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Populus deltoides, Ricinus commuunis and Tectona grandis. Two egg parasitoids were emerged out from the collected egg samples: Euderus sp. from eggs of bug on Cassia fistula and Trissolcus sp., from stink bug eggs on Populus deltoides, Photography and slide preparation are in progress.

Biology of *C. annularis* is continuing. Observation on incidence and intensity of attack by borer is continuing. Experiment trial for the management of borer using preservative treatment laid down in outdoor cages in the Insectary. Recording of data of treated green and dry bamboo is continuing under the project "Epidemiology and management of *Chlorophorus annularis* Fab. (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) –A major

borer of cut and dry bamboo".

A 9 days field survey was carried out in Bageshwar & Pithoragarh districts of Kumaona regions of Uttarakhand (Ranikhet, Siuni, Sailapani, Semal Khet, Garud, Kausani, Daramghar, Munsiyari, Shama forests) during late monsoon season. Sampling was carried out on 14 transects in 5 forest sub-types namely: 12/C1a Ban Oak Forest; 12/C2a Kharsu Oak Forest, 12/C2b West Himalayan Upper Oak/ Fir Forest; 9/C1b Upper/ Himalayan Chir Pine Forest; 12/1S1 Alder Forest. A total of 75 species were sampled and 18 specimens of uncommon butterfly species were collected and preserved. Herbarium specimens of 13 species of tree and shrubs were also collected from different forest sub-types for identification from these sites. A GIS based false colour composite map of the

➤ Significant Research Finding

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

- Tour was performed and fifteen samples of insect larvae (Eutectona machaeralis, Hyblaea puera, Geometrid semi-looper, Clostera fulgurita and Clostera cupreata and Apanteles cocoons on Hyblaea puera larva were collected from Thano range, Rishikesh (Dehradun) on different forestry trees: Tectona grandis, Murraya koenigii, Populus sp., and Dalbergia sissoo for their laboratory rearing which was continued for emergence of Apanteles spp. Ten Apanteles spp. were screened out. Slide preparation and identification are in progress under the project "Studies on taxonomy and host range of larval Parasitoids, Apanteles spp. (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) from Uttarakhand and Haryana".
- A tour was performed and fifty sweeping samples of insects were collected from district: Chamoli, Paurigarhwal, Rudraprayag, Tehri-Garhwal and Uttarkashi. Out of which 20 samples were sorted out. Twenty five samples of insect eggs were collected during a tour to different forestry trees: Cassia fistula, Dalbergia sissoo, Holoptelea integrifolia, Moringa oliefera,

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Bageshwar & Pithoragarh districts taken up for survey was also generated for selecting sampling sites. Another 3 day survey was carried out in Deoban R F, Chakarata Forest Division and sampling carried out on 4 transects in 3 forest sub-types (12/C1c Moist deodar Forest;12/C1d Western Mixed Coniferous Forest; 12/C1a Ban Oak Forest). A total of 27 species were sampled and 5 specimens of butterflies were collected under the project "Butterflies associated with different forest types/sub-types in Uttarakhand".

- Three day field survey was carried out on Kharsu, (Q. semecarpifolia) oak & Moru (Q. floribunda), forests in Deoban RF, Chakrata Forest Division, in Dehradun District of Uttarakhand for recording new pests and their extent of damage during monsoon season by laying down 15 quadrates (10m x 10m) for recording tree GBH, density & vegetation composition, incidence and infestation percentage. Larvae of four species of moths were also collected from Banj oak forests besides which were reared in the laboratory on Ban oak. 5 borer infested Kharsu oak logs were collected from infested trees and brought to the lab for experiments. Ban acorn boring weevil, Sitophilus glandium were also collected from infested acorns and 13 adults of primary Kharsu oak borer, Rosalia lateria were also collected from infested oak logs from the field. Experiments on biology of the cerambycid borer Xylotrechus basifuliginosus on Ban & Kharsu • oak logs brought from the Deoban RF, Chakrata earlier were continued in the laboratory. One day survey was also carried out in Ban oak forest of Dalkhet village, Thano Range, Dehradun district to study the mortality and extent of infestation by laying down 12 quadrates in infested oak tree stands besides collection of borer infested logs from live trees which were brought to the laboratory for further investigation. Ban oak acorn boring weevil, Apoderus sp. were also collected from infested acorns along with 2 species of sap-sucking pentatomid bugs causing damage to new oak shoots under the project "Insect pests of Western Himalayan Oaks and their Control".
- Digitized 74 types with about 450 photos. Verified names of the species in the database: 2324 unaccessioned species in cabinets 53 to 61 and 3246 species in cabinets 62-82. Checked cabinets 1-34 for final storage of images in three formats, JPEG, Tiff and reduced under the project "Digitization and enrichment of National Forest Insect Collection (NFIC)

