

RAG Meet on future research in forestry concludes at TFRI

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SIXTEEN new research projects were proposed during the two days meeting of Research Advisory Group (RAG) at Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI).

A number of senior scientists and subject experts gave their valuable suggestions for best materialisation of research projects for welfare of needy persons and development of forest density in central India.

It may be noted that senior forest officers of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Orissa, distinguished academicians and researchers from various eminent institutes, civil society members, progressive farmers participated the meeting.

Some of the significant projects including evaluation of non edible oil seeds for development of surfactants and their utilisation in pest management, chemo-profiling of some *Dasmoola* species, evaluation



Senior officers seen during the RAG meeting at TFRI.

of *Schleichera oleosa* (Kusum) fruits for their nutritional value and development of value added projects for economic development of local people, evaluation of *Madhuca indica* based silvi-agri system in arid and semi-arid zones of India etc were discussed on second day of the meeting. Scientist and PRO, Hari Om Saxena informed that during the two days meeting participants held discussions on several research projects of agro forestry, non wood forest produce, ecology, genetics, entomology, pathology, silviculture etc.

Eminent those who attended the meeting included former PCCF, Dr. Ram Prasad, TFRI, Director, U Prakasham, Group coordinator (Research) and CCF, P Subramanyam, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, MP, Dr. SC Sharma, Additional PCCF, Dr. Y Satyam, Additional PCCF, Maharashtra, Dr. AK Jha, CCF, Orissa, Dr. D Swine, CCF, Jabalpur, JS Chouhan, Forest Conservator, Jabalpur KV Diwakar, HS Mohanta, Kamalika Mohanta and others were present.