



Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi

Visit of Dr. S.C.Gairola, Director General, ICFRE

July 11-12, 2019



Hon'ble Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Dr. Suresh Gairola, *IFS* visited the Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi on 11th July, 2019. He was accompanied by Dr. M.P.Singh, *IFS* APCCF, SFD, Jharkhand. During his visit to the Institute he reviewed the research projects and institutional activities of the institute in detail. He addressed the employees of the institute and asked them to work as per the restructured vision, mission and mandate of ICFRE and the institute. He urged the scientists to not work in isolation and to formulate research projects as per the priority research areas addressed by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. He opined that the research projects taken up by the institute should be critical as per global needs and objectives should be focused to achieve them. He was of the view that the achievements and findings of the project should have a national and global impact. He urged for cumulative efforts to increase forest cover.

During his deliberations he suggested to work towards enhancing productivity of the forests, climate change, carbon sequestration and mitigation and rejuvenation of river systems. He talked about invasive alien species and their negative effects to the environment that has become a nuisance for the herbivores. He informed that environmental changes would be irreversible with a 2^o increase in temperature and even the *Homo sapiens* may be in danger. He also urged all to reorient their personal interests in research activities, address the current environmental issues and work in the right direction to meet the institutional goals. He informed about the research approach components (i.e. AICRPs, Genetic improvement, Climate change, HRD plan, Extension action plan, Forest fires) of ICFRE for better outputs from the employees and recommended ways to achieve them.

The DG recommended the house to work towards the forestry linkages to air, soil and water and ways to improve and work on projects related to carbon sequestration, climate change, and forest tree cover including Artificial Natural Regeneration and agroforestry systems. He informed that the Ganga DPR was praised by the Ministry and hence, the rejuvenation of 13 river systems of the country have been taken up by ICFRE and the DPR work on river Mahanadi is to be done by IFP, Ranchi. He urged all to work towards the success of the project. He also stressed upon relevant and good publications to be taken out by the Institute and the Council to strengthen and showcase the research achievements and findings of the projects.

After the general meeting of the institute, the DG had a research review meeting with the scientists of the institute. During the meeting he suggested for the following reports to be drafted:

1. How to improve soil carbon in forests? The Managerial inputs and the Scientific inputs. [Dr. P.K.Das]
2. How to improve ERS (Environmental Research Station), Sukna and its revised mandates? Preparation of a vision document for 10 years for the Centre (work areas, programme, research projects). [Sh. P.C.Lakra]
3. Project on enhancing productivity and production of tendu leaves in Jharkhand. [Dr. Sanjay Singh]

He also met the senior officials of the State Forest Department, Jharkhand for an interactive meeting for increased cooperation and taking up research and development as a joint venture for benefit of the people and the State. Dr. H.S.Gupta, *IFS*, PCCF, SFD, Jharkhand suggested to work towards development of lac and tasar based agroforestry models for the State of Jharkhand, including *Acacia auriculiformis* as a component. He informed that the species has good timber value and is regularly used by tribals in various ways. He also recommended studies on *Adina cordifolia*, *Eucalyptus sps.* and *Dalbergia sisoo*. Dr. M.P.Singh suggested to work towards improvement of Teak and Mahogany in Jharkhand. Dr. Gupta also requested the DG, ICFRE to take up the rejuvenation work of Swarna Rekha river system which is an important river for the State of Jharkhand, in line with the MoEFF&CC river rejuvenation project that is being implemented by ICFRE, Dehradun. The DG, ICFRE has in principle agreed to take up the project, provided that the SFD, Jharkhand will fund the project in its entirety.



Welcome of the Dr. S.C.Gairola, Director General, ICFRE



Address by the DG, ICFRE



The scientists and officials of the institute



Release of book लाह एवं तसर उत्पादन



Meeting of DG with the scientists



Plantation at IFP, Ranchi by Dr. S.C.Gairola, DG, ICFRE



Plantation by Dr. M.P.Singh, IFS





Meeting with Dr. H.S.Gupta, *IFS*, PCCF, SFD, Jharkhand

