

Legal training workshop from 11-13th Feb.2011 at Sariska Tiger Reserve

The Sariska legal training workshop is exclusively aimed at providing hard core on field legal training to the forest officers. Having laid great emphasis on understanding and grasping the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, Indian Evidence Act and the Criminal Procedure Code, the resource faculty of Tiger Trust now wishes to strengthen the investigation skills of the forest officers. It is utmost necessary for an officer to take appropriate cognizance of any crime or any suspicious movement which may eventually lead to a crime. An efficient investigation of a matter undoubtedly leads to successful prosecution.

Ms. Anjana Gosain and Mr. Manjit Singh Ahluwalia would be giving mock cases to the trainees to carry on the spot investigation. The mock case would be based on the facts of real cases adjudicated before the Hon'ble High Court or the District Courts. The trainees would be expected to take appropriate cognizance of the mock crime and prepare seizure-memo and seizure report. By way of such mock trial of cases we attempt to familiarize the trainees with the steps/measures to be taken during the on-spot investigation of a crime.

The trainees would be also be accompanied by Dr.Parag Nigam who would demonstrate the relevance of forensic sciences and procedure to identify body parts and collect evidences. He would also give steps for tranquilizing the animal in case of man-animal conflict. The trainees would continue with rest of the filed preparations. There forms and details of the documents shall be checked on the spot by the faculty and would be required to prepare a fresh the same in the evening.

The last day would be devoted to address the queries and the difficulties faced by the trainees while carrying out the on-field investigation by the public prosecutor, judicial faculty and the resource faculty of Tiger Trust. The trainees would also be assessed on the basis of their performance in the field exercise. A small session would also be devoted to the man-animal conflict, one of the primary reasons behind the declining tiger population. Situations arising out of man-animal conflict and the steps to deal with such situations would also be discussed in detail.