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## World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

- On the occasion of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2025, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, organized a one-day national workshop titled “Strategies for Combating Desertification and Drought” at the ICFRE – Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur. The workshop was presided over by Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, as the Chief Guest, with Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture, as a distinguished guest. Key attendees included Shri Sushil Kumar Awasthi, Director General of Forests; Smt. Kanchan Devi, Director General, ICFRE; Shri A.K. Mohanty, Additional Director General (Forests); Director, ICFRE-AFRI; and officials from central and state governments. Two publications on “Aravali Districts” and “Sustainable Land Management” were also released by the Chief Guest during the event.

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**Workshop on “Sustainable Land Management in Arid Ecosystems” by MoEF&CC, Govt. Of India  
at ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur**



# World Environment Day

- ICFRE (HQ), its institutes, and centers celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025. As a part of celebration, Plantation activities and Mass Cleaning Drives were also organized at ICFRE Headquarter, institutes and centres from 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 to 05<sup>th</sup> June 2025.





## International Day of Yoga

- ICFRE, along with its institutes and centres, celebrated International Yoga Day on 21 June 2025. During this occasion ICFRE participated in the vibrant yoga session held at ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun. The event was graced by Shri Tokhan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, as the chief guest. Participants included officials and scientists from ICFRE and FRI, IFS and CASFOS probationers, as well as students from FRI Deemed University and Kendriya Vidyalaya. Across all ICFRE institutes, the celebration was further enriched by the "Harit Yoga" initiative, which combined yoga practice with plantation and cleanliness drives, promoting both physical well-being and environmental responsibility..





## Plantation activities

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## Cleanliness Campaign



### Mission LiFE

#### ICFRE- Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad

- Organized awareness programs on "End Plastic Pollution" on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 04<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in Hyderabad and Mulugu, Telangana. 28 participants including students and food vendors participated in the programme.



#### **Awareness Programme on "End Plastic Pollution" by ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad**

- Organized an awareness program on "Reduce Single-Use Plastic" on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, for 40 NCC cadets.
- ICFRE-CEC, Visakhapatnam organized awareness programmes on "Save Water, Adopt Healthy Life Style and Say no to Single used plastic" on 11<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at RK Beach and Andhra University Campus, Visakhapatnam.



#### **Awareness Programme on "Save Water, Adopt Healthy Life Style and Say no to Single Used Plastic" by ICFRE-CEC, Visakhapatnam**

## Significant Research Finding

#### ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

- Alkaline phosphatase (ALP), a key enzyme involved in phosphate metabolism and an indicator of cellular differentiation and function, was measured in cell lysates following treatment with varying concentrations of HSLEO using commercial ALP assay kit. The results demonstrated a concentration-dependent enhancement in ALP activity compared to the untreated control. The highest enzyme activity was recorded at 46.79  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ , with a value of 6023.70 U/ml, followed by 5503.88 U/ml at 23.39  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ . In contrast, the control group exhibited a lower ALP activity of 5184.73 U/ml. These findings suggest that HSLEO stimulates ALP activity.

- Essential oil was extracted from the *Skimmia laureola* leaves using the steam distillation method, and the yield was determined to be  $0.489\% \pm 0.007$  (w/w). The antioxidant potential essential oil was evaluated using the DPPH free radical scavenging assay, ABTS radical cation decolorization assay, and the reducing power assay. The results indicated that the



essential oil exhibited moderate antioxidant activity compared to the reference standard i.e., ascorbic acid. The  $IC_{50}$  value of the essential oil was found to be 450  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  for the DPPH assay, while ascorbic acid showed an  $IC_{50}$  of 6.18  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . In the ABTS assay, the  $IC_{50}$  of the essential oil was 12,413  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  compared to 57.75  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  for ascorbic acid.

### **ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat**

- Assam's timber industry comprises of 143 sawmills, 25 plywood/panel industries, and 2 veneer units. The annual timber demand for round wood ranges from a minimum of 1,773.00 thousand cubic meters to a maximum of 2,955.00 thousand cubic meters. In contrast, to the significant

demand, the total estimated annual timber supply from all sources in Assam is a mere 380,394.23 cubic meters.

