

FOREST EDUCATION & TRAINING , PUNE

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF FOREST EDUCATION CIRCLE.

In Maharashtra, there are 2 forest training colleges and 3 training schools providing long term and short term trainings to frontline staff viz. Foresters and Forest Guards. These centres are located at Chandrapur, Chikhaldara (district. Amravati), Pal (district Jalgaon), Jalna and Shahapur (district Thane). These colleges/schools also conduct refreshers courses every year for Forest Guards, Foresters and Range Forest Officers.

Brief details about the infrastructure and training facilities available at these centres are given below –

CENTRAL FOREST RANGERS COLLEGE, CHANDRAPUR

- Established in 1960
- Present capacity – 150
- Administrative building -1, training hall -3, hostel building-1, ladies hostel-1, staff quarters-70, library-1, computer room-1(20 computers), GPS -12, LCD projector-3.

MAHARASHTRA RANGERS TRAINING COLLEGE, CHIKHALDARA, DISTRICT AMRAVATI.

- Established in 1974
- Present capacity –100
- Administrative building -1, Training hall -2, Hostel building-1, Staff quarters-57, Library-1, Computer room-1, GPS- 10, LCD projector-3.

FOREST GUARDS TRAINING SCHOOL, JALNA

- Established in 1985
- Present capacity –120
- Administrative building -2, Training hall -2, Hostel building-2, Staff quarters-39, Library-1, Computer room-1(20 computers), GPS- 10, LCD projector-3.

DADASAHEB CHAUDHARY FOREST TRAINING SCHOOL, PAL, DISTRICT JALGAON.

- Established in - 1968
- Present capacity –100
- Administrative building -1, Training hall -2, Hostel building-2, Staff quarters-23, Library-1. Computer room-1(20 computers), GPS-10, LCD projector-3.

FOREST GUARDS TRAINING SCHOOL, SHAHAPUR, DISTRICT THANE.

- Established in 1963
- Present capacity –100
- Administrative building -1, Training hall -2, Hostel building-4, Staff quarters-16, Library-1. Computer room-1(20 computers), GPS-12, LCD projector-3.

State forest academy of development, administration and management is coming up at Kundal (District Sangli). The different building construction activities are in progress at Kundal. There is a proposal of 62 posts of various cadres for Kundal academy, out of which 23 posts are sanctioned by government of Maharashtra. The sanction for the remaining 39 posts is awaited.

The organizational structure of Education & Training wing of Maharashtra Forest Department is as below :

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Maharashtra State, Nagpur

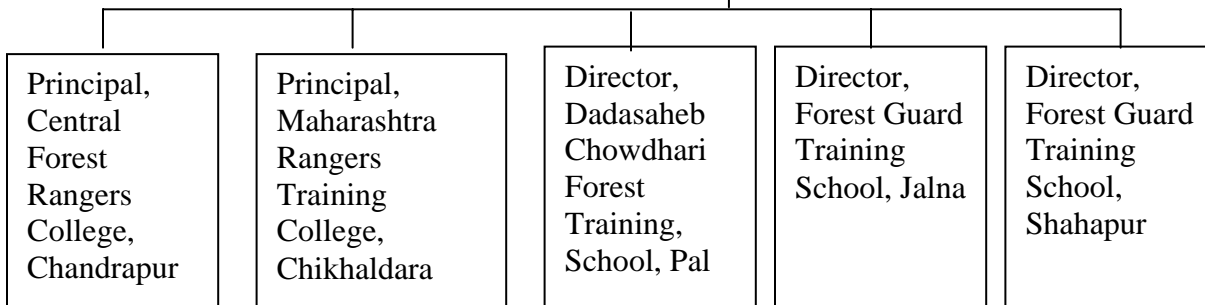


Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Research, Education & Training)

Maharashtra State, Pune



Chief Conservator of Forests (Education & Training) Pune



During the last four years a large number of newly recruited Foresters and untrained Forest Guards have been imparted long term induction training, details of which are given as below –

Sr No.	Name of Training Center	Period	Session	No of Trainees.
2008.09				
1	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Shahapur	1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008	1 year	96 Forest Guards
2	Principal Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur	1.4.2008 to 31.3.2009	1 year	100 Foresters
3	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	1.5.2008 to 30.4.2009	1 year	54 Forest Guards
4	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Ranger's College Chikhaldara	1.7.2008 to 30.6.2009	1 year	36 Foresters
5	Director Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School Pal	1.7.2008 to 30.6.2009	1 year	81 Forest Guards
2009-10				
1	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Shahapur	1.1.2009 to 31.12.2009	1 year	104 Forest Guards
2	Principal Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur	1.4.2009 to 31.3.2010	1 year	97 Forest Guards
3	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	1.5.2009 to 30.4.2010	1 year	57 Forest Guards
4	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Ranger's College Chikhaldara	1.7.2009 to 30.6.2010	1 year	54 Forest Guards
5	Director Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School Pal	1.7.2009 to 30.6.2010	1 year	87 Forest Guards
2010.11				
1	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Shahapur	1.1.2010 to 31.12.2010	1 year	141 Forest Guards
2	Principal Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur	1.1.2010 to 31.12.2010	1 year	25 Foresters
		1.4.2010 to 31.3.2011	1 year	95 Forest Guards
3	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	1.1.2010 to 31.12.2010	1 year	45 Forest Guards
4	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Ranger's College Chikhaldara	1.7.2010 to 30.6.2011	1 year	84 Foresters
5	Director Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School Pal	1.7.2010 to 30.6.2011	1 year	86 Forest Guards

