

**VISIT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL,
INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH & EDUCATION, DEHRADUN TO
INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS & TREE BREEDING, COIMBATORE**

29.10.17 & 30.10.17

Shri. S.C. Gairola, IFS, DG, ICFRE was on a two day visit to Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore on 29.10.17 and 30.10.17. DG, ICFRE was formally received by Director, IFGTB, GCR and the Heads of the Division on 29.10.17. He had informal interaction in the evening with all the Heads of the divisions and Scientists of IFGTB.

DG, ICFRE inaugurated the VAM biofertilizer production unit facility at IFGTB on 30.10.17. This facility is programmed to mass produce VAM biofertilizer (IFGTB, tree growth booster) for sale to different stakeholders. This unit has a present production capacity of 500 kg/annum. He also visited the GASS Forest Museum in the campus wherein he emphasized the need for initiating efforts for new collections of specimens and creating more space for the exhibits.

On the eve of the Vigilance Awareness week 30th October - 4th November, DG, ICFRE administered the pledge of Vigilance Awareness in the auditorium of IFGTB at 10.00 am on 30.10.17. The pledge taking was attended by all HoDs, Officers, scientists, technical staff and research scholars of the institute. DG, ICFRE addressed the gathering on various important issues on functioning of the research institutions under ICFRE. He stressed the need for research institutions to devise and strategize programmes based on the priority areas of the Government. He outlined the slew of measures and actions taken by ICFRE on administrative matters of the technical staff and scientists for improvement of the working conditions in the organizations. The important decisions taken include implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission for ICFRE, periodic capacity building and in-service training programmes for the Scientists and Staff of ICFRE. DG, ICFRE emphasized the importance of new strategies for invigorating the extension activities of the research institutions for wider dissemination of research findings in form of science communication to reach common man. He also stressed the need for innovative approaches for connecting to people through Mega Tree Farmers' Mela and also the need to involve people representatives for greater reach of the programmes to the people. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the DG, ICFRE by Director, IFGTB.

Later, DG ICFRE visited the Bio-prospecting lab of IFGTB wherein he saw the works of the division in bringing out products viz., Vilvekam, Hy-Act, Tree-Pal, and Crawl clean – the bio-pesticides. The division has also formulated the Tree rich bio-booster acts as an alternate to

conventional potting mixture. Dr. Murugesan, Head of Division, Bio-prospecting & GCR informed DG, ICFRE on the need to rope in agencies/organization for commercialization of the products invented by the institutions, as it would lead to better popularization of commercial products.

DG, ICFRE took a review of various activities of the institution in the Conference hall of IFGTB, Coimbatore, the review was attended by Director, GCR, Heads of the Division, Officers and Scientists. DG, ICFRE requested all the members of the meeting to list priority actionable points according to the individual for the three levels viz., ICFRE, Institution and division/individual level for implementation. The individual priority list was collected from all the staff who had attended the meeting and handed over to DG, ICFRE.

The review meeting was relayed through Video Conferencing with ICFRE, Dehradun Headquarters. The VC was attended by DDG(Admn), DDG(Extn), ADG(Research), Secretary and ADG(Education). The Heads of the Division, Officers and Scientists was given an opportunity to present their priority suggestion by DG, ICFRE. On each suggested priority, the discussion was taken up by DG, ICFRE more specifically on issues on Administration, Extension, Research and Education. DG, ICFRE appreciated the innovative suggestions and requested scientists to frame up concept note on the suggested ideas for forwarding them to ICFRE, Headquarters.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks proposed by Director, IFGTB in the honour of DG, ICFRE.







