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**Handbook
of
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ବିଶ୍ୱ ବନ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ରାଜ୍ୟବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ଶୁଭେଚ୍ଛା ଜଣାଉଛି ।

ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ବର୍ଷ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ୨୧ ତାରିଖ ଦିନଟିକୁ ‘ବିଶ୍ୱ ବନ ଦିବସ’ ରୂପେ ଆନ୍ତର୍ଜାତୀୟ ପାଳନ କରିଆସୁଛୁ ।

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ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଦୃଶ୍ୟ ଓ ଅଦୃଶ୍ୟ ଭାବରେ ଅବିଚିତ ଆମର ସେବା କରିଆସୁଛି । ଦୃଶ୍ୟମାନ ଭାବରେ ଖାଦ୍ୟ, ଇନ୍ଦନ, ଔଷଧ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ସହିତ ଦୈନନ୍ଦିନ ଜୀବନରେ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ମୁହୂର୍ତ୍ତର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତାକୁ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ପୂରଣ କରୁଛି । ଗୁପ୍ତ ଭାବରେ ଆମର ଜଳ ସଫା କରୁଅଛି, ବାୟୁକୁ ଶୁଦ୍ଧ କରୁଛି ଏବଂ ଜଳବାୟୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନରୁ ରକ୍ଷା କରୁଅଛି । ଜଙ୍ଗଲର ଏହି ସେବାଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ସବୁଦିନ ପାଇବା ନିମନ୍ତେ ଆମକୁ ଜଙ୍ଗଲର ଯଥୋଚିତ ବ୍ୟବହାର ସହିତ ଏହାର ଅବକ୍ଷୟକୁ ରୋକିବା ଆମର ପ୍ରଥମ କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ ।

ଏହା ଏକ ଆନନ୍ଦର ବିଷୟ ଯେ, ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପ୍ରୟାସ ସହିତ ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କର ଏବଂ ବିଶେଷକରି ବନ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ସମିତିମାନଙ୍କର ଉତ୍ସର୍ଗାକୃତ ସହଯୋଗ ପାଇଁ ବିଚିତ ଦୁଇ ବର୍ଷ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଆମ ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ୫୩୭ ବର୍ଗ କିଲୋମିଟର ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଅଞ୍ଚଳର ବୃଦ୍ଧି ସମ୍ଭବ ହୋଇପାରିଛି ।

ଏହିପରି ଭାବରେ ଆଗାମୀ ଦିନରେ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଅଭିବୃଦ୍ଧି ପାଇଁ ସରକାରଙ୍କର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଯୋଜନାରେ ରାଜ୍ୟବାସୀଙ୍କର ସହଯୋଗ କାମନା କରୁଛି ।

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ଉଦ୍ଦିଷ୍ଟତା ପାଇଁ ଜଙ୍ଗଲଜାତ ଦ୍ରବ୍ୟର ସ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ, ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ ଓ ବ୍ୟବହାର ଉପରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ସର୍ବଦା ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱ ଦେଇଆସୁଛନ୍ତି । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ବନ ବିଭାଗ ସ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ପରିଚାଳନାର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ଉପରେ ଅବଲମ୍ବନ କରିଥିବା ପ୍ରମୁଖ ନୀତିରେ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଏବଂ ଜମି ବ୍ୟବହାର ଆଇନର ସଂସ୍କାର, ପ୍ରାକୃତିକ ଜଙ୍ଗଲର ପୁନରୁଦ୍ଧାର, ଜୈବବିବିଧତା ଓ ଜଙ୍ଗଲର ସୁରକ୍ଷା, ନୂତନ ଜଙ୍ଗଲର ସୃଷ୍ଟି ଆଦି ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଯୋଜନାମାନ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ । ଏହି ଯୋଜନାଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଲୋକାଭିମୁଖୀ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ବନ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ସମିତିମାନଙ୍କର ଗଠନ ଏବଂ ବିଭିନ୍ନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟର ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ବହନ ପାଇଁ ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଉପରେ ପ୍ରାଧାନ୍ୟ ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ସ୍ତ୍ରୀମାନଙ୍କ ଲୋକଙ୍କର ଜୀବିକା ନିର୍ବାହ ପାଇଁ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ବନାଞ୍ଚଳ ଉନ୍ନୟନ ସଂସ୍ଥା, ଆମ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଯୋଜନା, କାମା ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଯୋଜନା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଔଷଧୀୟ, ଗୋଖାଦ୍ୟ, ଫଳ, ବନ୍ୟ ରେଶମ ଆଦି ଚାରାମାନ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ଓ ରୋପଣ, ବାଉଁଶ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଅମଳ ଓ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ରୋଜଗାରକ୍ଷମ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ବନ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ସମିତିମାନଙ୍କୁ ସାମିଲ କରାଯାଇଅଛି । ମିଶ୍ରଣ ଶକ୍ତି ଅନ୍ତର୍ଭୁକ୍ତ ମହିଳା ସୂଚ୍ୟ ସହାୟକ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀମାନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଚାରା ବାଉଁଶ ନିର୍ମୂଳ ତାଲିମ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରାଯାଇଅଛି ।

