

Two Days National Seminar
on
BAMBOO PRODUCTIVITY IN FOREST And Non-Forest Areas
[30th to 31st January, 2014]

A two days seminar on “**Bamboo Productivity in Forest and Non-Forest areas**” was organized by Forest Research Institute w.e.f. 30th – 31st January, 2014 sponsored by Bamboo Technical Support Group, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun under National Bamboo Mission, Union Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi & NABARD in the Board Room of the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. The participants were State Forest Department officers, farmers, private bamboo growers, NGOs, officials of the National Bamboo Mission, NABARD and scientists of various institutes of the country, ICFRE & FRI.

The two days seminar was inaugurated by Shri RK Goel, Director, IGNFA on 30th January, 2014. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the importance of bamboo in the national economy, livelihood and employment potential in rural India. He also stressed on the need to enhance bamboo productivity from 2 metric ton/ha/year to 10 metric ton/ha/year. The production of quality planting material for establishing large plantations of potential bamboo species was also emphasized.

The other speakers were Dr. RBS Rawat, PCCF, Uttarakhand, DK Jain, Additional Secretary, Horticulture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Union Ministry of Agriculture, and Dr PP Bhojvaid, Director, FRI.

The deliberations at the seminar were focused on bamboo productivity in Forest and Non-Forest areas of the country and issues of improvement in the productivity. The need was emphasized to produce quality planting material, extension of farmer friendly propagation technologies for producing sufficient planting stock, managing the plantations properly, use of the proper silvicultural practices, age of harvesting, seasoning treatment, etc. to improve productivity, which will improve the economy of the stakeholders. The role of bamboo in carbon sequestration, land reclamation, soil and water conservation, etc., was also highlighted.

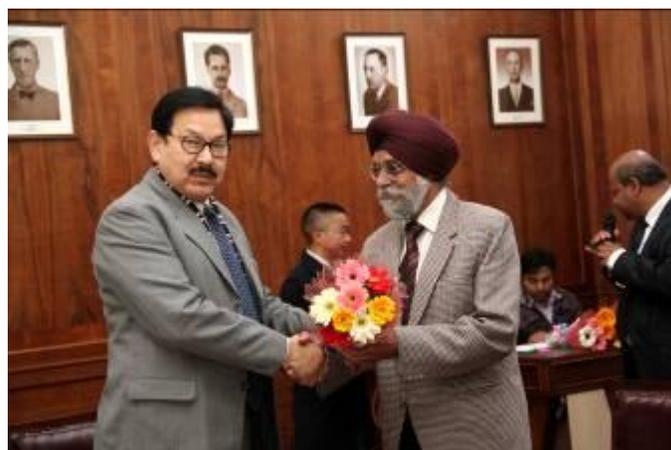
During the three technical sessions, sixteen papers were presented by distinguished invited speakers from different parts of country. Also, a common facility centre for Bamboo Processing was inaugurated by Shri D K Jain, Additional Secretary, Horticulture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Union Ministry of Agriculture.

The outcome of the seminar in the form of recommendations will be submitted to the Union Ministry of Agriculture for future planning. The action plan and technologies involved in enhancing productivity will be made available to all users of the country.

Glimpses of Seminar



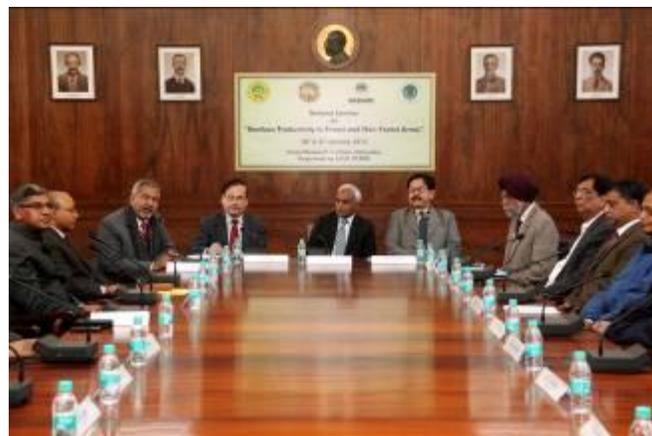
Dr. P. P. Bhojvaid, Director, FRI welcoming Chief Guest Shri R.K. Goel, Director, IGNFA, Dehradun



Dr. G.S. Goraya, DDG (Research), ICFRE welcoming Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, PCCF, UK



Shri Saibal Das Gupta, DDG (Extension), ICFRE welcoming Shri D.K. Jain, Additional Secretary, Horticulture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Union Ministry of Agriculture



Welcome address by Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid, Director, FRI, Dehradun



Address by Shri D.K.Jain, Add. Secretary Horticulture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Min. of Agriculture



Address by Dr. R.B.S. Rawat, PCCF, U.K Dehradun



Address by Chief Guest Shri R.K. Goel, Director,IGNFA, Dehradun



Presentation by Dr. G.S. Goraya, DDG (Research) ICFRE, Dehradun



Anchoring by Shri Sandeep Kujur, Head Extension Division



Delegates during Seminar



Presentation by Shri Rajesh Kumar ,
Joint Director, FSI, Dehradun during
technical session



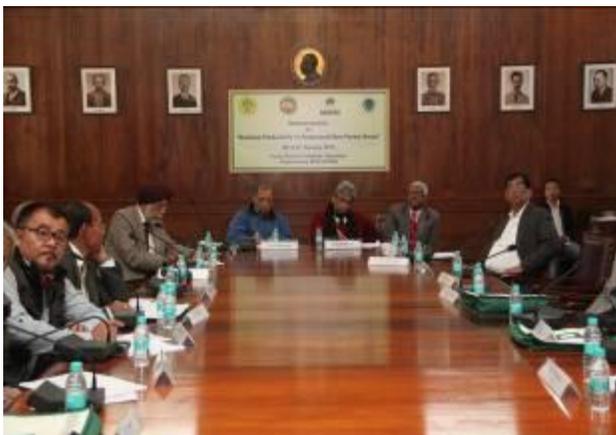
Presentation by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Director
CSWCRTI, Dehradun during technical session



Presentation by Dr. N. Barathi , Grow More
during technical session



Presentation by Dr. Mehar Singh, APCCF, Kerala
during technical session.



Presentation by Dr. M.Haque,NABARD
during technical session of seminar



Group photo of delegates