

## **Visit of Hon'ble Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun Dr. S. C. Gairola to Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP)**

**(26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017)**

Dr. S.C. Gairola, IFS, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun visited Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (MP) during 26 – 28 October 2017.

On the first day of his visit, Director General planted a Rudraksha plant in the beautiful campus of TFRI in the presence of all scientists, officers and staff. Dr. N. Roychoudhary, Director TFRI along with officers, scientists and official staff warmly welcomed the Hon'ble Director General. The meeting was held in the conference hall of Genetics Division Scientists and officers introduced themselves along with their field of expertise. After this, the Director TFRI briefed the Director General about the mandate of institute and gave a detailed presentation on the completed and ongoing research projects, their findings and various other activities going on in the Institute.

In his address, the Director General appreciated the research works and activities carried out by the Institute and praised the efforts of TFRI scientists for taking ambitious research projects. He highlighted the importance of fundamental research but advised the scientists for giving priority to applied research, which is the need of the hour, for benefit of the stakeholders. He said that the developed techniques must be converted to technology packages which should be economically viable, reproducible, feasible and user friendly. He also advised scientists to work in a focused manner in a specialized field to excel at National and International level in scientific arena. Director General visited the Ecology laboratory and examined the functioning of the Inductively Coupled Plasma Emission Spectrometer then NWFP Division and enquired about the High Performance Liquid and High Performance Thin Layer Chromatograph instruments. He also visited the Forest Museum and Interpretation center of the institute on his first day of visit and praised the institute for establishing such a beautiful museum.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, the Hon'ble DG visited to examine the functioning of Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometer and its working and also visited the Insect Biological Control Laboratory, Arachnarium, Tissue culture laboratory and Molecular Biology Laboratory. Director



General along with Director TFRI and other officials also visited the Bamboo nursery near Tilwara Ghat of Narmada river in Jabalpur. During his meeting with officers and scientists of TFRI and CFRHRD, Chhindwara, he asked the scientists to present their views to improve the working of ICFRE and its institutes. Every scientist and officer presented his/ her views before the Director General. At last, the DG thanked the TFRI people for his warm welcome and hospitality.

Dr. N. Roychoudhury, Director TFRI appreciated the Director General for his valuable suggestions and sparing the time in his busy schedule and for motivational words and suggestions which will definitely benefit the Institute in the time to come.

