NET Qualified Candidate (JRF) is engaged as Technical Assistant (TA) for short-term research project(s), he/she shall be paid a revised fellowship of Rs. 12,800/- per month from the existing fellowship of Rs. 9,600/- per month. The fellowship for Research Associates (RA) shall be as per existing WII rules i.e RA-I, Rs. 22,000/-, RA-II Rs. 23,000/- and RA-III Rs. 24,000/- per month. Since the NET examination will be held in early 2014, the process of 'Walk-in-Interview' at WII would continue.

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Agenda Item No.10: Revised rules for enhancement of fellowship for JRF/SRF/TA & Conduct of National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for the award of JRFship at the Wildlife Institute of India:

The GB agreed to the proposal of conducting the WII-National Entrance Examination (WII-NET) for recruitment of researchers that would be treated equivalent to UGC/ CSIR NET.

The GB approved the 'Revised rules for enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA' and agreed that WII could also be part of GATE process for selection of researchers.

Agenda Item No. 5**Enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA**

The Dean, FWS, informed the TRAC about the rules pertaining to the award of research fellowship at WII at par with DST norms being implemented in the R&D programmes funded by the Central Government Departments/Agencies. The TRAC noted that WII was following DST guidelines for revision in emoluments to research fellows from time to time and accordingly the monthly fellowship of research fellows (JRF/SRF/RA & TA) at WII had been revised as per the DST Circular No. A.20020/11/97-IFD, dated 31st March 2010. The TRAC observed that since 'Wildlife Science' is yet to be recognized as a subject by the UGC for National Entrance Test (UGC/CSIR-NET), WII may conduct a National Entrance Examination (NET) for the award of JRFship which shall be considered equivalent to UGC/CSIR NET, once a year from 2014 onwards. Qualifying the WII-NET would not automatically imply the award of fellowship to the candidate. Subsequently, when the WII NET qualified candidate, who qualifies during the 'Walk-in-interview' to be henceforth conducted thrice a year by the Institute for any of the advertised positions shall be paid the revised fellowship of ₹ 16,000/- per month, equivalent to UGC-NET qualified candidate for JRFship. Upon completion of two years tenure in the project the up-gradation of JRF to SRF shall be considered as per existing WII rules. The fellowship of

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SRF who are WII-NET qualified after upgradation shall be Rs 18,000/- per month. Those candidates, who are not WII-NET qualified but get selected in the 'Walk-in-interview' for JRFship shall not been given the enhanced fellowship and they would continue to draw the fellowship of Rs 12,000/- per month and the SRF shall be paid Rs. 14,000/- per month as per the existing rules. The fellowship of WII-NET qualified candidates for Technical Assistants shall be revised as Rs 12,800/- per month from the existing fellowship of Rs 9,600/- per month. The fellowship for Research Associates (RA) shall be paid as per the existing WII rules i.e. RA-I, Rs 22,000/-, RA-II Rs 23,000/- and RA-III Rs 24,000/- per month. Since the NET examination will be held in early 2014, the process of 'Walk-in-Interview' at WII would continue.

The TRAC endorsed the proposal to amend rules pertaining to the selection and award of research fellowship at WII. The same shall be placed for approval by the Governing Body.

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AGENDA ITEM No. 5

Enhancement of fellowship at WII for JRF/SRF/TA

As per the DST Circular No. A.20020/11/97-IFD, dated 31st March 2010, WII has implemented the revised emoluments and guidelines w.e.f. 1st April 2010 for the research personnel employed in R&D programmes funded by the Central Government Departments/ Agencies as per the details given below:

Junior/Senior Research Fellows

S. No.	Designation & Qualification	Revised Fellowship per month for first 2 years	Emoluments per month after 2 years/SRF
1	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Basic Sciences and NET qualified.	Rs. 16,000/-	Rs. 18,000/-
2	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Basic Sciences, who have NET qualified for Lectureship.	Rs. 12,000/-	Rs. 14,000/-
3	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) leading to Ph.D.: Post Graduate (PG) Degree in Professional Courses	Rs. 18,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-

Research Associates (RA)

S. No.	Essential Qualification	Designation	Revised Fellowship
1	Ph.D. Degree	Research Associate - I	Rs. 22,000/-
2		Research Associate - II	Rs. 23,000/-
3		Research Associate - III	Rs. 24,000/-

