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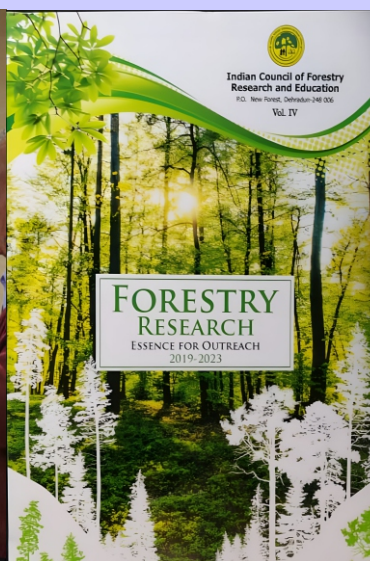
Indian Council of
Forestry Research
and Education

62nd Board of Governors Meeting

- 62nd Board of Governors Meeting was held on 28th November 2024 at MoEF&CC, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Leena Nandan, IAS, Secretary, MoEF&CC & Vice Chairmanship of Mr. Jitendra Kumar, IFS, DGF&SS, MoEFF&CC. The meeting was attended by BoG members, Mrs. Kanchan Devi, DG, ICFRE, senior officials of Ministry & ICFRE. Two publications on “Forestry Research Essence of Outreach 2019-23” and “Managing Short Rotation Teak- A Planter's Guide” were also released during the meeting.



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Release of Forestry Research Essence of Outreach 2019-23 & Managing Short Rotation Teak- A Planter's Guide

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2024

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was celebrated by ICFRE, Dehradun and its institutes on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda on 26th November 2024.



Constitution Day

- ICFRE and its institutes celebrated Indian Constitution Day on 26th November 2024



Mission LIFE

ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

- 20 students along with teachers from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Devgarh, Kotkhai, Shimla visited ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla on 25th November 2024. They were made aware about the various activities under Mission LIFE.



Visit of students from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Devgarh, Kotkhai, Shimla visited ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla

ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

- ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun organized an awareness programme on Lifestyle for Environment for under privileged children and women on 18th November 2024 at Bindal Basti, Dehradun. They were also made aware about Mission LIFE.



Awareness programme on “Lifestyle for Environment” by ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun

Significant Research Finding

ICFRE-Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

- Standardized storage protocols and extended the storage potential of the six species under low temperature storage condition viz *Ficus benghalensis*-35 months, *Ficus religiosa*-35 months, *Acacia catechu*-36 months, *Chukrassia tabularis*- 36 months, *Albizia lebbek*-30 months and *Dalbergia sissoo*-30 months.

ICFRE-Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

- About 200 high yielding Eucalyptus clones were multiplied and established 21 clonal trials across the country. Inter-specific hybrids were produced using high breeding value clones of Eucalyptus and three Hybrid progeny trials established. Imported 6 Eucalyptus species (*E. pellita*, *E. urophylla*, *E. cloeziana*, *E. sideroxylon*, *E. moluccana* and *E. longirostrata*) from CSIRO, Australia and three base populations established. Multiplied 25 high breeding value clones of Eucalyptus through cleft grafting and established one CSO (1 ha) near Chennai.

Workshops/Seminars/Meetings

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education

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| 1. | Preparation of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan for Kalai-II (1200 MW) Hydro Electric Project located in District Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh | 28 th November 2024 | Participants from THDCIL, Rishikesh |
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ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

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| 3. | The Neglected Pollinator: Understanding the Importance of Lesser-Known Insect Texa in Pollination | 29 th November 2024 | Scientists, Researchers and Officers of HFRI, Shimla |
| 4. | Issues and Challenges in the Contemporary World-2024 | 08 th to 10 th November 2024 | Scientists, Researchers and Officers of HFRI, Shimla |

ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

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| 5. | Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood with special reference to Soligas in Karnataka | 27 th November 2024 | 30 participants including HOD's, officers and students of IWST, Bengaluru |
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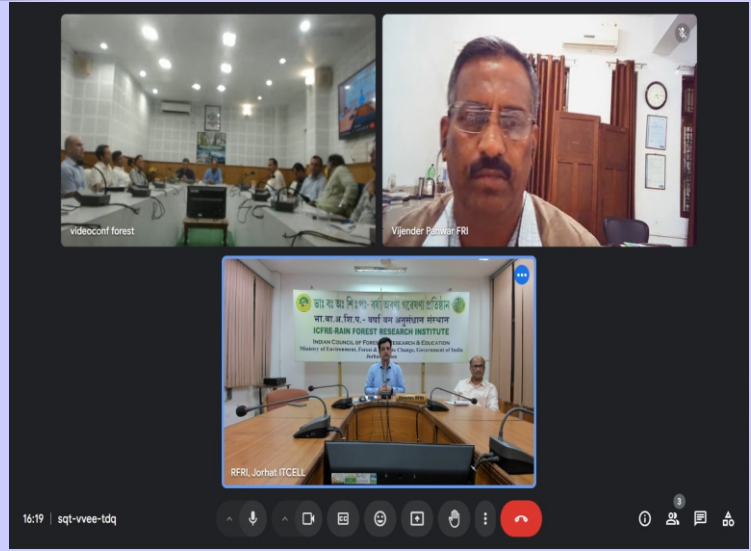
Workshop on “Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood with special reference to Soligas in Karnataka” by ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru

ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

6.	Restoration of coalmine land with microbial technology	13 th to 14 th November 2024	30 officers from Directorate of Mineral Resources and Forest Division of Meghalaya
7.	Pre-release consultation meeting on Forest Soil Health Card (FSHC) for Tripura	04 th November 2024	29 officers from Tripura State Forest Department and officials from RFRI and FRI



Workshop on “Restoration of coalmine land with microbial technology” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat



Workshop on “Forest Soil Health Card (FSHC) for Tripura” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat

ICFRE- Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

8.	Tree Cultivation Awareness Programme	13 th November 2024	55 Tree Growers from Vellore, Coimbatore
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Workshop on “Tree Cultivation Awareness Programme” by ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

Training Programmes

ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

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| 1. | Forest Fire Monitoring and Damage Assessment | 18 th to 22 nd November 2024 | IFS officers from different state forest departments |
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Training programme on “Forest Fire Monitoring and Damage Assessment” by ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun

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| 2. | Reconstituted Wood and Handmade Paper from Lantana | 25 th to 29 th November 2024 | 9 participants from different NGO's |
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ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

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| 3. | E-Office (2 Trainings) | 19 th to 22 nd & 27 th to 29 th November 2024 | 145 participants including Scientists, Researchers and Officers of TFRI, Jabalpur |
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Training programme on “E-Office” by ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur

ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

4.	Preparation of Ecosystem Health Card	27 th to 29 th November 2024	18 IFS officers from different state forest departments
5.	Forestry in Addressing Livelihood issued on people of North Eastern State	18 th to 20 th November 2024	34 trainees from Joint Forest Management Committee, NGO & Financial Institutes



Training programme on “Preparation of Ecosystem Health Card” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat



Training programme on “Forestry in Addressing Livelihood issued on people of Northeastern” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat

ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

6.	Sandalwood Cultivation and Its Prospects	27 th to 29 th November 2024	34 participants including Scientists, Researchers, Officers of Institute and stakeholders
7.	HS code of wood and wood products covering classification and duty structure	26 th November 2024	18 participants including HOD's, officers and students of institute



Training programme on “Sandalwood Cultivation and its Prospects” by ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru



Training programme on “HS code of wood and wood products covering classification and duty structure” by ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru

8.	Importance of testing and introduction to standards related to plywood and block board	25 th to 29 th November 2024	108 participants including Scientists, Researchers and Officers of Institute
9.	Wood Seasoning and Preservation	18 th to 22 nd November 2024	08 participants including Scientists, Researchers and Officers of Institute
ICFRE- Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad			
10.	E-Office	14 th November 2024	Scientists, Researchers, Officers of Institute and Stakeholders

Activities under Van Vigyan Kendra

- 40 participants including farmers and forest workers from Self Help Group of JICA Forestry Project, VanMandal visited Van Vigyan Kendra, Jagatsukh, Kullu on 09th November 2024. They were briefed about various medicinal plants.



