

Herbarium Preparation Training for Reassignment of Forest Types

A one day "Training Programme on Herbarium Preparation" was organized by IFP Ranchi for efficient recording of vegetational composition under the project on 'Reassignment of Forest types in India'. The training was attended by the members of 6 teams recently constituted by Sh. Rameshwar Das, Director of the institute for the field work in four states in eastern India viz., Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Odisha.

The training started with introductory remarks by Dr. Sanjay Singh, Head Botany, Silviculture & NWFP Division and Nodal Officer who emphasized the need of proper herbarium preparation at all the points of the survey to help in correct assignment of forest types.

The Training Coordinator Sh. H. C. Sindhuveerendra, Scientist-B discussed in detail various steps involved in the preparation of herbarium. In his presentation Sh. Sindhuveerendra stressed on different ways of sample collection in herbs, shrubs and tree species and their preservation in field.

Half of the training programme consisted of field work in the Institute campus. Each team was provided an instructor and given the task to make a herbarium within the time frame of three hours. The participants were satisfied after the conduction of training and assured that they will utilize the knowledge gained in the prestigious project of the council envisioned by Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, Director General, ICFRE Dehradun.

