

**Training programme on 'Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity' for the Executives of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh started at ICFRE, Dehradun**

A four days training programme for the executives of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh related to the Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity started at Indian Council of Forestry, Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun on 01.10.2024. The SECL is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India. The training programme is being organized by the Environment Management Division, Directorate of Extension, ICFRE.

The event was inaugurated by Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, Director General, ICFRE. At the occasion, Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Deputy Director General (Extn.), ICFRE and ADGs, Scientist of ICFRE and others were present. Director General, ICFRE in her inaugural address emphasized for the need of scientific methods for eco-restoration of coal mined out areas for holistic and sustainable management of environment. On the occasion, Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG (Extn.), ICFRE spoke about the importance of Forest ecology and biodiversity in relation to coal mining activities. He also emphasized to understand the role of different floral and faunal communities in the environment and ways for protecting them. Dr. A. N. Singh, ADG (EM), ICFRE and Course Co-ordinator briefed about the 04 days training programme and topics to be covered. The vote of thanks was extended by Shri Ajin Sekhar, Scientist from Environment Management Division of ICFRE.

During the training programme from 01- 04 October 2024, eminent experts are scheduled to deliver lectures on various topics covering Forest Rules, Ecology and Biodiversity Assessment, Nursery and Plantation Techniques for De-coaled Areas, Eco-restoration of Coal Mined Out Areas, Carbon Capture and Carbon Market, Green Credit initiatives by India and application of GIS tools in mapping of landscape will be covered during the training programme. Apart from technical sessions, field visits/demonstrations related to the topics and eco-rehabilitation sites, FRI Museums, Botanical Garden, Central Nursery etc. are also scheduled.



