

### **RFRI, JORHAT ORGANIZES IV REGIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat (Assam) organized 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Research Conference (RRC) on 11 August, 2023 on the topic 'Climate Change Impacts, Adaptations and Vulnerability: Northeast Indian Perspectives'. The Conference was inaugurated virtually by Shri Arun Singh Rawat, IFS, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun. The Conference was attended by Dr. Ratnakar Jauhari, IFS, DDG (Res), ICFRE; Dr. Sumit Chakraborti, ADG (M&E), ICFRE, Dehradun; Dr. A. Babu, Director, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat Assam; Dr. Samarendra Hazarika, Principal Scientist, ICAR RC for NEH, Meghalaya, Dr. Sonali Ghosh, IFS, CCF cum CEO, Assam Agroforestry Development Board, Guwahati, Shri Kush Roy, DCF, Tripura, NGO Members, Scientists and Officers of RFRI. It was also joined virtually by senior Officers of Forest Department of different North-Eastern states and Scientists of Research Institutes.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Director, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat delivered the welcome address and briefed about the purpose of the Conference. In his inaugural speech, Shri Rawat emphasized on addressing issues on climate change with multi-disciplinary approach. He highlighted on formulation of state or region-specific project based on the need of stakeholders.

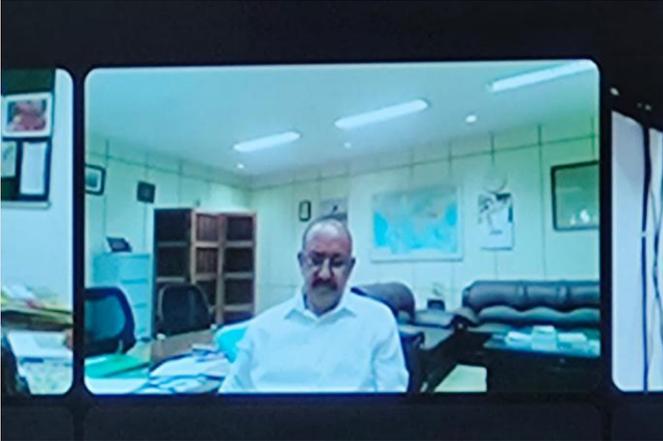
Dr. Ratnakar Jauhari, IFS, DDG (Res), ICFRE and Dr. Sumit Chakraborti, ADG (M&E), ICFRE, Dehradun also spoke at the inaugural session.

First technical presentation was delivered by R. K. Kalita, Head, Extension Division, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat on research and extension strategies of the Institute. He also spoke about the action taken on the recommendations of last RRC

Representatives from different State Forest Departments and industries shared their research issues and urged for possible collaboration with ICFRE-RFRI. There were four sessions on different topics viz. forestry research in the North-eastern region, issues of forestry research and climate change impact on ecosystem especially soil and adaptation strategies, management of tree outside forest and industrial pollution assessment. Dr. A. Babu, Director, Tocklai Tea Research Institute, Jorhat delivered talk on impact of climate change on ecosystems in North-east India and adaptation strategies. Dr. Samarendra Hazarika, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Research complex for NEH region, Umiam, Meghalaya presented a lecture on climate change impact on soil health. Dr. Sonali Ghosh, IFS, CCF, Research, Assam, delivered a talk on Management of Tree Outside Forest (ToF) in NE India. Dr. Prasenjit Saikia, Principal Scientist, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat delivered his talk on Industrial pollution assessment and climate change mitigation: A perspective of North East India. Conference was concluded with the recommendations of RRC and vote of thanks by Director, ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat (Assam).

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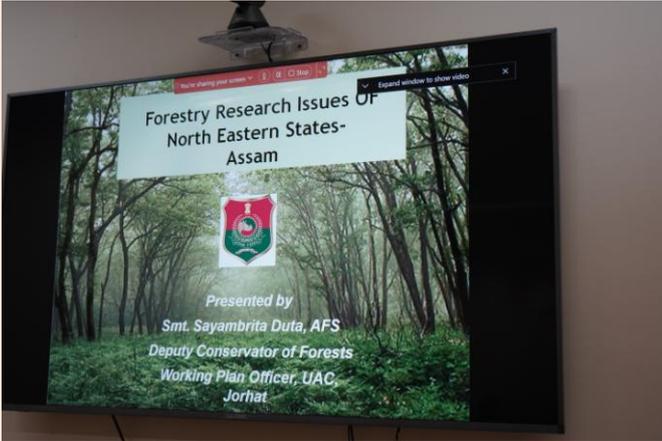
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