As per WII's approved rules for the award of fellowships to Junior/Senior Research Fellows, Technical Assistants & Research Associates (JRF/SRF/TA/RA), the fellowship amount should be enhanced as per revisions made by the DST, Govt., of India from time to time. Accordingly, the fellowship amount for all these categories of researchers were revised as per DST Circular issued dated 31.3.2010. The Technical Assistant's fellowship in case of NET qualified candidate(s) for JRFship at WII was also increased from the existing monthly fellowship of Rs. 9,600/- to Rs. 12,700/- w.e.f 1st April 2010. However, the DST Circular issued on 31.3.2010, for the first time made provision for enhanced fellowship only to NET qualified researchers (JRF/SRF). Therefore, researchers who are NET qualified are entitled for this enhanced fellowship. Institute

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has accordingly allowed payment of fellowship at revised rates only to NET qualified researchers (JRF). Those who are not NET qualified have not been given enhanced fellowship. They continue to draw the fellowship they have been drawing earlier.

Since 'Wildlife Science' is yet to be recognized as a subject by the UGC for National Entrance Test (UGC/CSIR-NET), it is proposed that WII may explore the possibilities of conducting a NET for the award of JRFship once a year and the qualified candidates are informed accordingly. Qualifying the WII-NET would not automatically imply the award of fellowship to the candidate. Subsequently, when the WII NET qualified candidate who qualifies during the 'Walk-in-interview' to be henceforth conducted thrice a year by the Institute for any of the advertised positions shall be paid the revised fellowship of Rs. 16,000/- per month, equivalent to UGC-NET qualified candidate for JRFship. Upon completion of two years tenure in the project the up-gradation of JRF to SRF shall be considered as per existing WII rules. The fellowship of SRF who are WII-NET qualified after up-gradation shall be paid Rs. 18,000/- per month. Those who are not WII-NET qualified but get selected in the 'Walk-in-interview' for JRFship shall not be given the enhanced fellowship and they would continue to draw the fellowship of Rs. 12,000/- per month and the SRF shall be paid Rs. 14,000/- per month as per the existing rules. The fellowship of WII-NET qualified candidates for Technical Assistants shall be revised as Rs. 14,400/- per month from the existing fellowship of Rs. 9,600/- per month. The fellowship for Research Associates (RA) shall be as per existing WII rules i.e RA-I, Rs. 22,000/-, RA-II Rs. 23,000/- and RA-III Rs. 24,000/- per month. Since the NET examination will be held in early 2014, the process of 'Walk-in-Interview' at WII would continue.

In this regard, it is requested that necessary approval may please be given to amend rules pertaining to the selection and award of research fellowship at WII. Once approved, the same will be placed for approval by the in Finance Committee and Governing Body.

Submitted for consideration and approval of the TRAC.

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**WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA
CHANDRABANI, DEHRADUN**

Dated – 20th September 2021

Sub : Information on for RTI No. 66 under RTI Act, 2005, reg

Ref : RTI application of Mr. Arvind Kumar, RTI Application No. 42, Qtr. II
Year 2021-22 WII No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2021-22 (Qtr-II)/42 dated 24.08.2021

It is submitted that para No. 1 to 6 pertain to Academic Cell for M.Sc. Course and Para No. 8 and 9 pertains to Research Co-coordinator. The reply of para 7 is as under :

Sr. No.	Information Sought under RTI	Reply
1	Details of contractual employees from any and all funding, registered the Ph.D. under projects P.I.	In total 140 students are registered for Ph.D. programme from FRIDU and Saurashtra University. Out of which, 56 Ph.D. students have been appointed in the different Projects of WII

Registrar.

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(V.P.Uniyal)

Nodal Officer, External Affiliation &
Consultancy Projects

कुल सचिव / Registrar
प्रेषण सं. / Despatch No. 1759
दिनांक / Date 20/9/21

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**WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA
CHANDRABANI, DEHRADUN**

Dated : 07th September, 2021

Sub : Information on for RTI No. 66 under RTI Act, 2005 - Reg.

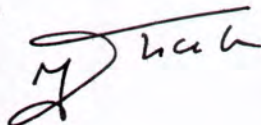
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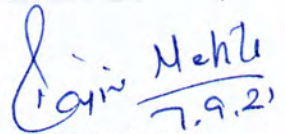
The para No. 1 to 6 pertain to Academic Cell for M.Sc. Course. The para wise reply is as under :

