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Training on "Conservation and Management of coastal ecosystems" organized by FRI

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Forest Research Institute is organizing a training programme for commandants of Indian Coast Guards from Jan 11 to 15. The topic of training is "Conservation and Management of Coastal Ecosystems". The purpose of the training is to sensitize the officers of Coast Guards with the marine ecosystems and marine protected areas and their management in India.

The interaction of coastal ecosystems with coast guard commandants would be helpful in sensitizing about important flora and fauna of the coastal areas, which need to be protected also for sustaining biodi-

versity.

Eminent faculties from various institutes like Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee; Traffic office, New Delhi, Indian Metrological Dept, New Delhi; Forest Survey of India, FRI etc. are interacting with commandants on coastal areas issues viz. use of remote sensing in coastal ecosystem management, use of advance techniques in monitoring and vigilance along ecological sensitive areas of coastal zones, mapping of mangroves, livelihood issues of coastal areas, coastal disastrous, protection and management of coastal protected areas. Twelve commandants from



Indian Coast Guards are participating in this training programme.

Dr. Savita, Director, Forest Research Institute inaugurated the training. She addressed the Coast Guard commandants and said that they not only protect the coasts of India from enemies but they should also protect endangered flora and fauna of the sea of India.

She also emphasized on control of coastal pollution, which should also be a responsibility of Coast Guards.

Dr Neelu Gera, Head Silviculture Division welcomed the commandants of Coast Guards of India. The training is coordinating by V K Dhawan, Research Officer from FRI.