

PROBATIONERS OF INDIAN FOREST SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

WHEN COMMUNITIES ARE STAKEHOLDERS IN PROTECTING FORESTS, CONSERVATION EFFORTS WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND LONG-LASTING: PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU

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Probationers of the Indian Forest Service called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre today (July 17, 2026).



Addressing the officers, the President said that they are not only administrators of forests. They are custodians of India's natural heritage. Their role has become more significant today. The world is facing the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Forests are central to addressing these challenges. Work of Indian Forest Service officers will therefore contribute not only to India's environmental security but also to global efforts towards sustainable development. She advised the young officers to focus on increasing forest cover as the forests are the foundation of life on Earth.



The President said that ecological protection must be harmonized with the legitimate aspirations of people who live in and around forests. Development and conservation should not be viewed as opposing goals. She advised young officers to work towards solutions where both nature and communities can thrive together. She urged them to encourage people's participation in conservation, restoration and sustainable livelihood initiatives. She said that understanding the views and concerns of tribal communities, forest dwellers, women, farmers and local institutions will provide them with valuable insight. When communities are stakeholders in protecting forests, conservation efforts will be more effective and long-lasting.



The President said that public service is about improving the lives of the people and contributing to the nation's progress. Ecological security is integral to the national goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047. She expressed confidence that as Indian Forest Service officers, young officers will play a defining role in ensuring that India's progress remains green, inclusive and sustainable.



The Probationers of two batches of the Indian Forest Service are presently undergoing their professional training at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun. The 2024 batch comprises 111 officer trainees, while the 2025 batch comprises 131 officer trainees, including two officer trainees from Bhutan in each batch.

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