Ser. No.	Information Sought under RTI	Reply
1.	Details of M.Sc. Affiliation with Saurashtra University	A copy bearing No. PG/C/1837/88 dated 26.02.1988 and क्रमांक/पीजीटीआर/१५०४/२०१८ dated 25.07.2018 issued by Saurashtra University is enclosed vide Annexure - 1
2.	Details of Audit Para received by WII regarding M.Sc. affiliation with Saurashtra University	Copy of Audit Memo No. WII/2018-19/32 dated 18.02.2019 issued by O/o the Director General of Audit, Scientific Department, New Delhi vide Annexure - 2
3.	Details of cancellation of subsequent M.Sc. courses after receipt of audit para.	The course does not cancelled. However, it was delayed and message to this effect was uploaded in Institute website. A copy of message is enclosed vide Annexure-3.
4.	Details of official dealing (note sheet copy) of the audit para & action taken	Desired information is placed vide Annexure-4
5.	Details of M.Sc. Courses awarded after receipt of audit para	In this connection a copy of WII letter No. WII/AC/2019-21/Exam-XVII M.Sc. dated 06.07.2021 issued to Saurashtra University is enclosed vide Annexure-5
6.	Details of approval taken from MoEFCC to run M.Sc. Course despite receiving audit para	No such information is available in WII.

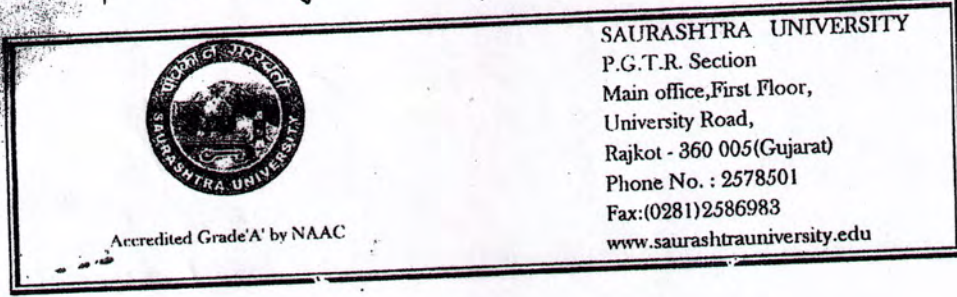
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Dean, FWS




(Rajiv Mehta)
Academic Officer

Renewal of U1's Affiliation for 2017-22 (M.Sc.-World Science)



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ક્રમાંક/પીજીટીઆર/૫/૧૯૦૫/૨૦૧૯

પ્રતિ,

નિયામકશ્રી,

વાઈલ્ડ લાઈફ ઇન્સ્ટીટ્યુટ ઓફ ઇન્ડિયા.

પી.બી.નં ૧૮, ચંદ્રબાની

દેહરાદુન.

વિષય:- એમ.એસ.સી.(વાઈલ્ડ લાઈફ સાયન્સ) (સેલ્ફ ફાયનાન્સ) અભ્યાસક્રમની શૈક્ષણિક વર્ષ

૨૦૧૭ થી ૨૦૨૨ માટેની વાર્ષિક માન્યતા રીન્યુઅલ કરવા અંગે.

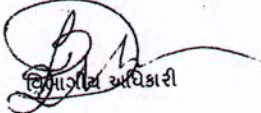
સંદર્ભ:- (૧) આપની સંસ્થાના પત્ર નં. ૧૩૫ તા:-૨૧/૭/૨૦૧૬

(૨) બી.યુ.ટી.ની સભાની તા:-૧૪/૧૨/૨૦૧૮ના ૬૨૧૧ ક્રમાંક નં. ૨૦

(૩) સિન્ડિકેટની સભાની તા:-૧૧/૧/૨૦૧૯ના ૬૨૧૧ ક્રમાંક નં. ૮

શ્રીમાન,

ઉપર્યુક્ત વિષય પરત્વે સવિનય જણાવવાનું કે સંદર્ભ-૧ અન્વયે વાર્ષિક માન્યતા રીન્યુઅલ અંગેની આપની અરજીના અનુસંધાને આપની સંસ્થાના એમ.એસ.સી.(વાઈલ્ડ લાઈફ સાયન્સ) (સેલ્ફ ફાયનાન્સ) અભ્યાસક્રમની વાર્ષિક માન્યતા ઉક્ત સંદર્ભ-૨ અને સંદર્ભ-૩ અન્વયે શૈક્ષણિક વર્ષ ૨૦૧૭ થી ૨૦૨૨ માટે રીન્યુઅલની મંજૂરી આપવામાં આવે છે.


