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Hindi Fortnight 2020



ICFRE celebrated Hindi Fortnight 2020



IFGTB, Coimbatore celebrated Hindi Fortnight 2020

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) celebrated Hindi Fortnight from 14 to 28 September 2020. Shri A.S. Rawat, DG, ICFRE was the Chief Guest on this occasion. While addressing the gathering he stated that we have to maintain the spirit of ICFRE institutes viz. Hindi Fortnight all through the year. During the fortnight six competitions were held in which 56 participants actively participated. FRI, Dehradun; IWST, Bengaluru; IFGTB, Coimbatore; AFRI, Jodhpur; HFRI, Shimla; IFP, Ranchi and IFB, Hyderabad also celebrated Hindi Fortnight during the month of September 2020.

National Forest Martyrs Day

FRI, Dehradun observed National Forest Martyrs Day on 11 September 2020 at Forester Memorial, Brandis Road, FRI, Dehradun campus to commemorate foresters who had laid down their lives to protect forests and wildlife. Sh. A.S. Rawat, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and other senior Forest officers of different forestry organisations and scientists of ICFRE & FRI paid floral tributes on the forester memorial at FRI.



FRI, Dehradun observed National Forest Martyrs Day

Significant Research Findings

Institute of Forest Genetic and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore

- One new species of grasshopper, *Phaneroptera rentzi* (Tettigoniidae: Orthoptera) has been described and accepted for publication in Zootaxa, deposited in Zoobank.
- IFGTB has developed two interspecific hybrid clones of *Eucalyptus* (*E. camaldulensis* x *E. tereticornis*) for public release. These clones have been found superior than the clones released earlier by IFGTB and also the widely planted

commercial clones in terms of growth and pulp yield. These clones have been recommended by the Regional Variety Testing Committee of IFGTB to the Variety Releasing Committee (VRC) of ICFRE on 25 September 2020. The new clones are expected to further increase the productivity of *Eucalyptus* plantations in the country mainly benefiting the forest development corporations, wood-based industries and tree farmers.

Consultancy

ICFRE is presently working on ten consultancy projects, which are awarded by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Ltd; Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited; Karnataka State Official Authority; MoEF&CC, GoI, 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.

Workshops/ Webinars/ Meetings

S.No.	Topic	Duration	Beneficiaries
Institute of Forest Genetic and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore			
1.	Forest Fire – Ecology and Management	28 September 2020	Field Staff from Scientific Institutions & State Forest Departments and General Public
			
Webinar on Forest Fire- Ecology and Management			
Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru			
2.	Prioritisation of Species for FGR Programme	2 September 2020	Stakeholders, Researchers, Officers
3.	Safeguards Information System for REDD+ India	16 September 2020	State Forest Departments, Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Other Officials, Research Institutions, NGO and General Public
4.	Research Advisory Group meeting	29 September 2020	-

Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur

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| 5. | Wild Edible and Medicinal Mushroom of Central India | 25 September 2020 | Scientists, Officer, Staff and Researchers |
| 6. | Safeguard Information System for REDD+ Implementation in India | 30 September 2020 | State Forest Departments of MP, CG, MS, Stakeholders from Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Development, Research and Academic Institute, NGOs etc. |

Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat

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| 7. | XXII RAG Meeting | 25 September 2020 | Officers, Scientists and Staff |
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XXII Research Advisory Group Meeting at RFRI, Jorhat

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

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| 8. | XXI RAG Meeting | 21 September 2020 | Representatives from IHBT and GBPNIHESD; Progressive farmer and Principal Scientists from CSK HPKVV, Palampur besides, Scientists and Officers |
| 9. | Rhododendrons of the North Western Himalaya- Diversity, Economic Values and Impact of Climate Change | 30 September 2020 | Scientists, DCFs, Technical Officers and Other Research Staff |



Monthly seminar on Rhododendrons of the North Western Himalaya- Diversity, Economic Values and Impact of Climate Change

Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi

10.	Regional Research Conference (RRC)	22 September 2020	SFDs, Stakeholders and Other External Agencies of Jharkhand, WB, Bihar, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana
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Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

11.	Bioprospecting for Industrial Utilization of Lesser Known Forest Plants	30 September 2020	Officers, Scientists and Staff
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Training Programmes

S.No.	Topic	Duration	Beneficiaries
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Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