ଏହା ସହିତ ବିକାଶର ଲକ୍ଷ୍ୟ ସାଧନ ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟରେ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ସମ୍ପଦର ବ୍ୟବହାର, ପରିବେଶ ଅବକ୍ଷୟ ଓ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣର ମାତ୍ରା ହ୍ରାସ କରିବା ଦିଗରେ ଅଗ୍ରସର ହେବା ପାଇଁ ବିଶ୍ୱ ବନ ଦିବସ ଅବସରରେ ରାଜ୍ୟବାସୀଙ୍କୁ ମୋର ନିବେଦନ ।

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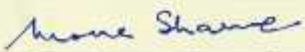
The International Day of Forests also known as World Forestry Day is celebrated every year on 21st March after its proclamation by the UN General Assembly on November 28, 2012. This year, the Day will be celebrated with the theme: "Forests and sustainable production and consumption". The aim of observing this day is to raise awareness among the public towards the significance and value of forests in the lives of living creatures. On this day, State Forestry Awards for forest field staff are also distributed to the winners in this State Level Function. These awards are given for outstanding work in the field of Forest, Wildlife and Environment.

The Government have been pleased to enhance the award money to Rs. 10000/- from this year. Two Forest Rangers, six Foresters and twelve Forest Guards have been chosen for the State Forestry Awards 2022.

Due to sincere efforts of our field staff the State is on the rising trend in forest and tree cover over the last few years. The total forest and tree cover of the state has increased by 3301 square kilometers between the assessment years of 2011 and 2021. Currently, our state has also gained 893 square kilometres of forest and tree cover. This has been achieved because of various plantation and conservation initiatives in a participatory mode taken by the State Government.

I am glad to note that a handbook of "State Forestry Awards Winners, 2022" has been compiled and going to be released on the occasion of World Forestry Day. I am sure that this handbook will be a matter of pride for the award winners as well as their family members. This will also encourage other forest staff to strive harder in their works to achieve higher level of efficiency.

I congratulate Sri O.P. Singh IPS, Addl. PCCF (ME&IV) and his team on bringing out this very useful handbook while all of us celebrate the "International Day of Forests" on 21st March, 2022.


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FOREWORD

State Forestry Awards for forest field staff are given on World Forestry Day which is also known as the International Day of Forests. It is going to be celebrated on 21st of March, 2022 with the theme – "Forests and sustainable production and consumption".

Odisha is the highest in increase of mangrove forest, third highest State in terms of increase in 537 square kilometres of forest cover and the second largest in extent of tree outside forest in the country. Government of Odisha have been awarding the forestry personnel with State Forestry Awards every year. These awards are given for meritorious service and the contributions made by the individual in the course of discharge of his duties.

It is a matter of great pleasure that the government have been pleased to enhance the award money for outstanding work in the field of forest, wildlife and environment from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10000/- from the year 2022.

A handbook titled "State Forestry Awards Winners, 2022" is being published this year by the State Forest Department. Different meritorious works performed by these winners have been very well articulated. This also includes year wise list of State Forestry Awards Winners for the last five years.

I congratulate O. P. Singh, IFS, Addl. PCCF (ME&IV) and his team members for their commitment and sincere efforts in preparing this report in a very short period. I am sure that this handbook will be a source of great pride in the hands of award winners and their family members. This will also be a source of inspiration for the other field staff so that they work harder and become award winners in future.


(Sisir Kumar Ratho)



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PREFACE

State Forestry Awards were constituted by the Government of Odisha vide Gazette Notification no. 14585 dt.3.8.2012 with the objective of giving recognition to the good work done in the field of forest and environment conservation and to ignite a sense of competitive attitude amongst forestry personnel of the State so that they strive to do their best.

Forestry sector is becoming more and more challenging with each passing year. The job of a forest officer is getting increasingly difficult in the backdrop of ever increasing population pressure on our forests and growing needs of natural resources for the society. Man-animal conflict is on the rise. Conservation vs. Development debate does not seem to die. In such a scenario, our field foresters continue to render yeoman's service to the society. Most of the time, they have to wriggle out of intricate situations by providing solutions to different stakeholders in the society. On some occasions, they have to come up with acts of valour as well. However, sustainable forest management on time tested scientific lines remains the cardinal principle of modern forestry.

On the occasion of World Forestry Day, forest officers in the rank of Range Officer, Forester and Forest Guard are awarded for their meritorious works in territorial, wildlife and kendu leaf wings. 2 Forest Rangers, 6 Foresters and 12 Forest Guards have been chosen for the State Forestry Awards 2022. The award consists of a Citation and a Medallion along with cash amount of Rs. 10,000. It finds special mention in the Performance Appraisal Report of the recipient.

This handbook comprises the Citation of each winner of State Forestry Award 2022 and year wise list of all the recipients of previous years from 2016 onwards. This will act as a treasure of cherished memories for the recipients, their near and dear ones and all others associated with the function. This will also encourage the forest fraternity of Odisha to strive hard to continue the legacy of excellence in the field of forest and environment.