વિભાગીય અધિકારી

નકલ રવાના:-

(૧) માન.કુલપતિશ્રી/માન.ઉપકુલપતિશ્રીના અંગત સચિવશ્રી,

(૨) કુલસચિવશ્રીના અંગત સચિવશ્રી,

(૩) પરીક્ષા વિભાગ

(૪) એકેડેમિક વિભાગ

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(૭) બી.યુ.ટી.ની ફાઈલ

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Office of the
SAURASHTRA UNIVERSITY
University Campus,
Kalavad Road,
RAJKOT-360 005.

NoPG/C/ 1837 /88

Date - 2 - 1988

To,
The Director,
Wildlife Institute of India,
DEHARADUN-248006.
U.P.

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Wildlife Institute of India
R 698
Date 9/3
Sub: Recognition of wildlife Institute of India as a recognised Institution under Sec.36 of the Saurashtra University Act, 1965.

Dr. Asha
10.3.88

With reference to your application NO.T/2/25/86-W.II dated 8-5-87 on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to inform you that after approval of Govt. of Gujarat under section 5(4) of the Saurashtra University Act, 1965 vide letter No.MIS/1337-39360/Kh dt.18-11-87 and on the recommendations of the Local Inquiry Committee, the Board of University Teaching and the Academic Council, the Syndicate has decided to recognise your Institution as a recognised Institution for Post-Graduate Teaching & Research in Wildlife Science under Sec.36 of the Saurashtra University Act, 1965 from for a period of five years i.e. upto June-1992 subject to following terms and conditions.

1. The Institute shall follow the provisions of Act, Statutes, Ordinance, and Rules of the Saurashtra University, "so far as the courses, teaching, research and examination in wildlife science is concerned.
2. The Institute shall bear the expenditure for T.A.D. etc. for the meeting of Adhoc Board, Examination, Inspection by Dean and other committees held at Dehradun.
3. The Institute shall equip the Library by purchasing new editions of the books and subscribe the reputed journals every year, for the enhancement of the teaching and research in wildlife science.
4. The Institute shall update the laboratory by purchasing the necessary equipments etc. for providing the teaching & research facilities in wildlife science.

Yours faithfully,

V. S. Ravi
Academic Office

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT,
SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENTS, NEW DELHI
(CAMP: WII, Dehradun)

Audit Memo No. WII/2018-19/32

Dated: 18.02.2019

Subject: Audit of the accounts of WII, Dehradun for the year 2016-18.

Irregularities in award of M.Sc. Degree(s) from Saurashtra University by WII, Dehradun

As per UGC circular No. F.9-8/2008 (CPP-I) dated 16.4.2009 regarding territorial jurisdiction of the State Universities, all the state governments were clearly instructed to stop their State Universities (Public as well as Private) from operations beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State in any manner either in the form of off-campus/study centre/affiliated college and the centres operating through franchises in view of the observations in this regard in the case of Prof. Yash Pal and State of Chhattisgarh by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. A policy in this regard was also notified by UGC in June 2013 which was required to be followed by all universities/institutions including Open and Distance Learning Institutions wherein it was again stated that a University established or incorporated by or under a State Act should operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location.

It was, however, noticed in audit that WII initiated M.Sc. in Wildlife Science (a two year full time course in the form of Choice-based Credit System in four semesters of 24 credits each) in the year 1988 with affiliation from Saurashtra University, Rajkot-Gujarat which is a state university established in May 1967 by Gujarat Act No. 39 of 1965 with administrative headquarters at Rajkot and presently having 272 colleges in Amreli, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Rajkot and Surendra-nagar districts affiliated with the University.

In this connection, following irregularities were noticed in audit: -

1. WII-Dehradun had been distributing the 2 years M.Sc. Degree in Wildlife Science which was awarded by Saurashtra University (A State University established in 1967) in contravention of the UGC guidelines in this regard as WII is an independent institute located in Dehradun (Uttarakhand) which is outside the territorial jurisdiction of the Saurashtra University in terms of the UGC guidelines in this regard.
2. The university should also adopt the guidelines issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies concerned from time to time in respect of conduct of examinations. However, the documented procedure adopted by WII in this regard was not furnished to audit.

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3. As per the status list of approved autonomous colleges under the UGC Scheme on 'Autonomous College' as on 27th November 2018, there is only one autonomous college under Saurashtra University which did not include WII-Dehradun.
4. As per information submitted to audit, the affiliation in question with Saurashtra University was also expired in 2017.
5. As per the Powers and Functions of the UGC, if any university grants affiliation in respect of any course of study to any college referred to in sub-section (5) of Section 12A in contravention of the provisions of that sub-section, clause (f) or (g) of sub-section (2) of section 5, clause (e) or (f) or (g) of section 26 or fails within a reasonable time to comply with any recommendation made by the commission under section 12 or section 13, the commission, after taking into consideration the cause, if any, shown by the university for such failure or contraventions may withhold from the university, the grants proposed to be made out of the fund of the commission.