40 participants from SHG of JICA Forestry Project, Vanmandal visited VVK, Jagatsukh, Kullu

- ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore & KVK, Cuddalore jointly organized a training programme on “Tree Cultivation Techniques” on 6th November 2024 at KVK, Cuddalore. 25 tree growers participated in the programme.



Training programme on “Tree Cultivation Techniques” by ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

- 15 students along with faculties from Govt. PG College, Dharampur, Mandi visited Shivdwala Nursery, Van Vigyan Kendra, Dharampur on 22nd November 2024. They were briefed about various medicinal plants.



Visit of students from Govt. PG College, Dharampur, Mandi to Shivdwala Nursery, VVK, Dharampur

Memorandum of Understanding

- MoU signed between ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla and St. Bede's College, Shimla on 8th November 2024 for collaboration in various activities related to forestry, forestry research, environment protection, education and extension.



MoU signed between ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla and St. Bede's College, Shimla

- MoU signed between ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council, Guwahati on 12th November 2024.



MoU signed between ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council, Guwahati

- MoU signed between ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad and Odisha State Forest Department, Bhubaneswar on 29th November 2024 for collaboration in applied research programs, capacity building and knowledge sharing on forests, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem, climate change vulnerability, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and livelihood of forest dependent communities.

Prakriti Programme

ICFRE- Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur

- A group of 69 students along with teachers from Sri Aurobindo School, Jodhpur visited VMG of Shisham Clones, Thar Shabha Kherjvi and Neem Patti Khad Pits of ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur on 22nd November 2024. They were briefed about various research activities of the institute.



Visit of students from Shri Aurobindo School, Jodhpur visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur

ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

- 50 students along with teachers from Children with Special Needs of different schools of Jorhat district visited to ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat on 22nd November 2024. They were briefed about various research activities of the institute.



Visit of students from CWSN of different schools of Jorhat visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat

ICFRE-Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

- 259 students along with teachers from Bunts Sangha RNS Vidhyaniketan, Magadi Road, Bengaluru visited Tissue Culture lab, Xylarium, Nursery, Wood Workshop, Advanced Wood Working Training Centre and Wood Museum of ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru on 05th & 22nd November 2024. They were briefed about Wood Properties & Processing and Sandalwood Cultivation and its prospects.



Visit of students from Bunts Sangha RNS Vidhyaniketan, Magadi Road, Bengaluru visited ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru

ICFRE-Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

- 524 students along with teachers from Krishna Kids Public School, Kendriya Vidyalaya, TFRI, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Damoh, Christ Church School, Saliwada, Stem Field International School and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Garha, Jabalpur visited ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur on 14th, 18th, 25th, 27th, 28th & 29th Nov 2024. They were made aware about the activities of the institutes.

Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

- 495 students along with teachers from Chinmaya International Residential School, Vidhya Vikasini Amritha Vidhyalayam School, Coimbatore and Young Women's Christian Associatiojn School, Coimbatore visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 13th, 18th, 20th & 22nd November 2024. Lecture on Save the Oceans, Importance of trees in society, Ecosystem and Mangrove forest in India its management and Conservation also delivered to students.



Visit of students from Vidhya Vikasini Amritha Vidhyalayam School, Coimbatore visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

ICFRE- Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

- 403 students along with teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Galconda (I&II), Hyderabad, Telangana and Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Nousena Baugh, Visakhapatnam on 22nd, 26th & 27th November 2024.



Visit of students from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Galconda, Hyderabad, Telangana visited ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad

Awareness and Demonstration Programme

ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

- 105 students along with faculty from MESACS, Bengaluru, College of Forestry, Ponnampet, Reva University, GKVK, Bengaluru and Cotton University, Guwahati visited Tissue Culture lab, Xylarium, Nursery, Wood Workshop, Advanced Wood Working Training Centre and Wood Museum of ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru on 07th, 12th, 19th & 29th November 2024. They were briefed about Wood Properties & Processing and Sandalwood Cultivation and its prospects.



Visit of students from Cotton University, Guwahati visited ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru

- 40 SFS officers from CASFOS, Dehradun visited Tissue Culture lab, Xylarium, Nursery, Wood Workshop, Advanced Wood Working Training Centre and Wood Museum of ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru on 13th November 2024.



