

## Regional Research Conference held at IWST Bangalore on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

A Regional Research Conference for one day was held at Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore on 17th July 2017. Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Director General ICFRE, all the Deputy Director Generals of ICFRE, Directors of ICFRE Institutes, PCCFs and Senior Officers of Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Kerala Forest departments, representatives from Universities, Research institutes, Industries, NGOs, Farmers and other Stake holders participated in the conference. About 100 participants attended the conference.

### Inaugural session:

**Sri Surendra Kumar, Director, IWST** welcomed all the participants and **Dr. Neelu Gera, Deputy Director General (Research), ICFRE** explained the objective of the workshop.

**Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE**, in his address emphasized the need for integrating ICFRE research activities with national needs and thereby having synergy between ICFRE and Government of India. He also stressed on need to formulate holistic research projects covering contemporary issues in Forestry. **Mr. K.S. Sugara, PCCF & HOFF**, Karnataka Forest Department suggested a range of issues related to forestry research and managements including increase in forest cover, conservation, water management, human animal conflicts, eco-tourisms and modernization of logging tools.

**Sri. Siddhant Das, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary to Ministry of Environment**, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in his inaugural address reiterated the need to have synergy between Research Institutes and Government. He stressed the need of both fundamental as well as applied research particularly in the areas of climate change, development of high value products from bamboo, technology for fodder productivity in forests and development. The presentations and deliberations were made under following Sessions:

- Session 1: Forestry Research by ICFRE: Recent Advances
- Session II: Focused /theme based presentations of regional importance
- Session III : Working Groups on developing/ research needs
- Session IV: Draft Group presentations

**Dr. Suresh Gairola, DG, ICFRE** in his concluding remarks thanked the participants for their suggestions. He expressed his concern on missing linkage between research and end users and urged to bring down the gap. He assured the participants that ICFRE is very serious about the implementation of suggestions made during conference and also need of collaborative research with other organization. He emphasized the need for a re-look on National Forestry Research Programme 2000. He also stated that there is a need for tapping the potential of bamboo utilization.

**Dr. K.K. Pandey, Scientist G, IWST**, proposed formal vote of thanks.







