This had rendered the award of M.Sc. Degree by Saurashtra University by affiliation of WII-Dehradun as irregular. Therefore, immediate steps may be taken to ensure that the degree conferred by the university to WII students as well as sponsored candidates, if any, would not become void. A confirmation from UGC in this regard may also need to be obtained under intimation to audit.

[Signature]
Audit Officer (LAP)

To

~~The Director
WII, Dehradun~~

Dean (J. G. S. Karat)

Dr. V. P. Ugral

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Delay in admission process for M.Sc. Course in Wildlife Science and Heritage Conservation and Management

Due to technical reasons, the admission process for the upcoming M.Sc. Courses in Wildlife Science and Heritage Conservation and Management are delayed.

The interested candidates are requested to periodically check the website for any further progress regarding this.

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भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

No. WII/ACD/2011-12/135/Affiliation-M.Sc.

Dated: 04.01.2021

To,

The Registrar
Saurashtra University,
University Campus, University Road,
Rajkot-360005,
Gujarat

Sub: Clarification under UGC affiliation guidelines-reg.

Sir,

You may recollect UGC directive with F. No. UGC/DEB/QMC/2013 dated 09 August, 2014, which states under clause II "a University established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the State of its location". This clause has been pointed out by the Central Government audit suggesting that our affiliation with Saurashtra University is in violation of UGC directives. To this, your office had responded by sending us a copy of the Saurashtra University Act, 1965. However, this does not explicitly address the UGC directives of 2014.

Kindly provide us a clear explanation if and how our affiliation has been exempted from this directive of UGC or not. An early resolution of this matter would be helpful since the new batch of M.Sc. Wildlife Science with Saurashtra University is likely to commence from July, 2021.

Thanking you,

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Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Y.V. Jhala)

Dean

Faculty of Wildlife Science



Accredited Grade 'A' by NAAC [3rd Cycle]

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Phone No. 0281-2578501 Ext No.222

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No.PGTR/7/214 /2021

Date:-15/01/2021

To,

Dr. Y. V. Jhala

Dean,

Wild Life Institute of India,

Dehradun

Sub:- Clarification under UGC affiliation guidelines

**Ref :- Your letter no.WII/ACD/2011-12/135/Affiliation-M.Sc., Date:-
04-01-2021**

Respected Sir,

Saurashtra University is an affiliating State Government University. The University provide recognition to institutions of research and specialized studies under Act (36) and (37) of Saurashtra University. A copy of Act(36) and (37) is enclosed for your kind consideration.

Please note that UGC letter under reference: UGC/DEB/QMC/2013, Date:09-08-2014 is regarding affiliating colleges. Please note that Wildlife institute of India is not affiliating college. It is an institution of Research and specialised studies recognized under Act(36) and approval of such type of Institution is governed under Act(37).

Further, Saurashtra University Act 5(4) states as under:

"Any educational institution in the state of Gujarat situated outside the University area or in other territories outside the State may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the University and the State Government think fit to impose, be admitted to the privileges of the University". A copy of Act 5(4) is enclosed.

The Act of Saurashtra University provides power to recognize institutions beyond territorial jurisdiction of the University under the Act and for affiliation, the University follows Act(34). (A copy of Act (34) is also enclosed) .

Yours Faithfully

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Registrar

DEAN, FWS OFFICE

DIARY NO.: 375

DATE: 3-2-21

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- (27) to co-operate with other Universities and authorities in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine;
- (28) to promote the development of the study of Gujarati and Hindi Devnagari script and the use of Gujarati or Hindi in Devnagari Script or both as a medium of instruction and examination;
- (29) to make arrangements for training for competitive examinations for recruitment to the services under the Union and State Governments;
- (30) to do all such acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University and generally to cultivate and promote Arts, Science and other branches of learning and culture.

JURISDICTION AND ADMISSION TO PRIVILEGES.