(Om Prakash Singh)



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Smt. Jayshree Murmu

Forest Range Officer

Range : Barkote

Division : Deogarh Forest

Smt. Jayshree Murmu, Range Officer, Barkote Range of Deogarh Forest Division has done excellent job in the field of forest protection, afforestation and wildlife management. She was responsible for booking 4 no. of PR cases related to wildlife resulting in seizure of 2 elephant tusks. She also took great interest in rescue and release of 2 no. of piglets. She was successful in arresting the accused person by utilizing the pictures captured in the camera trap. She has conducted 10 no. of house search, submitted 17 no. of PR cases, 468 no. of OR cases and seizure of 12 no. of motorized vehicle. As an example of convergence activity with animal husbandry department, she was responsible for construction of solar powered water tank at Remalasaahi under Swajal Dhara scheme for the development of Paudi Bhuyan community. She was also responsible for large no of awareness meeting for the prevention of forest fire.

Sri Sidharth Sankar Sahu

Forest Range Officer

Range : Khalikote

Division : Berhampur Forest



Sri Sidhartha Sankar Sahu, Forest Range Officer, Khalikote Range has been showing outstanding performance in forest protection, Joint Forest Management (JFM), Afforestation activities, Wildlife protection & management during his tenure in Khalikote Range of Berhampur Forest Division from September, 2020 to December, 2021 for which he been chosen for State Forestry Award. Sri Sahu has shown outstanding performance in the field of forest protection in most critical areas including seizure of illegal timber trading as well as unauthorized fishing trawlers during sea patrolling. He was responsible for arrest and prosecution of 14 no. of accused persons and seizure of large quantity of sandalwood. Improvement in forest growth and development has been noticed in Khalikote Range during his tenure. He has successfully taken up various modules of afforestation with indigenous species that led to increase in forest cover. He has contributed significantly to the development of wildlife habitat especially in the case of blackbuck.



Sri Ananta Charan Parida

Forester

Range : Hadagarh

Division : Keonjhar (WL)

Sri Ananta Charan Parida, Forester has worked with full devotion in different Ranges of Keonjhar Wildlife Division . During his tenure in the mobile squad, he detected and seized as many as 10 vehicles with forest produce and also wildlife articles. He gave his best effort in relocating 95 families in first phase and 75 families in 2nd phase from different villages of Hadagarh WL Sanctuary. He has raised successful plantation in Green Mahanadi Mission, Avenue plantation, and MGNREGA. Through awareness programmes he has checked poaching of wildlife and prevented forest fire in the forest fringe areas of his section. In the interest of wild animals, he has maintained grass land and various saltlicks. He is a sincere, obedient and dedicated front line field staff. His effort in relocation of villagers from Pitanau area of Hadagarh WL Sanctuary is commendable. He has proved himself as an asset to the forest department.

Sri Dhoba Rana

Forester

Range : Deogaon (KL)

Division : Titilagarh (KL)



Sri Dhoba Rana, Forester in Deogaon (KL) Range of Titilagarh (KL) Division has done excellent work in the field of production and processing of Kendu leaves. He has consistently achieved the target of KL production at a very reasonable rate of Kerry consumption. The level of Padta achieved is commendable. Such achievement was possible only because of high level of skill and acumen acquired by him. Because of his sincerity and dedication he was able to achieve a very high value of average sale price. This achievement becomes more remarkable as average sale price has been consistently recording high value. This is a great indicator of quality processing, binding and bagging of Kendu Leaves. This also reflects the high level of trust reposed by Kendu Leaves purchasers in the ability of Sri Dhoba Rana and his supporting staff. Such persons are valuable assets to the Kendu Leaves wing of Forest Department.



Smt. Kalpana Kumari Pradhan

Forester

Range : Aska

Division : Ghumsur South

Smt. Kalpana Kumari Pradhan, Forester of Ghumsur South Division has achieved great performance in the field of forest protection, wildlife management and Joint Forest Management (JFM). She was responsible for 4 no. of PR cases, 304 no of OR cases and seizure of large quantities of timber, firewood and bamboo. She also played significant role in forest raids, house search and seizure of 4 no. of motorized vehicle. In the field of participatory forest management, she was responsible for the formation of 12 no. of VSS after conducting 56 no. of meetings. Due to her sincere efforts the survival percentage in the plantations raised by her during the current year is 100%. She was also responsible for rescue and release of 5 no. of black bucks. Enjoying the confidence of her superior authorities, she has performed efficiently, there by proving to be an asset for the Ghumsur (S) Division.

Sri Ranjan Kumar Jit

Forester

Range : Badrama (WL)

Division : Bamra (WL)



Sri Ranjan Kumar Jit, Forester of Badrama Wildlife Range under Bamra Wildlife Division is an active, dynamic, diligent, obedient and dedicated forest staff. His works in protection of forest from illicit felling, forest fire, conservation of wildlife from poaching, care and treatment of rescued and distressed animals, their release and restoration in the forests, interest in participation and co-ordination in various wildlife census programmes and research activities are remarkable and praiseworthy. He is responsible for 8 no. of PR cases, 150 no. of OR cases and seizure of large quantities of timber, bamboo, firewood and kendu leaves. He has also seized 7 no. of motorized vehicles. His efforts in forest regeneration and awareness campaign for conservation of nature and natural resources and through EDC members under JFM framework are also commendable. His works have resulted in the reduction of dependency of local communities on forests of Badrama Wildlife Sanctuary.



