

2ND ICFRE REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

IDENTIFICATION OF RESEARCH NEEDS FOR ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS

23RD NOVEMBER 2017

&

ICFRE DIRECTORS' MEET

24TH NOVEMBER 2017

EVENT REPORT & GLIMPSES



AT

ARID FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JODHPUR

The **Second Regional Research Conference (RRC)** of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun was held at Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur on 23rd November 2017. The event was followed by the **ICFRE Directors' Meet** on 24th November 2017 at AFRI.

The Regional Research Conference with the aim of *“Identification of research needs for arid and semi-arid regions”* was presided over by the DG, ICFRE Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS as the chief guest of the inaugural session.

The conference was attended by the key ICFRE administration, all ICFRE institute directors, officials from various state forest departments, foresters, NGOs, progressive farmers, university faculty members, researchers from institutions of the regions as well as AFRI.

The One day RRC was started by lighting of the lamp by the DG, ICFRE and the dignitaries, symbolizing enlightening of the path for future endeavors



The Inaugural session had a welcome address by the Director AFRI – Dr I.D. Arya, followed by an address by DDG(Research) Dr. Neelu Gera who introduced the concept and ideology behind the conference. There after, the Guest of Honour Dr. D.K. Sharma, Addl. PCCF, Gujarat spoke on the occasion. The D.G. ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola, who was the chief guest of the conference gave the Inaugural address and flagged off the RRC to a momentous start. Dr. Vimal Kotiyal, ADG(RP) proposed the vote of thanks for the session.











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The Regional research conference was divided in to 5 technical sessions as follows::

Session I: Panel Discussion by PCCF's of the states

The session was chaired by The DG, ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola and Co. Chaired by The Director, CAZRI Dr. O.P. Yadav







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The session was followed by sapling plantation by the DG, ICFRE. And was followed by Hi-Tea.



**Session II: Forestry Research in the Arid and Semi-arid Regions of the country:
National Initiatives**

The Session was chaired by Sh. S.D. Sharma, Director(IC), ICFRE, Dehradun and co-chaired by Dr Dharmendra Verma, Director, State Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur. In this session following 5 overview presentations were made:

- a. Presentation by Director, AFRI, Jodhpur - Dr. I.D. Arya, followed by
- b. Director TFRI, Jabalpur - Dr. N. Roychoudhury
- c. Director CAZRI, Jodhpur, Dr. O.P. Yadav
- d. Director IFGTB Coimbatore, Dr. S. Murugasen
- e. Director IWST, Bengaluru, Sh. Surendra Kumar









Session III: Interactive session with stakeholders

The Session was chaired by Dr. Savita, Director FRI, Dehradun and Co-chaired by Mrs. Shruti Sharma, Addl. PCCF, Rajasthan. The session saw active participation from progressive farmers, NGO's university academicians and scientists from FSI and other organizations.







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Session IV: Working Groups on developing research needs (4 concurrent sessions)

The fourth technical session of the conference, was a split session and would run as 4 concurrent working groups on developing research needs, post-lunch. The working groups were as follows:

- a. The First Working Group on **“Landscape approach to combat desertification”**. The group leader : Madam Shruti Sharma, Addl. PCCF, Rajasthan and Group presenter is Dr. G. Singh, Scientist G & Head Forest Ecology Division. The venue for group: CONFERENCE HALL.
- b. The Second Working Group on **“Productivity Enhancement”**. The group leader : Dr. S.A Ansari, Director, IFG Ranchi; the group presenter Dr. Sarita Arya, Scientist F, FGTB Division, AFRI, Jodhpur. The venue : SEMINAR HALL.
- c. The Third Working Group **“Water conservation - technology interventions”**. The group leader :, Sh. Surendra Kumar, Director IWST, Bengaluru; the group presenter: Shri N. Bala, Scientist F, Forest Ecology Division, AFRI, Jodhpur. The venue for group : VIDEO CONFERENCING CUM BOARD ROOM.
- d. The Forth Working Group **“Conservation and sustainable utilization”**. The group leader is: Dr. V.P. Tewari, Director, HFRI, Shimla; and the group presenter is: Dr. Ranjana Arya, Scientist G & Head, NWFP Division. The venue : GCR ROOM.

The working groups carried the brainstorming discussions for 1 hour. The presenters of each working group presented the group recommendations and outcome of sessions in the session V.



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Session V: Working Group Presentations

The session was chaired by The DG, ICFRE. Dr. S.C. Gairoma and Co-chaired by Dr. Neelu Gera, DDG(Resarch). The working group presenters presented the outcomes of the previous concurrent sessions.





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Concluding session:

The concluding session of the Regional Research Conference was chaired by the DG ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola. The Director FRI, Dehradun, Dr. Savita along with Director AFRI, Dr. I.D. Arya were also present on the dias, who shared their views. The concluding remarks by the DG, ICFRE precisely consolidated the conference outcome and the future outlook of forestry research of the nation with special emphasis to research needs for the arid and semi-arid regions. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Director AFRI.





Directors' Meet

24th November 2017

The ICFRE Director's Meet was held on 24th November 2017 in the Chairmanship of the DG, ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola. Here are some glimpses:





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