DEVELOPMENT CIRCLE

Training Centres

Presently there are three training centres functioning:

- 1. The West Bengal Forest School at Dow Hill, Kurseong (established in 1907) and the Forestry Training Centre at Rajabhatkhawa (established in 1983). Both the training centres presently have the capacity of 60 trainees each.
- 2. The State Forest Training Institute at Hijli, Kharagpur (Commissioned in 2016) and have a capacity of 120 trainees. To pertain training to the forester of this state this new campus has been constructed at Mouza-PaschimPathri, JL-186 with an extent on forest land of 11.74 ha funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The entire works will be completed in two phases. In first phase an amount of Rs.927.47 lakh and in second phase Rs.189 lakh has been estimated. For first phase an amount of Rs.371 lakh has been released and an amount of Rs.84 lakh also has been provided from Sate Fund for construction of boundary wall in first phase. The proposed site is just beside the IIT, Kharagpur campus and adjacent to Hijli College. It was inaugurated by Mamata Banerjee, Honourable Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal in February 2016.
- 3. Field accommodation for the use of trainees during their educational tours are located in different places. They are at Sukna, Bamanpokhri, Muhammad Bazar of Birbhum ,Hizli (Kharagpur) and Bishnupur (Bankura).



Administrative Office cum Training Center, WBFS Dowhills



Administrative Office, SFTI, Hijli





Hostel Hijli

Museum, WBFS, Dowhill