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Memo No. 24 /5F(Misc), Dt. 02 / 01 /2026.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forest,
Bhubaneswar Circle.

Sub: - Submission of Forest Fire Prevention and Management-District Fire Action Plan, 2026-regarding.

In inviting a reference to the captioned subject cited above, the District Fire Action Plan, 2026 pertaining to Bhadrak Wildlife Division is submitted herewith in soft & hard copy for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclosure: As above

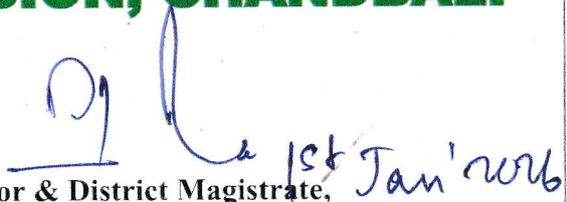
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Memo No. 25 Dated. 02.01.2026.

Copy along with copy of District Fire Action Plan-2026 forwarded to the Conservator of Forests (P&SM), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to his Office Memo No.37 dt.01.01.2026.

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**FOREST FIRE PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT FIRE ACTION PLAN-2026
OF
BHADRAK WILDLIFE DIVISION, CHANDBALI**


Collector & District Magistrate,
Bhadrak.

1st Jan'2026

BHADRAK DISTRICT ACTION PLAN ON FOREST FIRE PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026

I. INTRODUCTION:

Forest fires are a regular phenomenon in our country, often observed during the fire season, January-June. Every year large areas of forests are affected by fires of varying intensity and extent. Based on the forest inventory records, 54.40% of forests in India are exposed to occasional fires, 7.49% to moderately frequent fires and 2.405 to high incidence levels while 35.71% of India's forests have not yet been exposed to fires of any real significance. A forest fire does a number of specific things. First, it consumes woody material leading to release of carbon dioxide on large scale and subsequently global warming. Second, the heat it creates kills vegetation and animal life leading to loss of forest cover, biodiversity therein and habitats to wildlife. In most fires, much more is killed, injured, or changed through heat than is consumed by fire. Third, it produces residual mineral products that may cause chemical effects, mostly in relation to the soil reducing their quality and fertility. Precious forest resources including carbon locked in the biomass is lost due to forest fires every year, which adversely impact the flow of goods and services from forests. In addition to the aforementioned consequences, following are also the results of forest fire.

- A. Degradation of catchment areas
- B. Global warming
- C. Loss of carbon sink resource and increase in percentage of CO₂ in atmosphere
- D. Change in the microclimate of the area with un healthy living conditions
- E. Ozone layer depletion
- F. Health problems leading to diseases

Bhadrak (Wildlife) Division came into existence with effect from 1st October, 2003 in pursuant to reorganization of Forest & Environment Department Notification No.1F (A)-100/2003-13228 dated 08th August, 2003 of Govt. of Orissa, F&E Department. The Headquarters of Bhadrak (Wildlife) Division is presently located at Chandbali with effect from 05.04.2006.

FOREST AREA UNDER BHADRAK WILDLIFE DIVISION

Sl. No.	Name of the Range	Forest Block	Compt.	Area in Ha.	Notification No. & Date
RESERVED FOREST					
1.				NIL	
DEMARCATED PROTECTED FOREST					
1.				NIL	
PROPOSED RESERVED FOREST					
1.	Chandbali	Garmal	-	396.00	12557/R, Dt. 10.3.71
UN- DEMARCATED PROTECTED FOREST					
1.	Chandbali/ Basudevpur	Banipahi	-	2125.50	Govt. of Orissa Devt. (Forest) Dept. No. 33233 dt. 4.10.1961
2.	-do-	Bijayapatana	-	93.10	
3.	Basudevpur	Banijungle	-	404.69	
4.	Chandbali	Outer wheeler	-	106.53	-
5.	-do-	Long wheeler	-	21.26	-
6.	-do-	Coconut Island	-	39.47	-
7.	-do-	Small wheeler	-	4.50	-
8.	-do-	Short Island	-	16.90	-
9.	-do-	Udabali (new)	-	485.82	-
		Total		3297.77	
VILLAGE FOREST					
1.	Chandbali	Arjunbindha Santhapur	-	4.0	No.10618-AFFN (SIDA) 15/92 E & F Dt.05.05.1992
2.	-do-	Bhatapada Gudpal	-	1.044	-do-
3.	-do-	Bodakasan	-	10.0	-do-
4.	-do-	Aruha	-	0.536	-do-
5.	-do-	Kamaria	-	1.98	-do-
6.	-do-	Mirjapur	-	0.56	-do-
7.	-do-	Deola	-	5.0	-do-
8.	-do-	Arjunbindha	-	3.0	-do-
9.	-do-	Kabirpur	-	5.0	-do-
10.	-do-	Haripur	-	0.68	-do-
11.	-do-	Babanbindha	-	5.0	-do-
12.	Bhadrak	Amargadia	-	3.68	No.10618-AFFN (SIDA) 15/92 E & F Dt.05.05.1992
13.	-do-	Belnta	-	1.0	-do-
14.	-do-	Dianary	-	1.84	-do-
15.	Dhamnagar	Sibapur	-	1.6	No.1315-AFFN (SIDA)

					15/92 E & F Dt.15.01.1993
16.	-do-	Bansar	-	0.42	-do-
17.	-do-	Jalahari	-	3.0	No.3779-AFFN (SIDA) E & F Dt.15.01.1993
18.	-do-	Chatrubhujapur	-	1.6	-do-
19.	-do-	Goudabisa nuapada	-	2.2	-do-
20.	-do-	Belgadia	-	2.8	-do-
21.	Basudevpur	Alboga	-	0.2	-do-
Total				55.14	
Grand Total				3748.91	

B. Administrative set up in the Division (Range, Section & Beat)

Name of the District	Division	Range	Section	Beat	Total Forest Area	Remarks
Bhadrak	Bhadrak (WL) Division, Chandbali	04	10	31	53.32 Sq. Km	Mangrove Cover in India State of Forest Report (ISFR-2021) Bhadrak-34.87 Sqkm.
Total		04	10	31	53.32 Sq. Km	34.87 Sq.km.