- 5. (1) No educational institution within the University Area shall, save with the sanction of the State Government and the University, be associated in any way with, or seek admission to any privileges of, any other University established by law.
- (2) Any such privileges enjoyed from the Gujarat University before the date on which This section comes into force by any educational institution situate within the University Area shall be deemed to be withdrawn with effect from such date.
- (3) With effect from such date, all educational institutions admitted to the privileges of the Gujarat University and situate within the University Area shall be deemed to be admitted to the privileges of the University, and the University shall, as far as may be possible and consistent with this Act, admit such institutions to all such privileges as they had from the Gujarat University immediately before such date.
- ✓(4) Any educational institution in the State of Gujarat situate outside the University Area or in other territories outside the State may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the University and the State Government think fit to impose, be admitted to the privileges of the University.
- (5) The State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, direct that this Act shall cease to apply to any area included in the University Area and on such date as may be specified in the notification; and on and from the said date all the educational institutions situate within the said area shall cease to be associated with and to enjoy the privileges of the University.

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- 6. (1) No person shall be excluded from any office of the University or from membership of any of its authorities or from admission to any degree, diploma or other academic distinction or course of study on

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Regulations providing for all matters solely concerning such authority.

CHAPTER VI

AFFILIATION, RECOGNITION AND APPROVALAFFILIATION.

34. (1) A college applying for affiliation to the University shall send a letter of application to the Registrar, and shall satisfy the Syndicate and the Academic Council --

- (a) that the college will supply a need in the locality, having regard to the type of education intended to be provided by the college, the existing provision for the same type of education made by other colleges in the neighborhood, and the suitability of the locality where the college is to be established;
- (b) that the college is to be under the management of a regularly constituted governing body;
- (c) that the strength and qualifications of the teaching staff and the conditions governing their tenure of office are such as to make due provision for the course of instruction, teaching or training to be undertaken by the college;
- (d) that the buildings in which the colleges is to be located are suitable, and that provision will be made, in conformity with the Ordinance, for the residence in the college or in lodgings approved by the college, of students not residing with their parents or guardians, and for the supervision and welfare of students;
- (e) that due provision has been made or will be made for a library;
- (f) where affiliation is sought in any branch of experimental science, that arrangements have been or will be made in conformity with the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations for imparting instruction in that branch of science in a properly equipped laboratory or museum;
- (g) that due provision will, as far as circumstances may permit, be made for the residence of the Principal and some members of the teaching staff in or near the college or the place provided for the residence of the students;
- (h) that the financial resources of the college are such as to make due provision for its continued maintenance and efficient working and;
- (i) that the college rules fixing the fees (if any) to be paid by the students have not been so framed as to involve such competition with any existing college in the same neighborhood as would be injurious to the interests of education.

(2) The application shall contain an assurance that after the college affiliated, any transference of management and all changes in the teaching staff and all other changes which result in any of the

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aforesaid requirements not being fulfilled or continued to be fulfilled shall be forthwith reported to the Syndicate.

- (3) On receipt of a letter of application under sub-section (1) the Syndicate shall-
- (a) direct local inquiry to be made by a competent person or persons authorised by the Syndicate in this behalf in respect of the matters referred to in sub-section (1) and such other matters as may be deemed necessary and relevant;
 - (b) make such further inquiry as may appear to it to be necessary;
 - (c) give due consideration to the request if any made by the applicant for a reconsideration of any the conditions conveyed to him;
 - (d) record its opinion after consulting the Academic Council on the question whether the application should be granted or refused either in whole or in part, stating the result of any inquiry under clauses (a), (b) and (d) of sub-section (1).
- (4) The Registrar shall submit the application and all proceedings, if any, of the Academic Council and the Syndicate relating thereto, to the State Government which, after such inquiry as may appear to it be necessary, shall grant or refuse the application or any part thereof.
- (5) Where the application or any part thereof is granted, the order of the State Government shall specify the courses of instruction in respect of which the college is affiliated, and, where the application or any part thereof is refused the grounds of such refusal shall be stated.
- (6) As soon as possible after the State Government makes its order, the Registrar shall submit to the Senate a full report regarding the application, the action taken thereon under sub-sections (3) to (5) and of all the proceedings connected therewith.
- (7) An application under sub-section (1) may be withdrawn at any time before an order is made under sub-section (4).

EXTENSION OF AFFILIATION.

- (35). Where a college desires to add to the courses of instruction in respect of which it is affiliated the procedure prescribed by section 34 shall, so far as may be, be followed.

RECOGNITION INSTITUTIONS OF RESEARCH AND SPECIALIZED STUDIES.