40 SFS Officers from CASFOS, Dehradun visited ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru

ICFRE- Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur

- 48 Forest Guards from FSTC, FTI, Jodhpur visited VMG of Shisham Clones, Thar Shobha Khejari and Neem Patti Khad Pits of ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur on 07th November 2024. They were briefed about various research activities of the institute.



48 Forest Guards from FSTC, FTI, Jodhpur, visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur

- 46 students along with faculty from FRI(DU), Dehradun visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur on 07th November 2024. They were briefed about various research activities of the institute.



Visit of students from FRI (DU), Dehradun visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur

- 28 SFS trainees from CASFOS, Dehradun visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur on 11th November 2024. They were briefed about important activity including Rehabilitation, Reclamation of waterlogged at IGNP area, etc.



40 SFS Officers from CASFOS, Dehradun visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur

ICFRE- Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

- Deputy Range Officer, Section Officers and Technicians from BIOTRIM- Andhra Pradesh Forest Department visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 28th November 2024. They were briefed about R&D activities of the institutes.



5 officers from BIOTRIM, Andhra Pradesh Forest Department visited from ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

- A group of 59 students along with faculties from Ganpat Parsekar College of Education, Harmal, Goa and Vimala College, Thrissur visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 18th & 19th November 2024. Lecture on Forest Fire also delivered to students.

ICFRE- Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

- 100 participants including extension personnel's and farmers from, MANAGE, Hyderabad visited ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad on 6th November 2024. They were briefed about various research activities of the institute.
- ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad organized an awareness programme on "The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace" on 14th November 2024. 25 participants including scientists, researchers and officers of institute participated in the programme .

Participation in Exhibition

- ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur participated and installed display stall in "First Mahakoshal Vigyan Mela" organized by Mahakoshal Vigyan Parishad, Jabalpur from 15th to 18th November 2024 at Veterinary University, Jabalpur and showcased various R&D activities of institute.



Stall by ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur in “First Mahakoshal Vigyan Mela” at Veterinary University, Jabalpur

- ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun participated and installed display stall in “5th Dehradun International Science and Technology Festival-2024” from 20th to 23rd November 2024 at Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun organized by VMSB Uttarakhand Technical University at Suddhowal a, Chakrata Road, Dehradun and showcased various R&D activities of institutes.



Stall by ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun in “5th Dehradun International Science and Technology Festival-2024” at Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun

- ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat participated and installed display stall in “Farmers Fair” organized by AAU, Assam Rice Research Institute, Titabor, Jorhat on 6th November 2024 at AAU, Assam.

Visit to Institutes

- Shri Gabriel D. Wangsu, minister of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Vateriaary Legal Services and Food Ministry, Arunachal

Pradesh and his team visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat. He also reviewed Research and Development activities of the institute.



Shri Gabriel D. Wangsu, ministers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Legal Services and Food Ministry, Arunachal Pradesh and his team visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat

- Dr. Rajesh Sharma, DDG (Research), ICFRE, Dehradun visited Bamboo Nursery, Bambusetum, Bamboo Composite Centre, Bamboo Charcoal Unit, Bamboo Treatment Unit of ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat from 19th to 21st November 2024. He also reviewed Research and Development activities of the institute.



Dr. Rajesh Sharma, DDG (Research), ICFRE, Dehradun visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat

- Shri Sanjay Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change & Science and Technology, Government of Rajasthan visited Tissue Culture Laboratory,

Seed Storage facility and Gass Museum of ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 27th November 2024. He also reviewed research and development activities of institute.



Shri Sanjay Sharma, Hon'ble minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change & Science and Technology Govt. of Rajasthan visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

Rajbhasha Activity

- ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore organized a training programme on “Kanthasth Translation Tool” on 26th November 2024.



Training programme on “Kanthasth Translation Tool” by ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore

HR NEWS

RETIREMENT

Name of Officer	Date
Sh. Anil Kumar Khaneja, Technical Officer (Caretaker), O/o Admin, ICFRE	31.11.2024

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Name of Officer	Date
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