2011-12

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1	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Rangers' College, Chikhaldara	1.7.2010 to 30.6.2011	1 year	84 Foresters
		1.7.2011 to 31.12.2011	6 Months	54 Guards
		1.1.2012 to 30.06.2012	6 Months	51 Guards
		1.3.2012 to 31.08.2012	6 Months	48 Guards
2	Principal, Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur	1.4.2011 to 30.11.2011	8 Months	143 Guards
		1.1.2012 to 30.6.2012	6 Months	133 Guards
		1.3.2012 to 31.08.2012	6 Months	96 Guards
3	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Shahapur	1.1.2011 to 31.12.2011	1 year	93 Guards
		1.1.2012 to 30.6.2012	6 Months	117 Guards
		1.3.2012 to 31.08.2012	6 Months	113 Guards
4	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	1.5.2010 to 30.4.2011	1 year	49 Guards
		1.5.2011 to 30.11.2011	7 Months	108 Guards
5	Director, Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School, Pal	1.7.2010 to 30.6.2011	1 year	86 Guards
		1.7.2011 to 31.12.2011	6 Months	95 Guards
		1.1.2012 to 30.6.2012	6 Months	86 Guards
		1.3.2012 to 31.8.2012	6 Months	88 Guards

For the year 2012-13 Six months long term training of Forest Guards is being conducted as follows -

Sr. No.	Name of Training Center	Period	Session	No. of Trainees
1	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Rangers' College, Chikhaldara	1.9.2012 to 28.2.2013	6 Months	45 Guards
		1.11.2012 to 30.4.2013	6 Months	68 Guards Proposed
2	Principal, Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur	1.9.2012 to 28.2.2013	6 Months	122 Guards
		1.1.2013 to 30.6.2013	6 Months	150 Guards Proposed
3	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Shahapur	1.9.2012 to 28.2.2013	6 Months	60 Guards
		1.9.2012 to 31.8.2013	1 Year	2 Foresters

		1.11.2012 to 30.4.2013	6 Months	68 Guards Proposed
4	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	1.7.2012 to 31.12.2012	6 Months	101 Guards
5	Director, Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School, Pal	1.9.2012 to 28.2.2013	6 Months	38 Guards
		1.11.2012 to 30.4.2013	6 Months	58 Guards Proposed

The syllabus for Forest Guards' training includes important subjects like Silviculture, Soil and Moisture Conservation, Watershed Management, Forest Policies, Forest Protection, Forest Laws, Wildlife Management and Wildlife Acts, Bio-diversity Act, Eco-tourism, Forest Botany, Accounts, Labour Laws, Forest Utilization, Forest Survey and Engineering, Joint Forest Management etc.

Syllabus for Foresters induction training includes Soil and Moisture Conservation, Silviculture, Entomology, Forest Protection, Forest Botany, Forest Survey, Human Resource Development, Accounts, Forest Laws, Labour Laws, Forest Policies, Joint Forest Management, Forest Development Agency etc.

Besides long term regular training courses large number of refresher courses for Forest Guards, Foresters and also Range Forest officers have been conducted in all the five centres. These courses are funded by Director, Forest Education, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India, Dehra Dun and through State Plan funds. These courses include important subjects and Forestry issues like Wildlife Management, Man-Animal conflict, Forest Development Agencies and its working, Wildlife Acts, Forest Protection issues, how to control Forest fires, Personality development, Medicinal plants, Organic farming, Nursery technology, Bio-diversity, use of G.P.S., use of computer in forestry, Forest Utilization, Forest Policies, Forest Conservation Act etc.

Large number of clerks and Accountants are also exposed to short term trainings of one week in these five colleges and schools to sharpen their skill in official matters accounting and use of computers etc.. The departmental exam. of clerks and accountants is also conducted by this circle every year.

During the year 2010-11, total 15 number of two week refresher courses sponsored by Director, Forest Education, Dehra Dun for Forest Guards and Foresters were conducted. Besides, 7 number of refresher courses of one week duration on Forest Rights Act, 2006 for Forest Guards, Foresters and Range Forest Officers, and 12 number of refresher training

programmes for clerks and Accountants were conducted from the funds available under State Plan.

During the last four years, following short-term courses were conducted.

