

IFP Holds II Stakeholders Meet in Jharkhand



Sh. R. Das, Director IFP welcomed the dignitaries and presented Institute's activities

Institute of Forest Productivity organized II Stakeholders Meet in the state of Jharkhand on 12th August 2011 which was attended by eminent forest officers, academicians, non-government organizations and progressive farmers of the state. At the outset Sh. R. Das, Director IFP welcomed the dignitaries and informed about the rationale and purpose of organization of stakeholders meets for setting research priorities of the state under research mandate of this institute. He also presented an overview of Institute's activities, resources and strengths. He informed the house about the following **ICFRE thrust area**:

- Managing Forests and forest products for livelihood support.
- Biodiversity conservation and ecological security.
- Forestry intervention for climate change mitigation and adaption.
- Management and improvement of forest genetic resources.

and the following '**Core Competency**' of the Institute:

- Forestry in fertile plains in the eastern part of India comprising Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Orissa.

Subsequently, follow up action of the I Stakeholders Meet held last year was placed before the house by Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist. The Chairman, Sh. B. D. Bhagat, Retd. PCCF undivided Bihar delivered his address and stressed upon the need of conducting demand-driven and practical forestry research with strong regional perspective for betterment of society.



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The members of the stakeholder's meet, discussed in length on the specific areas of the research where the Institute can address the problems faced in the state. Stress was given by the house on the strengthen of community based forestry with reference to livelihood promotion. The scientists were suggested for taking up projects/studies related to tree borne oil seeds.

To address the stakeholder's suggestions as per the core competency of the Institute, the Scientists proposed two thematic project concepts concerning with promotion of sustainable rural livelihood in Jharkhand.

1. Tree Borne Oil seeds (TBOs) in community lands for Improved Livelihoods of Vulnerable Groups of Eastern India
2. Promotion of integrated livelihood support through lac and tassar cultivation in Chotanagpur Plateau



Dr. Saniav Singh, Dr. B.N. Diwakara & Dr Arvind addressing to the house on new projects

The members observed that the Institute has given sufficient attention to the regional needs in formulation and implementation of research projects. Following common research priority areas were emerged, which may help scientists and researchers to formulate research projects for the forthcoming XIII RAG of the institute.

RECOMMENDATIONS :

- The propagation of *Lagerstroemia speciosa* and *Anogeneissus latifolia* may be taken up by the Institute. These two species are of special significance in Jharkhand as they can survive both on barren and degraded soil.
- Projects on vegetative propagation of Sal (*Shorea robusta*).
- Accentuate should be given on livelihood promotions of the rural communities through lac cultivation and NWFP's.
- The house requested the Director to set up a laboratory for estimation of active biochemicals of important species of Jharkhand.
- The scientists of the institutes were advised to take IC number of the accessions collected in different projects on different species from the NBPGR, New Delhi.

Prominent Participants:

Sh. B. D. Bhagat, Retd. PCCF undivided Bihar;
Sh. B. R. Ralhan, Managing Director, Jharkhand Forest Development Corporation;
Dr. R. Ramani, Director, Institute of Natural Gums & Resins, Ranchi;
Dr. J. B. Tomar, Head, NBPGR Regional Station, Ranchi;
Dr. B. N. Singh, Dean Forestry, Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi.
Dr. R. Kumar, Senior Scientist, Central Tasar Research & Training Institute, Ranchi;
Dr. S. Jha, Senior Scientist, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra.
Sh. Dileshwar Sahu, Progressive farmer, Pithoria, Ranchi.
Dr. A.K.Mandal, Scientis-G, IFP, Ranchi
Sh. T. S. Chowdhury, DCF, IFP, Ranchi
Dr. Malabika Ray, Scientist 'D', IFP, Ranchi
Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist 'D', IFP, Ranchi
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Sh. Bibhuti Deka, Research Officer, IFP, Ranchi
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