

## **Celebration of Hindi Week at ICFRE, Dehradun**

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) celebrated Hindi Week from 07 to 14 September 2017. The closing ceremony of the event took place today i.e. 14 September 2017 in ICFRE Auditorium. Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE. He stated that we all know Hindi and what we actually need to implement Hindi in official works of the Government, is a strong will to do so. He further stressed that implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi is our national responsibility.

Shri Vipin Chaudhary, DDG (Extn.), while delivering the welcome address laid emphasis on the importance of Rajbhasha Hindi and informed the audience about the various activities conducted during the Week including seven competitions namely, Noting-Drafting, Hindi Essay Writing, Hindi Translation, Hindi Typing, Hindi Debate, Hindi Quiz and Self - Written Poetry Recitation in which 63 participants actively participated. He also informed that "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Puraskar*" was awarded to Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'A' region and Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru for best performance amongst the institutes situated in 'C' region for best implementation of Rajbhasha Hindi for the year 2016-17. The "*ICFRE Rajbhasha Protsahan Puraskar*" was awarded to Shri Anil Rawat, UDC, ICFRE for overall performance for implementation of Hindi in his official works during the year 2016-17.

After the welcome address, the message of Hon'ble Home Minister, Government of India on the occasion of Hindi Diwas 2017 was read by Shri R.K. Mishra, Scientist- B, Media and Extension Division. It was followed by a 'Self - Written Poetry Recitation' competition on the occasion. A melodious programme '*Sur Sangam*' was also organized after the poetry recitation. Prizes were distributed to the winners of different competitions held during Hindi Week by the Chief Guest, Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Shri V.R.S. Rawat, ADG (M & Extn.). About 100 officers, scientists and employees were present during the closing ceremony.