Sri Sibananda Lenka

Forester

Range : Balimela

Division : Malkangiri

Sri Sibananda Lenka, Forester is a sincere hard working forest staff. He has recently rescued one crocodile in the village Sadashivpur and one sloth bear in the village MV-20. He has shown great interest in promoting Joint Forest Management with the help of VSS members. He has been instrumental in raising different variety of rice and forestry species in the private fields of local villagers in Balimela NAC. As a result he has become very popular in his area. He has also persuaded the villagers to use organic manure in place of chemical fertilizers. Such works have been highly appreciated by the common people. Sri Lenka has carried out successful plantation under various schemes like urban /economic/ avenue plantation and Miyawaki / CAMPA. He has taken keen interest in raising forestry species especially local varieties in Balimela area. He has developed traditional techniques for preparation of organic insecticides and manures also.

Sri Sibanarayan Majhi

Forester

Range : Komna (WL)

Division : Sunabeda (WL)



Sri Sibanarayan Majhi, Forester is hard working sincere and responsible forest staff. In spite of working in a difficult and sensitive district his contribution in the field of protection, anti-smuggling measures and anti-poaching squad has been commendable. He has been conducting regular foot patrolling and preventing forest fire inside the sanctuary which is a very rich wildlife habitat. Sri Majhi has been interacting regularly with the members of Eco-Development Committee thereby promoting the movement of joint forest management. He has taken various steps for eviction of encroachers and prevention of illegal constructions inside the sanctuary. His contribution towards forest and wildlife management is praiseworthy. His performance in the field of afforestation activities is also of highest order. He has taken special care to plant fruit trees keeping in mind the food habits of wild animals found in the sanctuary. Sri Majhi has also motivated the villagers to dissuade them from Akhand Shikar.



Sri Ananda Bihari Swain

Forest Guard

Range : Bangomunda

Division : Bolangir Forest

Ananda Bihari Swain, Forest Guard, of Bolangir Forest Division contributed a lot towards protection of the forest through awareness in different forest fringe villages. His proactive attitude in dealing with forest fire is praiseworthy. As many as 202 no. of cases have been booked by him during 2021-2022 seizing 4.9 cum of timber, 97.5 q. of firewood and 980 no. of poles. He is always very cordial with the general public and he has conducted more than 70 VSS meetings during the year 2021-2022. He is found to possess scientific approach in plantation activities and has raised many successful plantations. In the field of wildlife management he was responsible for rescue and release of 1 barking deer and 1 golden eagle. He has been especially trained in camera trapping for tiger and other wild animals. He is truly an asset to the forest department.

Sri Deepak Ranjan Pattanayak

Forest Guard

Range : Brahmunigaon

Division : Balliguda Forest



Sri Deepak Ranjan Pattanayak, Forest Guard, of Balliguda Forest Division has done very good work in the field of forest protection, wildlife management and Joint Forest management. He has ensured regular patrolling in his area as a result of which the wild animals have got complete protection from poachers. He was also responsible for rescue and release of 1 pangolin and 1 spotted deer. He is responsible for 4 no. of PR cases, 67 no. of OR cases and seizure of large amount of forest produce. He also participated in large no of forest raids resulting in seizure of motorized vehicles. Regarding his performance in JFM, he is responsible for the formation of 5 no. of VSS and large no. of awareness meetings for prevention of forest fire. His performance in the field of afforestation has been very good and the survival percentage in the plantations raised by him is above 95%.



Sri Naresh Kumar Sethi

Forest Guard

Range : Kaptipada

Division : Baripada Forest

Sri Naresh Kumar Sethi, Forest Guard has been doing excellent work in Similipal Tiger Reserve area. Notto reserve forest which lies in his jurisdiction of Sarat beat is an important link between Hadgarh wildlife sanctuary and Similipal Tiger Reserve. Sri Sethi has done regular patrolling in this area as a result of which the wild animals have got complete protection from Akhand Shikar. Because of his tech-savvy attitude, he has produced many videos on Anukampa App., census App., OFMS App., etc. which have proved highly beneficial to the forest department. Because of his persuasion with the members of Aswakuti VSS, 13 country made guns have been surrendered by the poachers of the area. Sri Sethi has been also responsible for the rescue and release of 1 Sambar deer and 1 Flying Squirrel in Similipal forests. He has also participated in large no of forest raids including 3 nos. of house search.

Sri Prakash Sarkar

Forest Guard

Range : Dabugam

Division : Nabarangapur Forest



Sri Prakash Sarkar, Forest Guard of Dabugam Range is a sincere, hard working and disciplined worker. He has achieved high standards in afforestation activities with high survival percentage in the plantations raised by him. Most of the plantations raised by him are having survival percentage 90% or more. He was responsible for the arrest and prosecution of 12 accused persons. He was responsible for the seizure of 1 Bajaj auto rickshaw, 450 cft. of timber and 26.5 q. of firewood. He is a good facilitator so far as Joint Forest Management is concerned. He is responsible for the formation of 15 no. of VSS and conducting 114 no. of VSS meetings. Encroached forest land has been freed from encroachers by Sri Sarkar where afforestation activity has been taken up. Supply of LPG Gas under Ujjwala scheme to VSS members was a great effort by which pressure on natural forest has been minimized.