- of Forest Research Institute, Phase-II (minute insects)".
- Experiment to study the biology of Clostera cupreata
 by no choice method on 33 clones of poplar has been
 conducted and study completed successfully and leaf
 weight measurement/ cm of 33 clones of Poplar have
 been done successfully. Experiment has been
 conducted to access the growth loss due to defoliation
 under the project "Screening of poplar clones for
 tolerance against poplar leaf defoliator, Clostera
 cupreata But".
- Field tour to Pinjore, Karnal, Panipat, Sonipat, Jind, Yamunanagar, Ambala of Haryana state was done to collect pteromalid parasitoid and their probable hosts. Several samples from infested twigs, leaves to gall infected plant parts were collected and also sweep net method was used for collection of parasitoids. Rearing of host collected from the field was done in the laboratory and separated the parasitoids. Emergence of Pteromalid parasitoids along with other microhymenopteran parasitoids were observed, collected, preserved and duly recorded under the project "Diversity study of pteromalid parasitoids (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae) of Northern India with special emphasis on bio-efficacy of some selected parasitoids".
- Establishment of G. arborea and E. officinalis based agroforestry models at 4x5m and 5x5m spacing on fallow lands at Dhaluwala majbata (Haridwar), Fatehpur Pelio (Saharanpur) and Kodapur (Prayagraj) selected sites is in progress. Growth data of G. arborea and E. officinalis were compiled at selected sites. Soil samples were also analysed from the above sites. It is observed that the site at Kodapur (Prayagraj) is alkaline in nature with 8.30 pH in comparision to other sites at Dhaluwala majbata (7.12 pH) and Fatehpur Pelio (7.36 pH). It is also observed that the both species of G. arborea and E. officinalis are performing well on these fallow lands. Maintenance and monitoring of plantation of G. arborea and E. officinalis at above sites is in progress under the project "Development of Gmelina arborea and Emblica officinalis based agroforestry models on degraded lands in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh".
- Growth of Kachnar, Bhimal and Kadam at both sites of Dhaluwala Majbata (Haridwar) were compiled. Analysis of soil samples is in progress under the

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project Development of Kachnar (*Bauhinia variegata*), Bhimal (*Grewia optiva*) and Kadam (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) based agroforestry models on farmers land under rainfed conditions in Uttarakhand. Initially, Kadam is performing better than Bhimal and Kachnar. Maintenance & monitoring of plantation of Kachnar, Bhimal and Kadam at the above sites was also done under the project "Development of Kachnar (*Bauhinia variegata*), Bhimal (*Grewia optiva*) and Kadam (*Anthocephalus cadamba*) based agroforestry models on farmers land under rainfed conditions in Uttarakhand".

 Determination and replication of Saponin of different types of girth and other samples of Bhimal twigs is in progress. Fibre has been taken out of Bhimal by different techniques and Bhimal twigs were placed in cow dung solution. Water bath repair is also in progress under the project "Livelihood improvement through sustainable utilization of *Grewia optiva* (Bhimal) in Uttarakhand".

Institute of Forest Genetic and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

- IFGTB, Coimbatore is involved in genetic improvement of Ailanthus excelsa Roxb. Commonly known as 'tree of heaven' is a deciduous tree belonging to family Simaroubaceae. It is native to India and Sri Lanka and is an excellent source of protein rich fodder. The wood of this species is in high demand for production of match splints due to color, wax stability, consistent burning and splinting ability. Wood transcriptome of A. excelsa was sequenced and 48,493 transcripts were predicted. The chloroplast genome was reconstructed and 160804 bp genome was assembled • encoding 116 genes. Phylogenetic analysis using the complete chloroplast genome revealed that members of Simaroubaceae grouped with Citrus sinensis belonging to family Rutaceae. Mining for microsatellite repeats predicted presence of 5501 repeats in the wood transcriptome. This study presents the first genomic resource in the genus Ailanthus and the information generated can be used for subsequent research in diversity assessment, population structure analysis and accelerated breeding targeting improvement of wood property traits in this species.
- In an attempt to study the adaptive genetic diversity of teak populations across India, efforts were made at IFGTB to completely sequence the genome of teak to understand the distribution of gene pattern and microsatellites distributed in the genome. The study

revealed repeat elements of about 11.18% in the genome and that about 600 genes are involved in timber formation. Some of the popular teak provenances were genotyped for microsatellite polymorphism and population genetic analysis distinctly showed the presence of locally common alleles ranging from 4.2 to 9.5 with a heterozygosity of 0.6 to 0.9. It indicates that robust genetic diversity exists within and among populations and population specific alleles could be used for prioritization in conservation and timber tracking.

