

Visit of Dr. S. C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) to Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (M.P.).

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The Hon'ble Director General of ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, arrived at Jabalpur on the evening of 11th April 2018 and was warmly received by Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director, scientists, officers and staff members of TFRI, Jabalpur. He dedicated the evening discussing about institutional progress with the scientists and officers of TFRI.

The activities of 18th April 2018 commenced by planting nine saplings by Dr. Gairola, followed by Dr. Rao and other senior scientists of TFRI. The plants includes *Butea monosperma*, *Ficus racemosa*, *Ficus religiosa*, *Acacia catechu*, *Cynodon dactylan*, *Rauvolfia serpentina*, *Achyranthus aspera*, *Prosopis cineraria* and *Calotropis procera* in the presence of all the scientists, officers and staff members of TFRI. Subsequently, Dr. Gairola visited the Betel-Gmelina Agroforestry model and Dr. Nanita Berry, Head Agroforestry briefed him about the model's prospects in enhancing livelihood of farmers and stakeholders.

In the conference hall of Genetics and Plant Propagation Division the esteemed Director General of ICFRE, Dr. S.C. Gairola was formally welcomed by the Director TFRI in presence of scientists and officers of TFRI and CFRHRD, Chhindwada. Thereafter, Dr. Rao gave a brief presentation on the institutional, research, extension and other activities carried out by different divisions of the institute. He also presented the six AICRP projects proposed by TFRI. Dr. Gairola, appreciated Dr. Rao's efforts and active involvement in shaping the institute towards excellence in a very short duration of only two months of his joining as Director TFRI. He strictly examined all the AICRP projects and extended his precious suggestions. In his address to the scientific community, Dr. Gairola directed the scientists to work on the need based projects so as to address specific problems. He also added that the project should be designed to achieve its clear cut deliverables in as much as short duration as can be possible. The Director, TFRI assured DG for incorporation of all his valuable suggestions in AICRP and also proposed demand driven projects in future.



Thereafter, Dr. S.C. Gairola met all the scientists, officers and staff members of the institute in the conference hall of Extension Division. He was welcomed with a bouquet by Shri Rambhajan Singh, president of Staff Association. In his address to the gathering, DG informed about the introduction of Employee's Welfare Awards in the Council to encourage and appreciate the staff working under the umbrella of ICFRE, wherebest performers selected from each institute will be awarded at ICFRE level. He urged the staff to work hard for their personal growth as well as for the welfare of the council.

At last, he thanked the Director and all the people of TFRI for his warm welcome and hospitality. On the occasion, he released four technical bulletins namely "**Status of *Dalbergialatifolia* – an important vulnerable tree in central India**" written by Dr. Fatima Shirin, "**Clonal propagation of *Bambusa vulgaris* var. green through mini cuttings**" by Dr. Yogeshwar Mishra, "**Model guidelines for management of white grubs in forest nurseries**" by Dr. Nitin Kulkarni and "**Maida chaal(*Litseaglutinosa*)- status and conversation**" compiled by Dr. Naseer Mohammad. A pictorial catalogue named "**Birds of TFRI campus**" an elaborate and painstaking work of Dr. Sumit Chakrabarti having collection of 170 resident and migratory birds of the institute campus was also released by DG, ICFRE.

The programme was concluded by vote of thanks by Shri Chaturbhuj Behera *IFS*, Head of Office. He thanked the Hon'ble Director General, Dr. S.C. Gairola for sparing valuable time from his busy schedule to bless TFRI and visiting twice during last six months. He also thanked DG for his valuable suggestions and motivational words. Lastly, he thanked the Director and all the members of TFRI and also all the press/ media persons to make the event successful from their co-operation and support.



Glimpses of the events



Plantation activity by Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, ICFRE



Dr. G. Rajeshwar Rao, Director of TFRI planting the seedling





Visit of Dr. Gairola to Betel – *Gmelina* Agroforestry plantation site





Welcome of DG, ICFRE with bouquet in Conference Hall of Genetics Division



Interaction of DG DR. S.C. Gairola with Scientists of TFRI





Welcome of DG, ICFRE with bunch of flowers in Conference Hall of Extension Division



A pictorial catalogue named "**Birds of TFRI campus**" released by DG, ICFRE





Release of technical bulletins by DG, ICFRE Dr. S.C. Gairola



Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General address the gathering

