

**Report on the visit of  
Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Director General  
Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education  
to Institute of Forest productivity, Ranchi**

Dr Ashwani Kumar, Hon'able Director General of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, visited IFP, Ranchi on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014. He was accorded a warm welcome by Dr. S. A. Ansari, Director, Scientists, Officers and Staff. In his welcome address, the Director briefed the DG about various R & D activities and infrastructure of the Institute. The DG appreciated the works being carried out by the Institute and encouraged the scientists to continue with their efforts. The Director General released the print format of the e-Journal "*Shodh Taru*" which is also available in digital format on the Institute's website.

On the next day, the DG visited Forest Research Centre at Mandar and inspected tissue culture and soil analysis laboratory facilities, research plots, etc. located there. He suggested shifting of tissue culture facility to IFP, Ranchi for proper management and monitoring. On his return to the institute campus, the Honourable DG addressed the Press Conference on forestry research needs of Eastern India. He stressed that the farmers should also plant trees of medicinal value along with agricultural crops to improve their livelihood and in turn contribution to the economy of the State and the country. Dr Kumar highlighted the benefits of tissue culture raised superior planting stock for increasing productivity and quality of the produce on the one hand and use of wasteland resources on the other. Highlighting the achievements of Bihar pilot project on introduction of agroforestry tree, Dr Kumar enumerated various uses of poplar tree vis-à-vis contribution to economy of farmers. In fact, the tree is mainly used in plywood and paper industries. He also announced the establishment of Forest Science Centre/ VVK at Mahilong, Ranchi for the stakeholders especially members of forest departments and NGOs as well as progressive farmers. The VVK would showcase various technologies beneficial to these stakeholders. The farmers and artisans would get information on various aspects of tree farming and value addition. He stressed that the books and brochures should be released in regional languages for better impact of trainings on society.

Finally, the Director General inaugurated the newly built Circular Road at the Institute premises and showed keen interest in the flora maintained around the path. He also visited all laboratories, Bambusetum and Medicinal Plant Garden of the Institute and gave many valuable inputs for their better management.



**Welcome of the Director General, ICFRE by Dr. S. A. Ansari, Director**



**Welcome address by the Director, Dr. S. A. Ansari**



**Release of *Shodh-Taru* by the Director General**



**Dr Ashwani Kumar, Director General, addressing the house**





**Visit of the Director General to Forest Research Centre at Mandar**



**Director General, Dr. Ashwani Kumar addressing the Press**



**Director General, Dr. Ashwani Kumar inaugurating the Circular Road at Institute's premises**



**Inauguration and inspection of the Circular Road**



**Director General visiting the Molecular Biology laboratory**



**Demonstration of different types of Lac to the Director General**



**Director General visiting the  
Physiology and Chemistry  
laboratory**



**Director General visiting the  
Entomology laboratory**



**Director General visiting the  
Greenhouse**



**Director General visiting the Lead Garden**