- Prepared 150 L Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria for Meghalaya Forest Department and also performed Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria application with the field workers.
- Formulated two herbal wound healing gels by using the bark extract of natural products. These formulations were evaluated using an excision wound model in Wistar rats. The gel demonstrated remarkable efficacy by significantly accelerating all phases of the wound healing process, including inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling.

## **Workshops/ Seminars/ Meetings**

### **ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla**

01	12 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Material & Bio Resource Integration Bridging Technology & Traditional Knowledge	14 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	150 participants including Scientists, Officers and Research Scholars
02	Promotion of Sandalwood Cultivation for Sustainable Agroforestry in India	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	20 participants including Scientists, Technical staff, Researchers of ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla



**Conference on “Sustainable Material & Bio Resource Integration Bridging Technology & Traditional Knowledge” by ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla**



**Workshop on “Promotion of Sandalwood Cultivation for Sustainable Agroforestry in India” by ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla**



**ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur**

04	Combating Plastic Pollution and Sustainable Waste Management	04 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	50 participants including Scientists, Research scholars and Field Research staff of ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur
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**Trainings Programme****ICFRE- Forest Research Institute, Dehradun**

01	Wood Coatings	16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	13 participants from different Wood Industries
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**Training Programme on “Wood Coatings” by ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun****ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur**

02	Quality plant production of forestry species and agroforestry management	02 <sup>nd</sup> to 06 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	20 participants from Maharashtra Forest Department
03	Candidate Plus Tree selection of timber and non- timber species	09 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	18 participants from Chhattisgarh Forest Department

**Training Programme on “Quality plant production of forestry species and agroforestry management” by ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur****Training Programme on “Candidate Plus Tree selection of timber and non- timber species” by ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur**



### **ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat**

04	Nursery, Plantation Technology and Agroforestry (Two Trainings)	02 <sup>nd</sup> to 04 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	40 participants including Farmers and Entrepreneurs from Sivasagar and Merapani area of Golaghat, Assam
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**Training Programme on “Nursery, Plantation Technology and Agroforestry” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat**

### **ICFRE- Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad**

05	Genetic Improvement and Value Addition of <i>Madhuca longifolia</i>	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	60 participants from State Forest Academy, Hyderabad
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### **ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru**

06	Resin Manufacturing and Plywood Manufacturing	02 <sup>nd</sup> to 06 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	15 participants from Plywood Industries
07	Wood Science and Technology	09 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	50 Students from Forestry college, SHUATS, Prayagraj
08	Sandalwood Nursery Technology	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	30 Farmers
09	Testing of Plywood and Block Board	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Participants from Wood based industries

### **Activities Under Van Vigyan Kendra**

#### **ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur**

- Organized a training program on "Advance Forestry Research" on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at VVK, Indore for 46 field staff from the Indore Forest Department.



### **ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla**

- Conducted cleanup drives under the theme "Ending Plastic Pollution Globally" on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at VVK, Longani, Dharampur (Mandi) and VVK, Jagatsukh, Manali, Himachal Pradesh. 48 participants, including VVK Longani staff and students from Government Senior Secondary School, Jagatsukh, Manali, were educated on reducing plastic waste in ecologically sensitive regions.



**ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla organized Cleanup Drive at VVK, Jagatsukh, Manali (H.P.)**

### **ICFRE- Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur**

- Organized a training program on "Reforestation of Degraded Dry Land" from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025. 36 farmers and Field Officers from the Forest Department, Rajasthan, participated in the programme.

### **ICFRE- Institute of Forest Production, Ranchi**

- Organized a training program on "Vermicomposting Techniques and Methods" on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at VVK, Jadua, Hajipur, Bihar. Approximately 50 farmers from Vaishali, Bihar, participated and received briefings on vermicompost production.



