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Smt. Indira Gandhi
"Poverty is the greatest
polluter"



Smt. Sonia Gandhi
Chairperson, UPA



सत्यमेव जयते
Ministry of Environment and Forests
Government of India



Dr. Manmohan Singh
Prime Minister



Shri Rajiv Gandhi
"Architect of Environment
(Protection) Act, 1986"

ICFRE IN THE SERVICE OF NATION

Fulfilling the Legacy of Smt. Indira Gandhi and Shri Rajiv Gandhi under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi and the leadership of Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of Environment and Forests

- ICFRE laid the foundation for scientific forestry and development of agroforestry models for the livelihood of farmers and Tree growers
- Emphasis on people centric research under 6 themes All India Coordinated Projects launched on Tree Improvement, Climate Change, Biodiversity Conservation, Technology development for the farmers, tribals for enhanced productivity per unit farm land utilized
- Enhancing the livelihood by providing alternative income generating Activities like Lac rearing in Naxal affected areas.
- Increasing income of farmers by introducing Poplar in Bihar beyond its natural boundaries.
- 'Direct to Consumer' scheme for immediate transfer of research technologies to stakeholders
- Division of 'Panchyat and Human Dimensions' established at ICFRE to develop linkages with rural institutions like Panchayats, Tribal bodies, JFMC and others
- Enhancing the productivity of the farmers by releasing tested clones of Shisham (*Dalbergia sissoo*), *Eucalyptus* hybrid, *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and *Casuarina equisetifolia* for commercial use thus helping increase their income.
- 15 lac Casuarina plants distributed to the 'Thane' Cyclone affected farmers of Cuddalore, Villupuram and Poduchery areas out of the grant of Rs.1 crore given by the Hon'ble Minister.
- Hosted 24th Session of International Poplar Commission, during 2012, thus promoting Poplar as agroforestry species
- On the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, preparation of Reclamation and Rehabilitation Plans of the mine areas in Bellary, Tumkur and Chitradurga districts of Karnataka being carried out.
- Reassessment of Forest Types of India, in wake of change in forestry composition due to anthropogenic and climatic factors being carried out. This monumental work will be beneficial for policy makers, field foresters, and researchers and would also act as a base line for climate change negotiations.
- 35 'National Subject Matter Coordinators' identified to develop 'State of Knowledge Report' for dissemination of knowledge to the people.
- During the last one year ICFRE has brought out many publications, noteworthy among which are "Voices from the field", "Forest Sector Report India – 2010", Coffee Table book on "Forest Biodiversity in India" and "Forestry Statistics India-2011".
- A Comprehensive Compendium of research and development activities of ICFRE: "Forestry in the Service of Nation- ICFRE Technologies" has been recently published and well received.
- Producing educated and trained manpower through FRI Deemed University to serve the Industry and Education sector
- International Exposure to 73 scientists and technologists and Capacity building of 157 scientists at different National Institutes in all aspects of Forestry
- SAARC fellowship scheme launched at FRI Deemed University for M. Sc. Students
- Eighteen Universities involved in the network project on assessment of NTFPs focusing on rural and tribal livelihood
- Helping the tribals and forest based artisans through creation of PRERNA Souvenir Shop at ICFRE – by offering a platform for marketing their products.
- All India coordinated Climate Change Forestry Research Programme (AICFP-India) has been launched to assess the impacts of climate change on forest ecosystem processes.
- All India coordinated Project under FRA, 2006 for Conservation of Biodiversity and enhancing livelihood options for Tribals and other Forest Fringe communities, at a cost of about Rs. 5 crores is being initiated. The project will focus on enhancing livelihoods through NTFPs like honey, tussar and lac, water harvesting, capacity building, growing of medicinal plants and socio economic upliftment of tribals and forest fringe dwellers.
- The Forest Research Centre, Hyderabad has been upgraded to Institute level and renamed as Institute of Forest Bio-diversity. The Institute will give focus on the biodiversity of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Eastern Ghats.



Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan,
Minister of Environment and Forests
inaugurating Tree Growers' Mela
2012 at IFGTB, Coimbatore



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