

INAUGURATION OF COMMON FACILITY CENTER FOR BAMBOO PROCESSING AND TRAINING (CFCBPT), FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEHRADUN

Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid, Director, Forest Research Institute, Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi from Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conversation Organization (HESCO) and Shri S. T. S Lepch APCCF, Utrakhand jointly inaugurated a **COMMON FACILITY CENTER FOR BAMBOO PROCESSING AND TRAINING (CFCBPT)** at Forest Products Division of FRI, Dehradun on 4th July 2013. On this occasion, Director, FRI informed that this CFCBPT is part of FRI's endeavours to develop value added products, including handicrafts from bamboos. The centre will function as a facilitator and promoter to train self-help groups, NGOs, local artisans and others in bamboo processing, seasoning, preservation, polishing, board and furniture making. It will also extend the processing facilities to different stakeholders.

On this occasion, Dr. Sadhna Tripathi, Head, Forest Products Division informed that the CFC will conduct sensitization programmes, training programmes for floor level workers/small-scale producers and entrepreneurs. Services of the CFC will be available to stake holders at nominal fees. The CFC will also contribute towards the Division's R&D programmes on value addition in bamboo products. Many machines for cross cutting, removing nodes and skin, slicing, width slicing, stick polishing etc. have been installed at the CFC to facilitate the above objectives of the centre.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Scientists of Forest Products Division: Dr. Kishan Kumar , Sh. N. K. Upreti , Sh. D. P. Khali , Sh. Ajmal Samani . Sh. J. P. Singh, Dr. Y. M. Dubey and Sh. Shailendra Kumar. Scientists and Officers of FRI and ICFRE apart from the workforce of the Forest Products Division were also present.



















