

MoU signed

between

**Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
(ICFRE), Dehradun**

and

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research
(ICAR), New Delhi**

on

28th August, 2018



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi was signed on 28th August, 2018 at Krishi Bhawan, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, New Delhi. The MoU was signed by Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun and Dr. T. Mohapatra, Director General, ICAR, New Delhi.

The MoU has been signed with the objectives to promote cooperation between agriculture and forestry research, particularly in exchange of scientists and technologists, germplasm, breeding material and scientific knowledge, besides development and implementation of collaborative research projects.

Through this collaboration, ICFRE and ICAR will complement each other by sharing their scientific and technical expertise. This will help in identifying technological gaps, extension of forest based technologies, exchange of resources of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Van Vigyan Kendras (VVKs) for dissemination of information to stakeholders. This will also help to promote livelihood opportunities and augment income of the forest based communities as well as assist the industries to optimize the utilization of forest based resources with access to appropriate technologies. Inter-institutional links between their respective scientific research institutes and centres will further strengthen the collaboration.

Coming together of ICFRE and ICAR shall help in resolving issues of national importance by identification of priority areas in the field of agro-forestry, biotechnology, nanotechnology, tree based fodder development, policy research, medicinal plants, conservation of forest genetic resources, human resource development, biodiversity and climate change issues of mutual interest. The MoU is expected to provide synergy in research and development for both sectors and will ultimately aim to in promote better economic and ecological security.
