

## **Mission Life Pledge administered to IMA Officers and Gentlemen Cadets by FRI on 1st May**

On the 9th of May 2023, a remarkable joint Symposium on "Climate Change and Environment & Forest Conservation" was held at the conference hall of the academic building, Sam Manekshaw Block of IMA Dehradun, organized by FRI and Indian Military Academy Dehradun. This event marked the first-ever initiative by FRI and IMA Dehradun to raise awareness on the crucial topics of environment and forest conservation.

Ms. Richa Misra, Head Silviculture Division, FRI delivered a detailed talk on 'Mission Life' a Government of India initiative, during the symposium.

LIFESTYLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT PLEDGE was administered by Richa Misra. Meanwhile, Mr. Neelesh Yadav, Scientist & in-charge (IT& GIS Discipline), briefed the audience on the need, genesis, and conceptualization of this joint symposium.

The event saw Research Scholars of FRI Deemed University and Gentleman Cadets (GCs) of IMA presenting their in-depth research and findings on various topics such as "Project Tiger: 50 Years of Wildlife Conservation in India", "Climate Change and its Impact on Life" and "Forest and Wildlife Conservation Law". Additionally, the GCs delivered a presentation on the "Role of the Indian Army in Environment sustainability". The symposium also included a fruitful question-answer session that provided insights into the audience's thoughts and concerns.

Towards the end of the symposium, Colonel Vivek Venkat of the Indian Military Academy shared his concluding remarks on the significance of forest and wildlife conservation laws to the Indian army. In conclusion, mementos were distributed by Deputy Commandant Major General Alok Joshi of IMA to all presenters and officers of Forest Research Institute, making the event a memorable and successful one. All GCs, and officer of the Indian Military Academy was present during the symposium.

