

## **Immediate need to link tribal livelihood with NTFP based income generation activities – Dr. Bahuguna**

On his official visit to Agartala, the Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun chaired a high level meeting of the senior forest officials at Aranya Bhavan to review the research and extension priorities of the state. In view of the current scenario as discussed among the officials, Dr. Bahuguna emphasized to take immediate steps towards exploring new ways to link up tribal livelihood with forest based income generation activities in the state.



While defining the aims and objectives of the newly established Centre under ICFRE at Gandhigram in Agartala, he also advised the Centre to take up new programs for promotion of NTFP based livelihood generation through development of cultivation techniques besides their value addition. Dr. Bahuguna also pointed the lands vested to the people under the Recognition of Forest Rights Act (RFR), 2006 as an important resource for income generation activities through cultivation/afforestation with commercially important bamboos species like Kanak Kais and Barak and Agar under Agroforestry.



He also informed that looking into the potential of broom grass and scope of orchids in Tripura, ICFRE has already sanctioned some extension and research projects on various schemes including Direct to Consumer Scheme of the Council.

Shri S. Talukdar, the PCCF and other senior officials of the forest department assured necessary support to the Centre to achieve its goal to serve the people of Tripura.

