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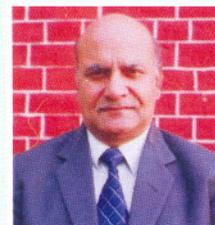
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FOREWORD

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) is the apex body in the national forestry research system and a premier research organization in South Asia. The Council is aware that the need of forestry research shifted today from production oriented to conservation and community need based forestry research for the economic upliftment of poorest of the poor. It is striving for the holistic development of forestry research at national level through planning, promoting, conducting and coordinating research, education and extension on all aspects of forestry for ensuring scientific management of forests, improvement in forest productivity through genetic and biotechnological researches, bioremediation of degraded land, efficient utilization of forest products, conservation of biodiversity and integrated management of pests and diseases of the forests. It has collaboration with various national and international research institutions in the field of forestry research and education.



The Council is continuously promoting Forestry education by providing financial support to the Universities imparting forestry education in the country with an aim to strengthen their infrastructure, increase their teaching and research capabilities and also for organizing/participating in workshops / seminars / symposia. During the period under report the Council has provided Rs. 250 lakhs to 16 Universities. Emphasis has also been given on the quality of forestry education and placement of forestry students of FRI Deemed University. During the year 78 students including 5 foreign students of Post Graduate Diploma and M. Sc. Degree passed out. ICFRE also started the training for the University teachers who are teaching forestry in various universities and colleges. At present 386 research scholars including 56 registered during the year for the awards for Ph.D. are on the rolls of the Deemed University. Eighteen research scholars were awarded Ph.D. degree in the year.

XI All India Forest Sports Meet-2003 was successfully organized by ICFRE. About one thousand seven hundred participants representing thirty teams participated in the meet. The contingent of ICFRE was adjudged the best march past contingent and awarded the March past trophy.

Extension Directorate of ICFRE developed linkages with State Forest Departments, Forest Corporations, farmers, wood based industries and other users. Thirty-five demonstrations of different technologies were arranged for different user groups at different places in the country. One hundred and ninety research papers and forty-one technical bulletins on different aspects of forestry research were published. Forty-five training programmers on different disciplines of forestry were organized during the year for the officers and staff of State Forest Departments, Forest Corporations, NGOs, farmers, industrialists, other Govt. departments and end user groups.

National Forest Library and Information Centre (NFLIC), the heart of all academic and research activities in forestry research and education, purchased 455 meticulously selected books and 1,973 books were received as gratis. Total document collection of the library is 161,084. It subscribed 147 foreign and 83 Indian periodicals and also received 350 periodical as gratis.

Research Policy Committee has approved 70 new research projects and 159 on going projects on various aspect of forestry research during the year under the report.

An advanced Indo-Italian Joint Project by IWST was started with the objective to upgrade the skills of crafts men in India and prepare them for entry into the world of mechanical wood processing. This is going to be the first wood working center in India based on latest Italian technology.

It gives me immense pleasure to present the ICFRE Annual Report for the year 2002-2003, in which multiple activities of forestry research, education and extension are highlighted. I hope that the report would be useful for policy makers, planners, developmental agencies and all those having stake in forestry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.P.S. Katwal', written over a horizontal line.

(R.P.S. Katwal)
Director General

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