- Growing awareness for quality planting stock of teak among the farmers brings in lot of demand for tissue culture raised plants. Conventional vegetative propagation enables the true-to-type production of planting stock but the quantity of propagules production is very less when compared to tissue culture approach. IFGTB has developed micropropagation protocols for large scale plantlet production of teak genotypes from apical buds and nodal segments. Selected stock of teak has been mass propagated through micropropagation and supplied to farmers. Other than farmers, IFGTB has supplied tissue culture teak plants to Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra and Kerala Forest Department. Demonstration trials have been established with ten clones in Ashti, Markhanda and Allapalli Divisions in Maharashtra; and Ranni, Palode, Nilambur and Konni in Kerala. These trials will help to evaluate stable performers across sites and also site specific clones for future planting programmes of the State.
- Seed production orchards for twelve medicinally important tree species have been established with the funding support from National Medicinal Plants Board, Gol. The species included are five Dashmula tree species namely Aegle marmelos, Gmelina arborea, Oroxylum indicum, Premna integrifolia, Sterospermum suaveolens; two Triphala myrobalans namely Terminalila bellirica, Terminala chebula along with Saraca asoca, Pterocarpus marsupium, Strychnos nux-vomica, Strychnos potatorum and Santalum album. These orchards will serve as genetic stocks required for long term sustainability of the species and will ensure continuous supply of quality seeds for further propagation of the species in addition to germplasm conservation. The orchards have been established within two Ayurvedic Industries in Kerala namely Oushadhi and Ahalia.



Visit Abroad

Name of Personnel	Institute	Purpose of Visit	Duration	Place
Dr. V.P. Tewari	IWST, Bengaluru	XXV IUFRO	29 Sept to	Curitiba,
Dr. B.N. Divakara		World Congress	5 Oct 2019	Brazil

Consultancy

Presently works on eleven consultancy projects, which are awarded by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Ltd; Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited; Karnataka State Official Authority; MoEF&CC Gol, New Delhi; Coal India Limited, Kolkata; NTPC Ltd Noida; NMDC Ltd, Hyderabad; Singreni Collieries Company Ltd., Kothagudem; Chhattisgarh Forest Department, Raipur; Deptt. of Forest and Environment, Bhubaneswar and Khairaha UG Coal Mine of SECL M.P is in progress.

Exhibiton/ Mela/ Kisan Mela

Institute	Participated/ Organized	Duration	Place
HFRI, Shimla	Farmer's/ Kisan Mela	7 to 9 September 2019	Leh
AFRI, Jodhpur	CAZRI Mela and Krishi Navachar Divas	16 September 2019	Jodhpur
RFRI, Jorhat and IFP, Ranchi	Bamboo Artisans Conclave-2019	18 and 19 September 2019	Dumka, Jharkhand







Bamboo Artisans Conclave - 2019 at Jharkhand

Workshops/ Seminars/ Meetings

S.No.	Topic	Duration	Beneficiaries

Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

 DPR preparation of Rejuvenation of River Yamuna & its tributaries 9,12,17 & 19 September 2019



Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

2.	Molecular Breeding Approaches for Tolerance to Abiotic Stresses	3 September 2019	Officials and Scientist staff of IFGTB
3.	Plant varieties in Forest Pest Management	30 September 2019	Officials and Scientist staff of IFGTB



Seminar on Molecular Breeding Approaches for Tolerance to Abiotic Stresses



Seminar on Plant Varieties in Forest Pest Management

Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

4. DPR Krishna: "Stakeholders consultation meeting on DPR Krishna - Maharashtra

18 September 2019

DCF/DFOs of all Forest Divisions, PCCF, APCCF, NGOs, Officers from Agriculture Dept. Commissioner Agriculture, District Collectors, Resource persons from Universities Revenue Department

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

5. Seed Orchard-Status and Management in Central India

27 September 2019

Scientists and other research staff

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

6. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of river Brahmaputra through forestry interventions

11 and 20 September 2019

People of Brahmaputra Basin, Forest department, Researchers



Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur

7. Preparation of DPR for Rejuvenation of Luni River through Forestry Interventions

17 to 26 September 2019

Forest officers, Scientists, Professors, Academician, NGOs and Technicians etc.