Miss Puspanjali Nayak

Forest Guard

Range : Patraguda Range

Division : Rayagada Forest

Miss Puspanjali Nayak, Forest Guard of Rayagada Forest Division is a sincere, hard working and disciplined worker. She has raised very good plantations in different schemes. The survival percentage in the plantations varies from 92 to 98 %. Regarding her performance in the field of forest protection it is noted that she is responsible for five no. of PR cases, 113 no. of OR cases and seizure of large quantities of timber, bamboo and firewood. In the field of Joint Forest Management she has personally formed 5 no. of VSS. She has worked tirelessly for the protection of forest wealth as well as conservation of wildlife in her beat area. She has maintained cordial relation with the VSS as well as members of Panchayati Raj institutions as a result of which awareness campaign regarding forest fire control have been very successful. Such sincere staff are an asset to the forest department.

Miss Rupali Prusty

Forest Guard

Range : Khuntuni

Division : Athgarh Forest



Miss Rupali Prusty, Forest Guard has put up a great performance in detection of large no of forest offence cases. She has successfully conducted many cases of house search and effected recovery of seized materials. She has carried out regular patrolling, monitoring and kept strict vigil on tracking of wild animals. She has been instrumental in taking anti-depredation measures on wild elephants coming from neighboring forest areas during the crop season and managing man- animal conflict during the period. Because of her sincere efforts there was no casualty of wild elephants and human beings. She has carried out all the departmental works with full dedication and achieved a high level of quality performance along with very high financial achievements. She has raised 2.5 lakh seedlings in the nursery and successfully raised plantations where survival percentage is more than 95%. Miss Prusty has proved herself to be an asset for the forest department.



Smt. Sabita Sahu

Forest Guard

Range : Badmal

Division : Rairakhol Forest

Smt. Sabita Sahu, Forest Guard of Badmal Range of Rairakhol Forest Division has done very good work in the field of forest protection, wildlife management and Joint Forest management. She has ensured regular patrolling in her area as a result of which the wild animals have got complete protection from poachers. She participated in large no. of forest raids and arrest of 8 no. of accused persons. She is responsible for 8 no. of PR cases, and seizure of large amount of forest produce. She also participated in large no of forest raids resulting in seizure of teeth of leopard and other forest produce. She has done great work for forest fire mitigation and conducted large no. of awareness meetings for prevention of forest fire. Her performance in the field of afforestation has been very good and the survival percentage in the plantations raised by her is above 95%.

Sri Sibaram Sabat

Forest Guard

Range : Devagiri

Division : Parlakhemundi Forest



Sri Sibaram Sabat, Forest Guard, Devagiri Range of Parlakhemundi Forest Division has done very good work in the field of forest protection, wildlife management and Joint Forest management. He has ensured regular patrolling in his area as a result of which the wild animals have got complete protection from poachers. He is very good in catching snakes and he has utilized this ability to remove and rescue snakes from the houses of common people. He is responsible for 15 no. of PR cases, 118 no. of OR cases and seizure of large amount of forest produce. He also participated in large no of forest raids resulting in seizure of JCB, Tractor, Tipper etc. His efforts in the seizure of red sanders and sandalwood are also praiseworthy. Regarding his performance in JFM, he is responsible for the formation of 4 no. of VSS and large no. of awareness meetings for prevention of forest fire.



Miss Sinismita Marai

Forest Guard

Range : Barkote

Division : Deogarh Forest

Miss Sinismita Marai, Forest Guard, of Deogarh Forest Division has done very good work in the field of forest protection, wildlife management and Joint Forest management. She has ensured regular patrolling in her area as a result of which the wild animals have got complete protection from poachers. She participated in 3 no. of forest raids and arrest of 9no. of accused persons. She is responsible for 5 no. of PR cases, 117 no. of OR cases and seizure of large amount of forest produce. She also participated in large no of forest raids resulting in seizure of motorized vehicles. Regarding her performance in JFM, she is responsible for the formation of 4 no. of VSS and large no. of awareness meetings for prevention of forest fire. Her performance in the field of afforestation has been very good and the survival percentage in the plantations raised by her is above 95%.

Sri Sunil Ranjan Routray

Forest Guard

Range : Kanika (WL)

Division : Rajnagar (WL)



Sri Sunil Ranjan Routray, Forest Guard, is a young, dynamic and highly enthusiastic frontline staff who is an asset for the forest department. He has been instrumental in adopting new technological initiatives like DGPS mapping of forest areas, OFMS module for field work execution, camera trap installation for wildlife monitoring, intensive use of patrolling and ecological app for enforcement and wildlife estimation activities. His extensive awareness has resulted in reduced human- crocodile conflicts and successful rescue of stray wild animals. He has been successfully supervising all ecotourism activities in Dangamal Bhitarkanika complex, which is one of the highest revenue earning community based ecotourism initiative of the State through EDC mobilization, facilitation of eco-tourists & co-ordination with boat owners and nature guides. His out of the box initiative “Bhitarkanika Mangrove Mitra” for voluntary mangrove plantation in private plots and development of Mangrove Meta Nursery, Dangamal in Bhitarkanika Wetlands is praiseworthy.