- (36)(1) The Syndicate shall have the power after consultation with the Academic Council, to recognise as a recognised institution any institution of research or specialised studies other than a college.
- (2) An institution which desires to have such recognition shall send a letter of application to the Registrar and shall give full information in the letter of application in respect of the following matters namely
- (a) constitution and personnel of the managing body;
 - (b) subjects and courses in regard to which recognition is sought;

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- (c) accommodation, equipment, library facilities and the number of students for whom provision has been or is proposed to be made;
- (d) the strength of the staff, their qualifications and salaries and the research work done by them;
- (e) fees levied or proposed to be lived and the financial provision made for capital expenditure on buildings and equipment and for the continued maintenance and efficient working of the institution.
- (3) Before taking the application into consideration the Syndicate may call for any further information which it may deem necessary.
- (4) If the Syndicate decides to take the application into consideration, it may direct a local inquiry to be made by a competent person or persons authorised by it in this behalf. After considering the report made as a result of such local inquiry and making such further inquiry as may appear to it to be necessary, the Syndicate shall, after obtaining the opinion of the Academic Council, grant or refuse the application or any part thereof. Where the application or any part thereof is granted, the Syndicate shall specify the subjects and courses of instruction in respect of which the institution is recognised and make a report to that effect to the Academic Council and the Senate at their next succeeding meetings. Where the application or any part thereof is refused, the grounds of such refusal shall be stated.

APPROVAL OF INSTITUTION.

37. (1) The Syndicate shall have the power after consultation with the Academic Council, to approve an institution as an "approved institution for specialised studies, laboratory work, internship, research or other academic work approved by the Academic Council, under the guidance of a single qualified teacher.
- (2) An institution which desires to have such approval shall send a letter of application to the Registrar and shall give full information in the letter of application in respect of the following matters, namely
 - (a) the name, qualifications, experience and research work of the teacher under whom approved work is to be done;
 - (b) the nature of work or the subjects for which work is proposed to be done;
 - (c) accommodation, equipment, library facilities, and the number of students for whom provision has been made or is proposed to be made;
 - (d) fees levied or proposed to be levied and the financial provision made for capital expenditure on buildings and equipment and for the continued maintenance and efficient working of the institution.
- (3) Before taking the application into consideration the Syndicate may call for any further information which it may deem necessary.
- (4) If the Syndicate decides to take the application into consideration, it may direct a local inquiry to be made by a competent person or persons authorised by it in this behalf. After considering the report

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made as a result of such local inquiry and making such further inquiry as may appear to it to be necessary, the Syndicate shall after obtaining the opinion of the Academic Council grant or refuse the application or any part thereof. Where the application or any part thereof is granted, the Syndicate shall specify the subjects and courses of instruction in respect of which the institution is approved and make a report to that effect to the Academic Council and the Senate at their next succeeding meetings. Where the application or any part thereof is refused, the grounds of such refusal shall be stated.

INSPECTION OF COLLEGES AND REPORTS.

38. (1) Every affiliated college, recognised institution and approved institution shall furnish Such reports, returns and other information as the Syndicate, after consulting the Academic Council may require to enable it to judge the efficiency of the college or institution.
- (2) The Syndicate shall cause every such college or institution to be inspected from time to time by one or more competent persons authorised by the Syndicate in this behalf.
- (3) The Syndicate may call upon any college or institution so Inspection of colleges and reports. inspected to take, within a specified period, such action as may appear to it to be necessary in respect of any of the matters referred to in sub-section (1) of section 34 and sub-section (2) of section 36, or as the case may be, sub-section (2) of section 37.

WITHDRAWAL OF AFFILIATION.

39. (1) The rights conferred on a college by affiliation may be withdrawn in whole or in part or modified if the college has failed to carry out any of the provisions (1) of section 34 or the college has failed to observe any of the conditions of its affiliation or the college is conducted in a manner which is prejudicial to the interests of education.
- (2) A motion for the withdrawal or the modification of such rights shall be initiated only in the Syndicate. The members of the Syndicate who intends to move such a motion shall give notice of it and shall state in writing the grounds on which it is made.
- (3) Before taking the said motion into consideration the Syndicate shall send a copy of the notice and written statement mentioned in subsection (2) to the principal of the college concerned together with an intimation that any representation in writing submitted within a period specified in such intimation on behalf of the college will be considered by the Syndicate: Provided that the period so specified may, if necessary, be extended by the Syndicate.
- (4) On receipt of the representation or on the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section (3), the Syndicate after considering the notice of motion, statement and representation and after such inspection by competent person or persons authorised by the Syndicate in this behalf and such further inquiry as may appear to



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Wildlife Institute of India

No WII/ACD/135/Affiliation M.Sc.

Dated: 28th January 2021

To,

University Grants Commission
(Ministry of Human Resource Development Govt of India)
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-11002

Sub: Clarification under UGC affiliation guidelines-reg.