**Training Programme on "Vermicomposting Techniques and Methods" by ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi at VVK, Jadua, Hajipur, Bihar**

- Organized a training program on "Value Addition of Wild Fruits" on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at Demo Village, Angara Block, Ranchi, Jharkhand. 25 farmers from Jidu village participated and were briefed on the utilization and processing of wild fruits harvested from local forest areas.



**Training Programme on "Value Addition of Wild Fruits" by ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi at Demo Village, Angara Block, Ranchi**

- Organized a training program on "NTFP Collection, Value Addition & Marketing" on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at VVK, Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal. 55 participants, including farmers and stakeholders from Damra gram, Sukna, Darjeeling, attended the programme.





**Training Programme on “Nursery Management and Value Addition of Bamboo” by ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi at VVK, Sukna, Darjeeling, West Bengal**

### **ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru**

- Organized a training programme on “Sandalwood based agroforestry models & management of its health” on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at ICAR-KVK, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur. 100 farmers from Chintamani, Chikkaballapur participated in the programme.



**Training Programme on “Sandalwood based Agroforestry Models & Management of its Health” by ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru at ICAR-KVK, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur**

- Organized a training programme on “Nursery management and value addition of Bamboo” on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at ICAR-CCARI-KVK, North Goa. 45 participants including farmers and officials from forest department of North Goa participated in the programme.



**Training Programme on “Nursery Management and Value Addition of Bamboo” by ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru at ICAR-CCARI-KVK, North Goa**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

- ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad signed an MoU with Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to foster new research initiatives and innovative technology development aligned with the mandates of both institutes.



**MoU signed between ICFRE-IFB, Hyderabad and CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad**

- ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla signed an MoU with Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for collaborative research, extension and academic activities.





**MoU signed between ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla and Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla**

## *Prakriti Programme*

### **ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat**

- ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat organized Environmental Awareness Programme on 05<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Pokamura Higher Secondary School, Pokamura, Jorhat for 280 students. They were sensitized about "Ending Plastic Pollution during the programme.



**ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat organized Environmental Awareness Programme at Pokamura Higher Secondary School, Pokamura, Jorhat**

- ICFRE-BRC, Aizwal organized Environmental Awareness programme on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Lunglei and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Thingsulthliah, Mizoram. 250 students participated in the programme.

### **ICFRE- Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bengaluru**

- 170 students along with teachers from Mitra Academy, Arekere, Bennerghatta Road, Bengaluru visited Nursery, Wood Museum, Advanced Wood working Training Centre and Technology Demonstration Centre of ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Students were briefed about the institute's various research and developmental activities.



**Students from Mitra Academy, Arekere, Bengaluru visited ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru**

### **ICFRE- Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore**

- 52 students along with teachers from VIBGYOR CBSE High School, Coimbatore visited Gass Forest Museum of ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. A Lecture on "Deforestation and its impact" was also delivered during the visit.





**Students from VIBGYOR CBSE High School, Coimbatore visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore**

## **Awareness and Demonstration Programme**

### **ICFRE- Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur**

- 45 RFO from Balaghat Van Vidhyalaya, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department visited ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. They were briefed about various research and developmental activities of the institute.



**RFOs from Balaghat Van Vidhyalaya Madhya Pradesh Forest Department visited ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur**

### **ICFRE- Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur**

- 47 students along with faculty from Agricultural University, Kota visited ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Lecture on “Environmental Awareness in Tribal Areas” was also delivered to students.

### **ICFRE- Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat**

- 29 students from Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat, Assam, participated in a Community Engagement Programme organized by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. They were briefed about the bamboo cultivation, propagation, nursery management, value addition, preservation techniques, bamboo charcoal making, lac cultivation, vermicomposting, agar plantation, and other research and development activities of the institute.



**Students from Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat**

- ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat conducted awareness programme on “Importance and Conservation of *Rhododendron niveum* in Skkim ” on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Kyongnasla Alpine Sanctuary, East



Sikkim. 40 participants including ACF, Range Officers, Frontline forest staff, SHGs members and Eco Development Committees members from Sikkim participated in the programme.