1.	Market Mechanism of Agroforestry Products	15 September 2020	Technical assistants and Technicians
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Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru

2.	Sandalwood Farming and Management of its Health	21 to 24 September 2020	Farmers, Industrialist and Entrepreneurs
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Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur

3.	Value addition of <i>Momordica dioica</i> & <i>Tamarindus indica</i>	September 2020	SHG members of different groups in Pali & Sirohi District of Rajasthan
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Training on Value addition of *Momordica dioica* & *Tamarindus indica*

Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla

4.	Ashtavarga Group of Medicinal Plants	9 to 13 September 2020	Rangers, Foresters and Research Staff of the Uttarakhand Forest Department
5.	Composting Techniques	23 to 25 September 2020	Technical Staff of ICFRE institutes viz. FRI Dehradun, AFRI Jodhpur, TFRI Jabalpur and IFB Hyderabad

Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi

6.	Soil Survey	9 to 11 September 2020	Technical Staffs of Various Institutes of ICFRE
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Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

7.	Office Procedures, Handling Office Correspondence, File Management, Noting and Drafting	8 to 10 September 2020	Administrative Staff
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Forest Research Centre Livelihood and Ecosystem, Agartala

8.	Bamboo based Utility Products and Enterprise Development	1 to 9 September 2020	Young Bamboo Artisans
9.	Skill Development on Bamboo Handicrafts and other Utility products for Promotion of Community Enterprise	16 to 19 September 2020	Young Bamboo Artisans



Training on Skill Development on Bamboo Handicrafts and other Utility products for Promotion of Community Enterprise

Prakriti Programme

- FRI, Dehradun organized webinar cum training for teachers of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas under Prakriti programme on 24 September 2020.
- An online programme was organized by IFGTB, Coimbatore on 4 September 2020 for 58 students of 11th Std. of Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya School, Palakkad, on the topic “Biodiversity conservation through traditional wisdom-Sacred Groves” and the second lecture on the topic “Eco-friendly environment” under the Prakriti Programme was conducted on 7 September 2020 in which 70 students of 10th Std of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya School, Palakkad, Kerala.

ONLINE KNOWLEDGE SERIES
on 4th September 2020
PRAKRITI PROGRAMME

WEBINAR OF IFGTB FOR JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDHYALAYA SCHOOL, PALAKKAD

TALK TO SCIENTIST
Speaker: Dr. Kamesh C.R. Wadgaonkar
Biodiversity Conservation through Traditional Wisdom - Sacred Groves
Chair: Anandkumar J. Linder Prabakar

NURTURING GREEN LEADERS
INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AND TREE BREEDING
(INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)

Awareness and Demonstration Programmes

- RFRI, Jorhat conducted an awareness programme on "Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting under National Mission of Himalayan Studies (NMHS)" on 15 September 2020 at Deithor, Karbi Anglong (Assam). Around thirty participants including Gaon-burha (Village Headman), NGO members and bamboo growers participated in the programme.
- FRCL, Agartala organized demonstration programme on "Identification and Marking of Clumps of Different Age Groups in *Bambusa polymorpha*" on 26 September 2020. 30 members of self help group at Charilam, Sipahijala, Tripura attended the programme.



Awareness programme on "Bamboo Charcoal Production and Briquetting under National Mission of Himalayan Studies (NMHS)"

Popularizing Forestry through Doordarshan

Programme Topic	Channel	Date
Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla		
“औषधीय पौधे और जड़ी बूटियाँ”	Krishi Darshan Programme	11 September 2020

Miscellaneous

Institute	Special Day/ Theme	Date
FRI, Dehradun and HFRI, Shimla	Himalayan Day	9 September 2020
IFGTB, Coimbatore and HFRI, Shimla	World Ozone Day 2020	16 September 2020

HR News

Appointments

Name of Officer	Date
Dr. N. Palanikanth, IFS, DCF, IWST, Bengaluru	11.09.2020

Promotion

Name of Officer	Date
Sh. Narendra Kumar Shringi, Under Secretary, TFRI, Jabalpur	21.09.2020
Sh. Salahuddin, Section Officer, FRI, Dehradun	29.09.2020

Retirements

Name of Officer	Date
Dr. Pradeep Sharma, Sci- C, FRI, Dehradun	30.09.2020
Sh. Sukhdev Sharma, ACTO, FRI, Dehradun	30.09.2020

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Shri. A.S. Rawat, Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun

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