8. RAG Meeting

23 September 2019

Forest officers, Scientists, Professors, Academician, NGOs and Technical staffs







RAG meeting

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

9. Role of forestry seeds in production of quality planting stock

27 September 2019

Scientists, Technical staff and Researchers of HFRI

 Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of Beas river basin through forestry intervention

3 September 2019

Representative from
Mandi Forest Circle
(CF & DFOs),
Municipal Committee
Mandi, Municipal
Councils (Sarkaghat
& Rewalser),
Tourism, Agriculture,
Horticulture, PWD,
Disaster Management,
JICA Mandi and Various
NGOs



11. Preparation of DPR for Rejuvenation of Luni River through Forestry Interventions

17 to 26 September 2019

Forest officers, Scientists, Professors, Academician, NGOs and Technicians etc.

12. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of Sutlej river basin through forestry intervention

17 September 2019

Representatives from HP State Forest Department, Agriculture, KVK (Horticulture), Soil Conservation, IPH, PWD and Panchayat Pradhans





Meeting for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for rejuvenation of Sutlej river basin through forestry intervention

Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi

13. Niche Model and its application in Forestry

30 September 2019

Scientists, Officers, Officials & Students

Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

14. Detailed Project Report for rejuvenation of Godavari, Krishna & Narmada Rivers through forestry interventions

18 September 2019

Maharashtra stakeholders

15. RAG Meeting

25 September 2019

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Training Programmes

S.No	. Topic	Duration	Beneficiaries		
Forest Research Institute, Dehradun					
1.	Forestry, Wildlife and Disaster Risk Reduction	16 to 20 September 2019	Forest Officers of DCF/ACF/FRO level and other stakeholders		
2.	Cooling Tower Timber	17 to 19 September 2019	-		
	Institute of Forest Genetics and	Tree Breeding, Coimbatore			
3.	Development of compost out of waste involving tribal for their livelihood support	16 September 2019	Malayali tribes of Vinayaga and Masani Women Self Help Groups of Anamalai range of Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi (TK), Coimbatore district.		
4.	Instrumentation methods and Phytochemical analysis	19 and 20 September 2019	Students from various academic institutions, Universities and colleges.		
5.	Biological Diversity Act, 2002	25 and 27 September 2019	Officials of Forest, Agriculture, Veterinary, Fisheries Panchayath Raj etc. from Tamil Nac and Kerala.		



Training on Instrumentation methods and Phytochemical analysis



Training on Biological Diversity Act, 2002



Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

6.	Extraction, isolation and chemical structure identification of phytochemicals	15 July - 6 September 2019	Students of Integrated M.Sc. in Chemistry from Center for Basic sciences, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
7.	Wood Protection	23 and 27 September 2019	Participants from INS, Shivaji and SQAE, Mumbai
8.	Timber Identification	25 and 27 September 2019	RFO Traniees The State Forestry Training Society, Kundal

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

9. Carbon sequestration by Industrial Plantation

30 September and 1 October 2019

Officers of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Co. Ltd. (MPPGCL)



Training on Carbon sequestration by Industrial Plantation

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

10. Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting

10 to 13 September 2019

Participants from Karbi Anglong district of Assam



Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

11. Cultivation of Important Temperate Medicinal Plants: an option for Diversification and Augmentation of Rural Income

25 to 27 September 2019

Gram Panchayat members, NGO, Teachers, Eco Task Force Officials, Bank Personals etc.



Training on Cultivation of Important Temperate Medicinal Plants: an option for Diversification and Augmentation of Rural Income

Rajbhasha Programmes

- ICFRE organized Hindi Fortnight from 11 to 25 September 2019.
- Celebrated Hindi Day at IFGTB, Coimbatore on 16 September 2019. In this connection, various Hindi competitions were conducted and the employees participated in the competitions enthusiastically.
- IWST, Bengaluru observed Hindi fortnight from 14 to 28 September 2019. The program was inaugurated on 16 September 2019 and concluded on 30 Sept
 2019. During this period various competitions were conducted for the staff and students of the institute.
- TFRI, Jabalpur celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 14 to 30 September 2019.
- Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur organized Hindi Week from 13 to 19 September 2019 in which

- competitions like noting-drafting, Hindi quiz, Hindi typing (normal & saaransh), Hindi language knowlwdge, Hindi square puzzle and self composed poetry competitions were held in addition to the opinion expression on official language Hindi.
- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized Hindi Fortnight from 1 to 14 September 2019.
- IFP, Ranchi celebrated 'Hindi Pakhwara' from 1 to14
 September 2019. Different competitive programmes
 viz., essay writing; poem recitation and quiz
 competition etc. were conducted during the
 programme.
- IFB, Hyderabad organized 'Hindi Saptah' from 14 to 20 September 2019.



