

PRESSNOTE

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National Forest Martyrs Day observed at FRI

To commemorate foresters who had laid down their lives to protect forests and wildlife, National Forest Martyrs Day was observed today on 11 September, 2017 at Forester Memorial, Brandis Road inside Forest Research Institute, Dehradun campus. Dr S.C. Gairola, IFS, Chief Guest and Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dr. Sashi Kumar, Director, IGNFA, Dr. Savita, Director, FRI, Dr. Ajay Kumar, PCCF Regional Office, DDG's, ICFRE and other Senior officials and employees of ICFRE & FRI paid floral tributes on the foresters memorial at FRI to honor and remember all men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for forests and wildlife. He recalled that on this day in 1730, over 360 people of Bishnoi tribe community were killed in Khejarli, now in Rajasthan, when they had objected felling of Khejri trees, by the king of Jodhpur. He also pointed out that about 1400 foresters have so far attained martyrdom while safeguarding country's forest wealth and wildlife in India, which is quite high as compared to the Asian and other countries of the world.

National Foresters Martyrs Day was attended by a large number of employees from ICFRE, FRI, CASFoS, IGNFA including IFS Probationers, officers and employees of Regional Office, Students of FRI Deemed University were also present on this occasion. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of the martyrs.