

**Note on the Seminar
on
“Silvicultural Systems - Stock Taking and Future Recommendations”**

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A need had been felt among the foresters that the management of forests to meet objectives of "Conservation" and "Production" while striving to increase the forest cover requires specific silvicultural practices. This was reiterated by Sh. Sidhanta Das, DGF&SS, MOEF&CC, GoI, who advised during the inaugural session of 14th Silvicultural Conference held on 3-5 December, 2018 in Bangalore that ICFRE should work on and recommend Silvicultural Systems for 16 forest types in 3 different density classes under two categories of 'Conservation' and 'Production'. In line with the advice of DGF & SS, a seminar was organized on 02nd May 2019 to have serious deliberations on taking a review of Silvicultural Systems and suggest future course of action. The objectives of the seminar was to i) To take stock of past and present practices of silvicultural systems in India, ii) To deliberate on Silvicultural Systems in relevance to forest types of India, iii) To explore the scope of having Silvicultural Systems specific to the three density classes of forests and finally iv) To draw roadmap for future discourse and recommending of Silvicultural Systems specific to forest types and density classes of forests in India. The topics deliberated were a) "Silvicultural Systems – Stock taking and way forward for Conservation and Production" by Dr Mohit Gera, IFS, Director IFGTB, Coimbatore, b) "Perspectives on forest management and practice of silvicultural systems in Tamil Nadu" by Sh. V.Ganesan, IFS, CCF and FD, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, c) "Forest Resource Management – a brief analysis" by Sh. T.Rabikumar, IFS, Ex. Secretary NBA, CCF, J&K State Forest Department, d) "Silvicultural systems for the future" by Sh. I. Anwardeen, IFS, CCF Salem, Tamil Nadu State Forest Department, e) "Reviewing Forest Management and Setting Priorities for Kerala" by Sh. Pramod G Krishnan, IFS, CCF, Kerala State Forest Department and f) "Silvicultural systems for Himalayan Conifers – A review" by Dr K. Anand, IFS, CF, Lecturer, CASFOS. During the concluding session, Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS, Director, IFGTB summarized the house on the presentations that were delivered by the participants and flagged the issues of relevance to Silvicultural Systems. Recommendations and future course of actions were drawn in consensus with the experts. At the end of the seminar, vote of thanks was proposed by Sh. S. Senthilkumar, IFS, CCF and Head, SFM Division, IFGTB



Welcome Address by Dr. S. Murugesan, Group Coordinator Research, IFGTB



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Panel discussion and drawing of recommendations



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