C. **Presence of the stakeholders:** Involvement of NGO, Police/ Fire Department, Youth Club, VSS, EDC etc. in presence of the forest staff for control of Forest Fire.

2. SITUATION ANALYSIS

A. Forest fire alerts in the last 3 years: -The Forest Fire Report from the year 2021-22 to 2024-25 in respect of Bhadrak (Wildlife) Division, Chandbali furnished as below: -

Forest Fire alerts form the year 2021-22 to 2024-25

Year	Name of the Range	No. of fire points as per FSI report	No. of fire points as per local information	Total No. of fire points attended	Remarks
2021-22	Basudevpur WL	01	0	01	Non-forest area in paddy field/brick kiln
	Bhadrak WL	0	0	0	
	Chandbali WL	03	0	03	
	Dhamnagar WL	07	0	07	
2022-23	Basudevpur WL	01	0	01	-do-
	Bhadrak WL	03	0	03	
	Chandbali WL	01	0	01	

	Dhamnagar WL	06	0	06	
2023-24	Basudevpur WL	01	0	01	Non-forest area in paddy field
	Bhadrak WL	0	0	0	
	Chandbali WL	0	0	0	
	Dhamnagar WL	05	0	05	
2024-25	Basudevpur WL	01	0	01	Non-forest area in paddy field
	Bhadrak WL	04	0	04	
	Chandbali WL	0	0	0	
	Dhamnagar WL	02	0	02	

3. ACTION PLAN FOR 2026

A. Preventive Measures: - District level Forest Fire Prevention & Mitigation Committee has been formed for Bhadrak District. The Fire Department has been requested to coordinate during forest fire season. The Panchayat Raj Department, Revenue, Police, Fire Department and Health Department have been intimated to coordinate during forest fire season.

Fire line:- During current year i.e. 2025-26 there is no proposal of Fire line over the forest area under Bhadrak (WL) Division.

Awareness Meeting: - Awareness meeting to be held in forest fringe villages/strategic locations in Basudevpur Wildlife Range & Chandbali Wildlife Range area for the fire season 2026. Awareness among the public through displaying Banner/Sticker/Poster/Signages at prominent places & nearby the forest fringe areas.

Patrolling:- Day & night patrolling has to be conducted from January to June-2026 intensify specifically the casuarina plantation area in Chandbali Wildlife Range & less vulnerable area in other Ranges.

Mitigative Measures:- 4nos fire blower available in this division for this purpose. No safety jacket available in this division. 6 nos. Fire Blower along with safety Jackets, Shoes & hand globes are proposed to purchase from the registered firms through seal tender for current season.

Functioning of 24 X 7 Control Room and channel of communication: -The Control Room is being operated 24 X 7 days in this division to attend & resolve the Forest & Wildlife issues. The Control Room Contact No. 06786-220472.

B. Operation after occurrence of the forest fire.

- The ACF & the Forester I/c control room after receiving the information on occurrence of forest fire from various sources (Modis satellite data, own staff local informer, news etc), they will record in the Log

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- The concerned Section Forester and Beat Guards, who are key persons in controlling and extinguishing the forest fire, will rush to the spot fully equipped with team of manpower, / VSS members/ villagers etc.
- Local fire stations will also be informed by Range Officer and ensure that they reach with water tanker in accessible forest areas.
- Their services will be properly utilized to extinguish fire. The Section Forester / Forest Guard will completely extinguish fire at site.
- Evaluation and Reporting. They will assess the damage on the spot with GPS reading, enquire the cause of fire and furnish detailed report in forest fire incident module of OFMS within 24 hours of occurrence of fire. The action taken information would be passed on to Range office and control room after the operation through VHF /mobile phone.

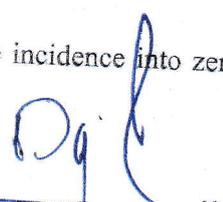
C. BUDGET PLAN THROUGH CONVERGENCE

- A. Forest Department Allocations: Nil
- B. District Support Allocations (DRDA, PRI): Nil
- C. Support of Other Line Dept. Support: Nil
- D. Non Budgetary Support Activities:- Nil.

D. CONCLUSION

- v. Mangrove Forest occupies more than 65% of the forest cover under this division which is less threat to forest fire.
- vi. Special care has been taken in Casuarina plantation & other plantations vicinity areas particularly in picnic time by providing day and night patrolling & monitoring involving the local youths.
- vii. Special care has also been taken in Garmal PRF (Mangrove Forest) area by providing required no of squad & involving of EDC, VSS, Local Youths and NGO.
- viii. All out effort is to be made to bring down the occurrence of forest fire incidence into zero during 2026 fire season.

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