Sri Subhendu Bhuyan

Forest Guard, Sinkol Beat

Range : Hindol

Division : Dhenkanal Forest

Sri Subhendu Bhuyan, Forest Guard is a very sincere worker and his performance is of the highest standard. He joined as Forest Guard in Sinkol Beat on dt.22.08.2022 and subsequently taken over additional charge of Hindol Beat and in-charge of Hindol Section. During his tenure he has performed his duties sincerely and efficiently for protection of forest, wildlife in Kandhara R.F. and Nandinia R.F. Because of his sincere efforts 20 no. of OR cases, 33 no. of UD cases related to timber and 15 no. of OR cases and 29 no. of UD cases related to wildlife have been booked by him. He has also seized 252.602 cum timber, 16.5 qtl firewood and 19 no. of motorized & non-motorized vehicles. He has raised very successful plantations. He is also a very good sports person.

Sri Umakanta Sahu

Forest Guard

Range : Tarava (KL)

Division : Bolangir (KL)



Sri Umakanta Sahu, Forest Guard in Tarava (KL) Range of Bolangir (KL) Division has done excellent work in the field of production and processing of Kendu leaves. He has consistently achieved the target of KL production at a very reasonable rate of Kerry consumption. The level of Padta achieved is commendable. Such achievement was possible only because of high level of skill and acumen acquired by him. Because of his sincerity and dedication he was able to achieve a very high value of average sale price. This achievement becomes more remarkable as average sale price has been consistently recording high value. This is a great indicator of quality processing, binding and bagging of Kendu Leaves. This also reflects the high level of trust reposed by Kendu Leaves purchasers in the ability of Sri Umakanta Sahu and his supporting staff. Such persons are valuable assets to the Kendu Leave wing of Forest Department.

LIST OF PREVIOUS YEAR AWARDS WINNERS

State Forestry Award Winners - 2021

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Sri Pitamber Sethi Satakosia WL Range Karanja
	2.	Miss Dibya Madhury Sethi Boipariguda Range Jeypore
Forester	1.	Sri Byasadeba Sahoo Balangir-I Section Balangir
	2.	Sri Bibhuti Bhusan Tarai Ekakula Section Mangrove Forest Division(WL), Rajnagar
	3.	Sri Sashikanta Behera Dalijoda Range Cuttack
	4.	Sri Prabhat Kumar Dora Section-Baliguda Range-Baliguda Balliguda
	5.	Sri Buddhadev Sahu Range-Deogaon (WL) Section-Harichandanpur Keonjhar (WL)
	6.	Miss Suryakanti Nag Bhawanipatna(KL) Range Bhawanipatna(KL)
Forest Guard	1.	Sri Rajanikanta Meher Kutrukhamar Beat Kalahandi North
	2.	Sri Manas Ranjan Pattnaik Khordhae Beat City Forst

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	3.	Sri Ipsit Ray Nayak Dalijoda Range Cuttack
	4.	Sri Durga Prasad Das Merikot Beat Ghumusar South
	5.	Sri Ashok Kumar Polaki Khandara Beat Paralakhemundi
	6.	Miss Debasmita Rout Hadagarh (WL) Beat Keonjhar (WL)
	7.	Sri Bikash Kumar Bhujabal Digdiga Beat Baripada
	8.	Sri Jitendra Kumar Malla Kodinga Beat Rayagada
	9.	Sri Rajesh Jyotishi Panposh Beat Rourkela
	10.	Sri Amit Kumar Behera Mahuldidi Beat Bonai
	11.	Sri Debilal Banjara Gandpali Beat Bargarh
	12.	Smt Sumitav Tripathy Saintala (KL) Range Titilagarh (KL)

State Forestry Award Winners - 2020

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Rabi Narayan Mohanty Deuli Baripada Forest Division
	2.	Sri Bijaya Kumar Khuntia Balangir Balangir Forest Division
Forester	1.	Sri Susanta Kumar Bug Betnoti/Betnoti Baripada Division
	2.	Smt. Kshiralata Naik Mathili/Salimi Malkangiri Division
	3.	Sri Hemanta Kumar Mishra Khalasuni/ Khalasuni Bamra (WL) Division
	4.	Sri Rabindra Kumbhar Manmunda/Gundulia Boudh Division
	5.	Sri Asutosh Singh Kalimela (KL)/ Kalimela (KL)Section Jeypore (KL) Division
	6.	Sri Parakhita Sahu Patnagarh (KL) Range/ Pipaldabar Section Patnagath KL Division
Forest Guard	1.	Sri Rashmi Ranjan Rout Deogaon (WL)/Gargadbaha Keonjhar (KL) Division

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	2.	Sri Bijay Kumar Sethi Deuli/ Kantisahi Baripada Division
	3.	Sri Gupta Prasad Mohanty Umerkote/Thora Nabarangapur Division
	4.	Sri Dwipti Ranjan Naik Malkangiri/ Malkangiri Bear-I Malkangiri Division
	5.	Sri Deepak Mohanty Chhendipada Range, Similipal Beat Angul Division
	6.	Smt. Hemachandan Nayak Kmakhyanagar (W), Mohulpal Beat Dhenkanal Division
	7.	Sri Deepak Pradhan Lakhanpur Range, Jhagadabehera Beat Bamra (WL) Division
	8.	Sri Priya Ranjan Sarangi Kesinga Range , Kesinga Beat Kalahandi (N) Division
	9.	Sri D. Lachhanita Reddy Phiringia Range, Phiringia Beat Phulbani Division
	10.	Sri Bijaya Kumar Moharana Kasinagar Range, Kasinagar Beat Parlakhemundi Division
	11.	Sri Santosh Kumar Pradhan Gania Range, Gania Beat Nayagarh Division
	12.	Sri Pradeep Kumar Bhoi Ghasian (KL) Range, Chhualiudar Section Patnagar (KL) Division