Sir,

Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun is an autonomous Body under the Ministry of Environment, forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

The Wildlife Institute of India started its M.Sc. (Wildlife Sciences Course) from 1987 and affiliated (Annexure I) with the Saurashtra University, Rajkot and the degree was awarded by them at par with UGC norms.

Office of the Director General of Audit Scientific Department, New Delhi has raised an audit Memo dated 18th Feb 2019 regarding irregularities in award of M.Sc. Degree(s) from Saurashtra University by this Institute. They have mentioned in the audit memo "all the state governments were clearly instructed to stop their State Universities (Public as well as Private) from operations beyond the territorial jurisdiction of State in any manner either in the form of off-campus/study centre/affiliated college and the centres operating through franchises, in view of the observations in this regard in the case of Prof. Yash Pal and State of Chhattisgarh by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India". A policy in this regard was also notified by UGC in June 2013 which was required to be followed by all universities/institutions including Open and Distance Learning Institutions where it was again stated that a University established or incorporated by or under a State Act should operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location (Annexure II).

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The latest policy notified by University Grants Commission, New Delhi and Clarification given by the Saurashtra University, Rajkot on the subject matter are as under:

(a) University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

"A university established or incorporated by or under a State Act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of State of its location vide their letter No UGC/DEB/QMC/2013 dated 09th August 2014 and Public Notice No. F-27-1/2012(CPP-II) dated 27th June 2013"

(b) Saurashtra University, Rajkot.

(i) "Any educational institution in the state of Gujarat situated outside the university area or in other territories outside the State may, subject to such conditions and restrictions as the University and the State Government think fit to impose, be admitted to the privileges of the University".

(ii) "The Act of Saurashtra University provided power to recognize institutions beyond territorial jurisdiction of the University under the Act and for affiliation of the University follows Act (34)."

Saurashtra University Rajkot letter dated 15th January 2021 alongwith its inclosure is attached (Annexure III).

You are therefore requested to kindly look into the matter and give your direction, whether this Institute (Central Autonomous Institution) may continue to run M.Sc. courses under Saurashtra University (State University Act) or as per UGC norms.

An early response in this matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully


(Dr. Monali Sen, IFS) 27/1/21
Registrar

Enclosures: Annexure I to III

Copy to:

Saurashtra University Rajkot
University Campus, University Road, Gujarat

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No. WII/AC/2019-21/Exams - M.Sc.

Dated: 06th July, 2021

To,
The Controller of Examination
Saurashtra University
University Campus, University Road
Rajkot-360 005, Gujarat

Sub: Request for Approval and conducting of Fourth Semester Examination (Dissertation Presentation and Viva-Voce) of XVII M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun-reg.

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, I take this opportunity to inform you that XVII M.Sc. Wildlife Science Course commenced on 01 July, 2019 at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun. A total of 20 Students have taken the course. The course is run through Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) and the 4th Semester is currently underway. Accordingly from the list of external examiners approved by Saurashtra University examiners for the Semester 04 examination selected as per subject expertes under the Chairmanship of Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Sciences at WII on 28th June, 2021 is given below.

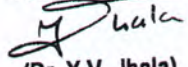
Sl. No.	Name Designation and Address of Examiners
1.	Dr. Shomen Mukherjee, Azim Premji University, PES Campus, Pixel Park, B Block Electronics City, Hosur Road, Bengaluru-560 100, Email : shomen.mukherjee@apu.edu.in
2.	Dr. Soumya Prasad, Director Programme Management, (M&F) Nature Science Initiative, 36 Curzon Road, Dalanwala, Dehradun-248001, Email : prasadsoumya@gmail.com
3.	Dr. Ajith Kumar, National Center for Biological Science USA, GKVK Campus, Bellary Road, Bengaluru-460 065, Email : ajith@ncbs.res.in

As the 4th semester is nearing an end, the dates for the 4th Semester examinations are proposed as under:

Sl. No.	Dates	Papers
1.	19.07.2021	Dissertation Presentation
2.	20.07.2021	Dissertation Presentation and Viva Voce

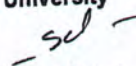
In view of the above, proposed dates and list of Examiners may kindly be approved and online examination portal may kindly be opened to enable the students to fill up the examination application forms and pay required fees for seat number generation. An early action from your end will help us to proceed with the other preparations for the examinations.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Y.V. Jhala)
Dean, FWS

Copy for kind information of:

- The Registrar, Saurashtra University, University Campus, University Road, Rajkot-360 005, Gujarat.
- Prof. G.C. Bhimani, Head, Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, University Campus, University Road, Rajkot-360005.


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