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Back Cover : Casuarina plantation along the coast at Casuarina Bay (North Andaman).

FOREWORD

Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has been implementing programmes aimed at holistic development of forestry research, education and extension for sustainable management and development of forestry resources in the country. 2006-2007 was particularly an important year as ICFRE hosted the 21st Asia Pacific Forestry Commission Meeting during April 2006 and offered its personnel a good opportunity of networking with international forestry organizations.

I am delighted to share this Annual Report with our forestry sector organizations, other partners, stakeholders, and people at large. The past year has been demanding and exciting with a number of new developments. The Council has been actively involved in the deliberations of the climate change as a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) observer and participated in meetings of Conference of the Parties (COP) and Subsidiary Bodies. The Council also established a platform for networking with partners on Forest Invasive Species. The Council in pursuance of its regular plan programme, approved research projects to cater to the needs of various target groups. Technologies and protocols developed in fields of silviculture, agroforestry, biotechnology, tree improvement, wood technology, forest products, and environmental management practices by the Council were extended to various user agencies at regular intervals through short and long term courses, workshops, trainings, diploma and awareness programmes.



Many national and international donor agencies play an important role in funding forestry research needs at the local, regional, national and international levels. The Council extends expertise in the form of consultancy to a varied clientele of hydropower firms, mining companies, water supply agencies, municipalities for tree avenue maintenance, and development of tree groves and avenues. Some specific consultancies include evaluation of projects funded by National Medicinal Plants Board, environment impact assessment, and drawing of management plan for hydropower projects of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), and socioeconomic survey and formulation of resettlement and rehabilitation programme for National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

The Council has played a prominent role in the forest-climate debate on reducing emissions from deforestation, and influenced international negotiations with its reasonable, scientific and equitable stand in favour of forest conservation.

Countrywide forestry education is promoted by providing financial support to various universities imparting forestry education with a view to strengthening their infrastructure to augment teaching and research capabilities. Much emphasis is given on the quality of forestry education and placement of forestry students of FRI University.

The report provides insight into research, education and extension in the context of ICFRE activities, and it gives me immense pleasure in presenting this ICFRE Annual Report for the year 2006-2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kishwan".

(Jagdish Kishwan)
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