

Workshop organized by Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur on 23rd March 2013 at Koni, Bilaspur on Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve



A one-day workshop was organized by Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur on 23rd March 2013 at Koni, Bilaspur on Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve under the Lead Institution project for Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve, funded by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Gov. of India, New Delhi for the frontline forest staff of Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve. The workshop was held in three sessions – Inaugural, Technical Session I and Technical session II

and lastly Plenary session.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest of the function Shri Kaushalendra Kumar, IFS, Conservator of forests (Working Plan), Bilaspur Circle. Shri A.K. Tiwari, IFS C.F. Wildlife and Director Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, Shri S.P. Masih D.F.O.



(Research and Extension) Bilaspur, Shri Hemant Pandey, D.F.O. Bilaspur and Shri B.P. Singh, Director Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve were the guests of honour at the inaugural session of the workshop. A total of 61 field staff from eleven

forest ranges of Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve participated in the workshop.





In Technical Session I three lectures were delivered. The session started with Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve – A designated member of World Network of Biosphere Reserve- Its scope, by Dr. N. Roychoudhury, Scientist F and Project leader Lead Institution. It was followed by

action plan and Wildlife of Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve and its conservation, by Shri B.P. Singh, Director, Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve. In Technical Session II also, three lectures were delivered. The first topic of Session II was Threatened medicinal plants of Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve- their conservation and scope of enrichment planting by Dr. Ruby Sharma, followed by Tasar silk culture: An income generating alternative by Dr. N. Roychoudhury. The last lecture of this session was Tree mortality, delivered by Dr. N. Kulkarni, Scientist F of this Institute.



Lastly in Plenary Session, a lot of discussion and interaction with field staff took place on developmental works, mortality of various tree species and probable factors, conservation initiatives and grasslands development on sites of shifted villages, etc. in Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve. The participants actively interacted and expressed their views regarding workshop in the feedback form.

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expressed happiness at the themes inclusive of all relevant aspects and suggested that a session of success stories can be included in the workshop to encourage and involve field staff in next such programme. The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. N. Kulkarni, Head Division of Extension, TFRI, Jabalpur .