State Forestry Award Winners - 2019

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Saroj Kumar Mishra Manamunda Boudh Forest Division
	2.	Sudhanshu Chandra Sahani Kuarmunda Rourkela Division
Forester	1.	Sri Dambru Dhar Pradhan Bhawanipatna Range Bhawanipatna Section Kalahandi (North)
	2.	Sri Sachidananda Parida Boipariguda Range, Mathapada Section Jeypore Division
	3.	Sri Pitabash Mohapatra Dalijora Range Byree Section Cuttack Division
	4.	Sri Ganesh Prasad Lenka Nilagiri (WL) Range Mitrapur Section Balasore (WL)
	5.	Sri Artatrana Mirdha Ghantapada (KL) Range Masinagora (KL) Section Boudh (KL) Division
	6.	Sri Ramesh Chandra Sahu Padampur (KL) Range Paikamal (KL) Section Padampur (KL) Division

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Guard	1.	Smt. Priyanjali Pradhan Balliguda Range , Barakhama Beat Balliguda Division
	2.	Sri Ashish Kumar Meher Manamunda Range , Gundulia Beat Boudh Division
	3.	Sri Ashok Kumar Nayak Rasgovindpur Range, Morada Beat Baripada Division
	4.	Sri Malaya Kumar Sahoo Anandapur (WL) Range, Anandapur Beat Keonjhar (WL) Division
	5.	Hemabati Sahoo Banki Range, Birtola Beat Rourkela Division
	6.	Sri Kamal Lochan Pradhan Chhendipada Range, Kanoloi Beat Angul Division
	7.	Sri Aswini Kumar Sahoo Dalijora Range, Dehurigada Beat Cuttack Division
	8.	Sri Gopal Krushna Bharati Boipariguda Range , Kenduput Beat Jeypore Division
	9.	Sri B. Bhaskar Rayagada Range Gumma Beat Rayagada Division
	10.	Sri Prasant Kumar Sahoo Badmal Range, Badmal Beat Rairakhol Division
	11.	Sri Bibekananda Santra Jeypore (KL) Range Jeypore (KL) Division
	12.	Sri Nabin Chandra Bariha Deogarh (KL) Range/ Incharge of Chhuriabahal (KL) Deogarh (KL) Division

State Forestry Award Winners - 2018

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Sri Babaji Charan Roul Bolangir Bolangir Forest Division
	2.	Sri Sribatsha Kumar Pradhan Jarda (KL) Kuchinda (KL) Division
Forester	1.	Sri Babul Kumar Sethy Mujagada / Bhanjanagar Gh. North Division
	2.	Sri Shesadev Meher Manamunda/ Manamunda Boudh Forest Division
	3.	Sri Sanjaya Kumar Pradhan Kanika (WL)/ Talchua Mangrove Forest Division (WL)
	4.	Sri Laxmikanta Sahoo Dabugam / Dabugam Nabarangapur Forest Division
	5.	Sri Rajlba Sahoo Tamra / Tamra Bonai Forest Division
	6.	Sri Manas Ranjan Sahu Bamparda (KL)/Badkuar (KL) Deogarh (KL) Division
Forest Guard	1.	Sri Pradip Kumar Sahoo Athagarh/ Athagarh Sadar/ Athagarh Sadar Athagarh Division

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	2.	Smt Menaka Naik Badam Padhad/Suleipat/ Suleipat Rairangpur Division
	3.	Sri Jyoti Ranjan Majhi Brahmanapal (WL)/Daitari (WL)/ Talapada Keonjhar (WL) Division
	4.	Sri Balaram Pradhan Rampur/ Rampur/ Rampur Rairakhol Division
	5.	Sri Prabhat Kumar Dora Balliguda/ Balliguda/ Balliguda Balliguda Division
	6.	Sri Ashok Kumar Pradhan Kantamal/ Kantamal/ Kantamal Boudh Division
	7.	Sri Gupteswar Rout Kotpad/ Chandili/ Chandili Jeypore Division
	8.	Sri Tapan Kumar Saha Mathili/Govindapalli/Govindapalli Malkangiri Division
	9.	Jyotrimayee Pattnaik Keonjhar/ Naranpur/ Naranpur Keonjhar Division
	10.	Sri Kapileswar Behera Banki/ Banki/ Banki Rourkela Division
	11.	Smt. Banita Sabar Sinapali (KL) Range/Kendumunda-I (KL) Section Khariar (KL) Division
	12.	Smt. Anupama Sahu Kandhal (KL)/Nalbandh (KL) Deogarh (KL) Division