Prakriti Programmes

- The various groups of 28 students of KV, Salawala, Dehradun on 6 September 2019 led by their teachers were visited FRI, Dehradun under "Prakriti" programme.
- A groups of 54 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya No.3 Delhi Cantt, Ring Road Naraina and 41 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pitampura, Delhi led by their teachers were visited FRI, Dehradun under "Prakriti" programme on 12 and 13 September 2019.
- A group of 50 students of KV Keshavpuram, New Delhi on 30 September 2019 led by their teachers were visited FRI, Dehradun under "Prakriti" programme.
- A group of 100 teachers from different Kendriya Vidyalaya of country along with Mr. M. K. Malik, Vice Principal, Kendrya Vidyalaya ONGC, Dehradun visited the FRI, Dehradun under "Prakriti" programme on 19 September 2019.
- 25 Schools participated in the *Prakriti* programme organized by IFGTB, Coimbatore. The following schools from Coimbatore district, Udumalpet, Pollachi, Tirupur, Podanur, took part in the "*Prakriti*" programme. 1309 school students and 308 College students participated in this programme.
- AFRI Jodhpur organized a lecture and exhibition under the "Prakrati programme" on 27 September 2019.
 211 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya class 6 to 12, including the staff of the school, visited the exhibition.
- Under "Prakriti : student-scientist connect programme", Himalayan Forest Research Institute,

- Shimla organized an awareness programme with the objective to spread awareness about forestry & environment for the students of class 10th, 10+1 & 10+2 of Kendriya Vidhalaya, Leh (Ladakh) & Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya, Leh (Ladakh) on 07 September 2019 at Kendriya Vidhalaya, Leh (Ladakh) & Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya, Leh (Ladakh).
- Under "Prakriti: student-scientist connect programme", Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla organized an awareness programme with the objective to spread awareness about forestry & environment for the science stream students belonging to class 10+1 & 10+2 of Jawahar NavodayVidhalaya, Riyasi (Jammu & Kashmir) on 23 September 2019 at Jawahar NavodayVidhalaya, Riyasi (Jammu & Kashmir).
- IFP, Ranchi organized Environmental Awareness programme' under 'Prakriti programme' at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Palamau and Deoghar on 6 and 17 September 2019. 675 students and teachers attended the programme.
- IFB, Hyderabad organized an awareness programme on environment, forest activities and biodiversity under Prakriti to a group of 90 students and 9 teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Tirumalagiri and Shivarampally from 12 and 13 September 2019.
- IFB, Hyderabad organised an awareness programme on Environment, Forest activities and Biodiversity under Prakriti to a group of 40 students and 2 teachers of Zilla Parishad high School, Dulapally, Hyderabad on 26 September 2019.





Students from Kendriya Vidhyalaya Sanganth (KVS), Tirumalghery

"PRAKRITI" छात्र – वैज्ञानिक मिलन कार्यक्रम Student- Scientist Connect Programme



➤ Awareness and Demonstration Programmes

Research and development activities of RFRI, Jorhat, such as Nursery Management, Cultivation, Propagation & IFP, Ranchi organized demonstration programme on Value addition of Bamboo. etc. on 6 September 2019. 11 trainees from Karbi Ranchi attended the programme.

Anglong and Members from Aranyak, Guwahati attended the programme.

Bamboo preservation Knowledge on different medicinal plants, Melia dubia & techniques, Biotechnology and Tissue Culture, Lac Poplar planted in the lalgutwa campus on 24 September Cultivation, Botanical Garden, Orchidarium, Vermicomposting 2019. 20 B.Sc. (Faculty of Forestry) students of BAU,

Miscellaneous

Institute	Special Day/ Theme	Duration
IFGTB, Coimbatore	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2019	16 September 2019
	World Bamboo Day	18 September 2019



Observance of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2019



Foresters of Tamil Nadu Forest Department planting bamboo on the occasion of World Bamboo Day

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Appointment				
Name of Officer	Date			
Smt. Richa Mishra, IFS CF, FRI, Dehradun	3.09.2019			
Promotion				
Name of Officer	Date			
Shri Narendra K. Sharda, PS, AFRI, Jodhpur	11.09.2019			
Shri S. Sen Sharma	26.09.2019			

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