Sr. No.	Name of subject	Cadre	No. of Session	Period (Days)	Participants
<u>Year – 2008-09</u>					
1	Eco-Tourism	ACF/RFO	1	3	30
2	Accounts and office procedure	Accountants/ Clerks	3	4	90
3	Application of GIS/GPS	Ranger Surveyor / Forest Surveyor	1	2	30
4	Right to Information	CF/DCF/ACF/	3	3	90
<u>Year – 2009-10</u>					
1	Accounts and office procedure	Accountants/ Clerks	10	4	450
2	Forest Rights Act, 2006	Foresters/ Forest Guards	4	4	180
3	Right to Information	CF/DCF/ACF/ RFO/ O.S.	3	3	90
<u>Year – 2010-11</u>					
1	Accounts and office procedure	Accountants/ Clerks	12	4	450
2	Forest Rights Act, 2006	RFO/Foresters/ Forest Guar	7	4	280
3	Soil & Moisture Conservation	DCF/ACF/RFO	2	5	100
4	Right to Information	CF/DCF/ACF/ RFO/ O.S.	2	3	60

<u>Year – 2011.12</u>					
1	Training on Up gradation of Communication Skills	Foresters/Forest Guard	4	3	120
2	BDS, Sevarth etc.	Accountant/Clerk	3	3	90
3	Training Course for Steno. at Yashada Pune	Higher grade & Lower grade Stenographers	1	2	29
4	Soil & Moisture Conservation at WALMA Aurangbad	DCF/ACF/RFO	2	5	67
5	Training Course for Forest	Forest Engineers	1	5	29

	Engineers at M.E. Training Institute at Nashik				
6	Training Course on Developing competence for technical sanction of estimates of Van Bandharas	ACF	2	5	60
7	Right to Information	Probationers SFS/IFS	1	2	30
8	Workshop on Vishakha Guideline at Yashada Pune	Office Staff	1	1	40
9	Wildlife management, Man Animal Conflict and getting public support.	DCF/ACF/RFO & Revenue Dept. Officers	2	1	164
10	Wildlife management, Man Animal Conflict and getting public support.	Forester/Forest Guard	1	1	115
11	Workshop on Wildlife & Conservation	Forester/Forest Guard	2	1	108
12	Workshop on Man-Animal Conflict	DCF/ACF/RFO	1	2	20

For the year 2012-13 following short term courses are being conducted as below.

Sr. No.	Name of subject	Cadre	No. of Session	Period (Days)	Participants
<u>Propose Training - Year – 2012.13</u>					
1	Training on Up gradation of Communication Skills	Foresters/Forest Guard	5	3	150
2	BDS, Sevarth etc.	Accountant/Clerk	3	3	90
3	Workshop on JFM & Eco development at 5 Training institutes	Foresters/Forest Guard	5	2	150

4	Two days workshop on up gradation of managerial skills.	SFS Officers	1	1	30
5	Leadership Team Building etc. related trainings	Senior Officers	1	1	10

ACTIVITIES UNDER JICA PROJECT

Maharashtra has been selected as one of the States to implement JICA funded Project. Brief description about JICA funded Project, activities to be carried out under the Project and works done so far in this project have been given as below-

1. Name of the Project : Capacity Development for Forest Management and Training of Personnel
2. Objectives of the Project : To improve training environment for frontline staff through the rehabilitation of State Forest Training Institutes and through capacity building of frontline forest staff putting emphasis on Joint Forest Management (JFM), thereby strengthening human resource development for sustainable forest management.
3. Project Period : 2008-09 to 2013/14 (5 years 3 months)
4. Project Cost
Rs. 225 crores of which Rs. 206.40 crores will be procured by Central Government from JICA as loan with no burden on the States. The remaining amount of Rs. 18.60 crores of the Project for meeting out administration cost and VAT will have to be met by Central Government and the State Government.
5. Implementing States
Maharashtra has been selected as one of the States for the implementation of the project.
6. Activities to be done under the Project
 - i) Revision of Training guidelines
 - ii) Preparation of sample course materials and teaching notes
 - iii) Rehabilitation of Training Colleges/Schools of the State /Preparation of State Training Improvement Plan.
 - iv) Training of Master Trainers
Training of Trainers
Training of field staff-Foresters/Guards

Three schools have been taken up under JICA project for infrastructural development. The detailed project report (DPR) of the three schools have been sanctioned by GOI and 80% of the total outlay sanctioned is released. The details are as below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Schools	Outlay sanctioned as per DPR (lakhs)	Amount released (lakhs)	Date of sanction by GOI
1	Jalana	348.50	278.80	29.2.2012
2	Pal	416.68	333.34	20.3.2012
3	Shahapur	499.42	399.53	29.2.2012

Appointment of Consultant under JICA Project.

The work of consultancy has been awarded to MUEA-UNISON-SEVAK Consortium under JICA project & it has started from 1st July, 2012. Consultants have visited 5 forest training schools and interacted with trainers and trainees. Consultant will prepare complete report within 36 months.

Important Telephone numbers of Education & Training wing.

Sr. No.	Name of the Office	STD Code	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address
1	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Research, Education & Training) Maharashtra State, Pune	020	24495270 24473225	ccfretpune@ yahoo.in
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4	Principal, Maharashtra Forest Rangers' College, Chikhaldara. Dist. Amravati.	07220	230230	ati_forestco@ sancharnet.in
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6	Director, Forest Guard Training School, Jalna	02482	231527 202280	fgtsjln@gmail.com
7	Director, Dadasaheb Choudhary Forest Training School, Pal. Dist. Jalgaon.	02584	288480	dcftspal@yahoo.com