### **Awareness Programme on “Importance and Conservation of *Rhododendron niveum* in Sikkim” by ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat**

- 27 participants including farmers and scientists from KVK, Sivasagar, Assam visited Bamboo Museum and Interpretation Centre, Bamboo Nursery, Bambusetum, Bamboo Charcoal Unit of ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **ICFRE- Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore**

- 250 students from Doon Bosco College of Agriculture, Ranipet Distt. Tamil Nadu, RVS College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore and SRS institute of Agriculture & Technology, Vendasar, Dindigul visited Gass Forest Museum of ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore on 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Lecture on “Environmental Conservation and Green House Gases” was also delivered to them during the visit.



**Students from Doon Bosco College of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu visited ICFRE-IFGTB, Coimbatore**

### ***Participation in Exhibition***

- ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi participated and showcasing its technologies in “National Tasar Resham Krishi Mela” organized by Central Tasar Research and Training Institute, Riska Nagri, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Ranchi, Jharkhand.



**ICFRE-IFP, Ranchi participated in “National Tasar Resham Krishi Mela” at Central Tasar Research and Training Institute, Piska Nagri, Ranchi, Jharkhand**

- ICFRE-Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST), Bengaluru, participated in "Vision Karnataka-2025," an exhibition organized by Prayass Events and Exhibition from 11<sup>th</sup>



to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025, in Belagavi, Karnataka. IWST, Bengaluru, showcased its technologies during the exhibition.



**ICFRE-IWST, Bengaluru participated in "Vision Karnataka-2025" at Belagavi, Karnataka**

## Publication

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### Visit to Institutes

- Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, DG, ICFRE inspected the Laboratory, Nursery facilities at ICFRE-TFRI, Jabalpur on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and plantation of Haldina and Toona established in Nagar van at Lakhnadon.





**Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, DG, ICFRE, Dehradun  
plantation of Haldina and Toona established in  
Nagar Van at Lakhnadon**

- Shri Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, PCCF & HoFF, Nagaland visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. He also reviewed Research and Development activities of the institute.



**Shri Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, PCCF & HOFF,  
Nagaland visited ICFRE-RFRI, Jorhat**

## ***Rajbhasha Activities***

- The Rajbhasha inspection of ICFRE HQ was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 by Mrs. Urmila Harit, Director (Rajbhasha), MoEF&CC in the presence of Dr. Sudhir Kumar, DDG(Extension), officers and employees of ICFRE. As part of the inspection activities, a

Rajbhasha Exhibition was also organized to showcase the implementation and promotion of Hindi in official work.



**The Rajbhasha inspection of ICFRE (HQ) was  
conducted by Smt. Urmila Harit, Director  
(Rajbhasha), MoEF&CC**

- ICFRE HQ organized quarterly meeting on Official Language Implementation Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 under the chairmanship of Smt. Kanchan Devi, IFS, DG. Representatives of the official language from all institutes participated. During the meeting "Taruchintan-2024" was also released.



**Quarterly meeting on "Official Language  
Implementation Committee" by ICFRE (HQ)**

- ICFRE- TFRI, Jabalpur organized Rajbhasha Quarterly meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025. 19 participants including officers, Scientists, Researchers and official of institute participated in the meeting.



- ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla organized Hindi workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. 25 participants including officers and student of ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla participated in the workshop. They were made aware about Hindi Language.



**ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla organized Hindi Workshop**

## HR NEWS

### RETIREMENT

Name of Officer	Date
Dr. N.K. Upreti, Scientist-G, ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun	30.06.2025
Shri Vedpal Singh, Scientist-E, ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun	30.06.2025
Shri Preetpal Singh, FRO, ICFRE-FRI, Dehradun	30.06.2025

### REPATRIATION

Name of Officer	Date
Smt. Deep Shikha Sharma, IFS, (AGMUT:2011) DCF, ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla	20.06.2025

### PROMOTION

Name of Officer	Date
Shri Neeraj Kumar Gupta, Under Secretary, ICFRE-AFRI, Jodhpur	26.06.2025

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