State Forestry Award Winners - 2017

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Sri Laxmidhara Behera Bisoi Range Rairangpur Forest Division
	2.	Sri Dhanurjaya Mohapatra Dabugaon Range Nabarangapur Forest Division
Forester	1.	Sri Vevekananda Jena Kuldida (WL) Section Balasore (WL) Division
	2.	Sri Jagannath Prasad Bisoi Nabarangapur Section/ Range Nabarangapur Forest Division
	3.	Sri Prakash Chandra Bisoi Mohendra Range/ Garabandha Section Parlakhemundi Forest Division
	4.	Sri Kapilendra Pradhan Rajnagar (WL) Range/ Section Mangrove Forest (WL) Division, Rajnagar
	5.	Sri Debasis Behera Kotameta (KL) Range Joypore (KL) Division
	6.	Maneesha Majhi Jujumura (KL) Section Sambalpur (KL) Division
Forest Guard	1.	Sri Trinath Samal Dukura/Tadki/ Dukura Baripada Division


Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	2.	Ms. Ganeswari Singh Upper Barakamuda (WL)/ Upper Barakamuda (WL)/Matughar Dy. Director, Simillipal Tiger Reserve, Baripada (STR Core)
	3.	Sri Sushil Kumar Jena Athagarh Forest/Rajnagar/Rajnagar Athagarh Division
	4.	Sri A. Manoj Nabarangapur/ Papadhandi/ Deer Park Papadhandi Nabarangapur Division
	5.	Sri Arun Kumar Jena Boriguma/Boriguma/Kaliaguda Jeypore Division
	6.	Sri Rajib Kumar Patra Berhampur/Chatrapur/Chatrapur Berhampur Division
	7.	Sri Sudam Kumar Bag Sinapali/Darlipada/Darlipada Khariar Division
	8.	Sri Lokanatha Behera Bhubaneswar/Khandagiri/khandagiri City Forest Division
	9.	Sri Landu Kirai Remal/Rengalbeda/Rengalbeda Deogarh Division
	10.	Sri Somya Ranjan Panda Saintala(KL)/ Titilagarh(KL) Titilagarh(KL) Division
	11.	Kumari Khiromani Harijan Balimela(KL)/ Balimela(KL) Jeypore(KL) Division
	12.	Sri Jyoti Ranjan Bhokta Rajgangpur(KL)/Rajgangpur(KL) Rourkela(KL) Division

State Forestry Award Winners - 2016

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
Forest Ranger	1.	Sri Subas Chandra Khuntia Koraput Range Koraput Forest Division Koraput Circle
	2.	Sri Surendranath Hembram Anandapur (WL) Range Keonjhar (WL) Division Rourkela Circle
Forester	1.	Sri Sandeep Panigrahi Malkangiri-A(K.L) Section, Malkangiri (K.L) Range Jeypore (K.L) Division Bolangir (K.L) Circle
	2.	Sri Prashanta Kumar Behera Balidiha Section Pithabata Range, Baripada Forest Division, Baripada Circle
	3.	Sri Nilanchal Jena Lakhanpur Section Lakhanpur (WL) Range Hirakud (WL) Division Sambalpur Circle
	4.	Sri Jayakrushna Patnaik, Sonapur Section Sonapur Range Subarnapur Forest Division Bhawanipatna Circle

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	5.	Sri Anil Kumar Naik Nuadihi (KL) Section Rengalbeda (K.L) Range Deogarh (K.L) Division Sambalpur (K.L) Circle
	6.	Sri Nabakishore Naik Brahmanipal (WL) Section Brahmanipal (WL) Range Keonjhar (WL) Division Rourkela Circle
Forest Guard	1.	Sri Ranjan Kumar Pani Rajnagar (South) Beat Rajnagar Section Rajnagar (WL) Range Mangrove Forest (WL) Division Bhubaneswar Circle
	2.	Sri Abhimanyu Majhi Ramgiri (KL) Section Jeypore (KL) Range Jeypore (KL) Division Bolangir (K.L) Circle
	3.	Miss. Ahalya Sahu I/c Dholbandh Section Melchhamunda (K.L) Range Padampur (K.L) Division Bolangir (K.L) Circle
	4.	Sri Satyaranjan Jena Pithabata-I Beat Pithabata Section Pithabata (WL) Range Dy. Director, STR, Baripada Baripada Circle

Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	5.	Sri Santosh Kumar Sahu Parlakhemundi-I Beat Devgiri Range Parlakhemundi Division Berhampur Circle
	6.	Sri Rasananda Pradhan Nuasahi Beat Tarasingi Section Tarasingi Range Ghumsur (North) Division Berhampur Circle
	7.	Smt. Anita Nayak Janda Beat Bamra (WL) Division Sambalpur Circle
	8.	Sri Goutam Kumar Swain Majurmunda Beat Jayanagar Section Jeypore Range Jeypore Forest Division Koraput Circle
	9.	Sri Gunanidhi Parida Khaprakhol Beat Khaprakhol Section Harisankar Range Bolangir Forest Division Bhawanipatna Circle
	10.	Smt. Sunita Kindo Pithabhuin Section Lephripara Range Rourke (KL) Division Sambalpur (K.L) Circle



Category	Sl. No.	Name and address of Awardee
	11.	Sri Abinash Parida Anandapur Beat Anandpur (WL) Range Keonjhar (WL) Division Rourkela Circle
	12.	Sri Dilip Kumar Mishra Mancheswar & I/c Kalarahanga Beat Mancheswar Section Mancheswar Range City Forest Division Bhubaneswar Circle

