Alumni Association Organises Felicitation Ceremony for IFS Achievers at College of Forestry, Sirsi

Venue: Auditorium: College of Forestry, Sirsi **Date:** 17-10-2026

The Alumni Association of the College of Forestry, Sirsi, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, organised a **Felicitation Ceremony for IFS Achievers and an Interactive Session with Students** on 17 October 2026 at the College of Forestry, Sirsi.

The programme felicitated two distinguished alumni who achieved success in the Indian Forest Service (IFS) examination: **Mr. Basavaraj Kempawad (Batch 2019–2023), All India Rank 1, and Mr. Deekshith N. (Batch 2016–2020), All India Rank 14**. Both achievers attended the programme as IFS probationers and shared their experiences and insights with the students.

The event was presided over by Dr. C. K. Venugopal, Dean (Forestry), College of Forestry, Sirsi. Dr. S. S. Inamati, Professor and Head, Department of Forest Resource Management and President of the Alumni Association, and Dr. Hanumantha M., Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Forest Products and Utilization and Treasurer of the Alumni Association, were present along with the heads of departments, faculty members, students and alumni (Virtually connected).

The achievers interacted with students, sharing their preparation strategies, experiences and perspectives on pursuing a career in the Indian Forest Service. The programme also inspired students, particularly newly admitted first-year students, to aspire to excellence in forestry and public service while strengthening the bond between alumni and the institution. An online interactive session was also organised, enabling alumni to participate virtually and engage with the achievers.

The programme served as an inspiring platform for students to learn from successful alumni, strengthening the bond between the institution and its alumni. The event reaffirmed the Alumni Association’s commitment to motivating students, celebrating alumni achievements and fostering a culture of excellence in forestry education and public service.