



Union Environment Minister interacts with Mid-Career Training Participants of Indian Forest Service, calls them "Voice of the Voiceless Flora and Fauna"

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Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, addressed the participants of the Mid-Career Training Programme of the Indian Forest Service, in New Delhi today. The event was also graced by the presence of Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, besides senior officers of the Ministry.

In an inspiring address, Shri Yadav stated that the path to 'Viksit Bharat' passes through 'Harit Bharat' and highlighted India's growing leadership in global conservation efforts. He emphasized that the responsibility of a forest officer never ends, even after superannuation, as they continue to remain the voice of the voiceless flora and fauna. The Minister also informed the participants that India would host the first-ever International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit in the first week of June, with participation from around 95 countries and international organisations worldwide.

Delighted to have addressed officers of Indian Forest Service at the Mid-Career Training Programme.

IFS officers work to ensure that those who cannot speak for their interests thrive in our forests.

Stated that as India moves steadily towards the vision of a Viksit Bharat,... pic.twitter.com/cfhUtcYFGi

— Bhupender Yadav (@byadavbjp) May 20, 2026

During an interactive question-and-answer session, Shri Yadav discussed a wide range of issues relating to forests, wildlife and climate change. He spoke about Cheetah conservation, Great Indian Bustard conservation through artificial incubation, the role of Tiger reserves in sustaining river systems, and the importance of balancing conservation with development. He also underlined India's progress in climate change mitigation, achievement of NDC targets ahead of schedule, improvements in forest and wildlife governance systems, and the use of advanced technologies for environmental management.

Union MoS (EFCC), Shri Kirtivardhan Singh, highlighted India's leadership in global conservation diplomacy and stressed the importance of balancing development with conservation.

Shri Tanmay Kumar, Secretary (EFCC); Shri S.K. Awasthi, DG (Forests) & Special Secretary (EFCC); and Smt. Bharati, Director, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), were also present on the occasion along with senior officers of the Ministry.

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