### **Glimpses of the visit**



Dr. S.C. Gairola, DG, ICFRE planting a Rudraksha plant

## Meeting with Scientists and Officers



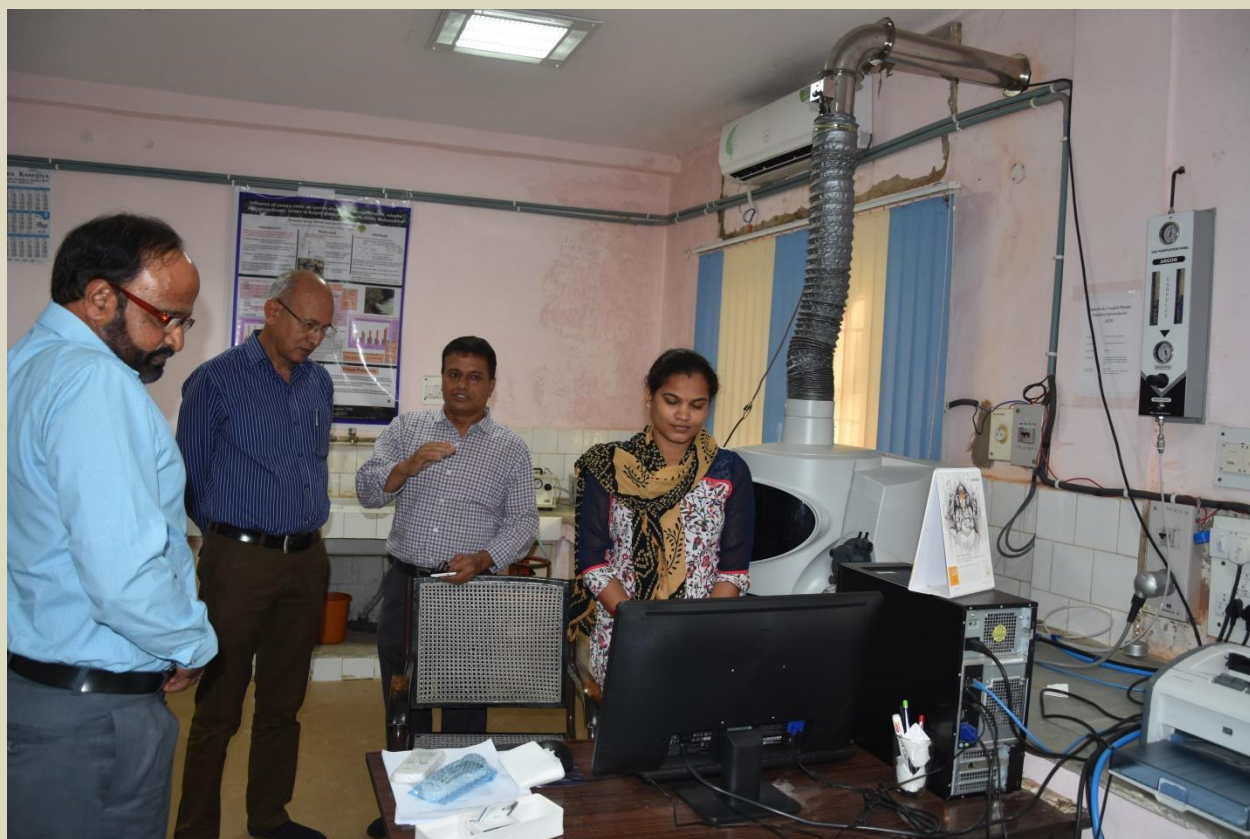


## Laboratories visit



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## Insectary Visit



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**Bamboo nursery visit**



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## *Museum and Interpretation center visit*



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## Outdated National Forestry Research Project being revised: Dr Gairola

■ Old forest research policy is no more efficient to fulfill current requirements but a holistic policy is required with participation of all the stakeholders to provide utmost benefits of researches to farmers, industries, Forest and Environment Departments

■ By Ashish Rajput

"PROCESS of revising outdated National Forestry Research Project (NFRP) has been started to meet requirements of end users. A dedicated team is preparing draft recommendations for revising, updating and more focused contemporary

researches and the report is targeted to be submitted before the Central Government till March 2018. Recommendations will focus on top-down research instead of bottom-up researches to make it more efficient in achieving desired targets in national interest," informed Dr S C Gairola (IFS), Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun.

Dr Gairola was talking to 'The Hitavada' during his visit to the city on Friday. "Old forest research policy is no more efficient to fulfill current requirements but a holistic policy is required with participation of all the stakeholders to provide utmost benefits of researches to farmers, industries, Forest and Environment Departments.

The recommendation will also propose establishment of National Project Coordinator (NPC) to be headed by subject

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experts. All the relevant institutes and departments will be a part of national research project with deployment of project investigator. NPC will come out with consolidated concept paper to highlight significance of particular research and earlier works done in the same area to fill gaps between research works and its ground level implementation," Dr Gairola added.

The ICFRE Chief informed that ICFRE has already identified 34 areas of research including 11 species and 23 thematic areas. Right now the institute is in the process of formulating All India Coordinated Research Project which is likely to have much greater impact at national level and it will be more efficient than primary projects.

They have signed MoUs with The Energy Research Institute,

Delhi (TERI) and Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TRIFAC) for bridging gap in utilisation of 250 innovated researches listed by Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education and benefiting users. He said that ICFRI is a think tank for environment and forest conservation and suggested MoEF to take suitable policy based initiatives and proposed to establish Centre for Forest Policy Research (CFPR) along with an Advisory Committee to specify areas where researches to be done. The proposal has been given in-principle approval by the Government of India and is likely to get shape soon. Several other efficient measures are being taken to make a stringent monitoring system and enhance sharing of information and findings of researches with all stakeholders for better use of research works in national interest.

### Dr Gairola assumed charge as DG of ICFRE on Mar 28, 2017

DRSC Gairola, IFS, assumed charge as DG of ICFRE on March 28, 2017. A graduate from DBS college of Dehradun, Dr Gairola completed his post-graduation in Forestry and allied Science from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) during 1982-84 followed by a Diploma in Environmental Law from National Law School of India. He has degree in Doctor in Philosophy (PhD) in field of Forest Management from Forest Research Institute Deemed University. He is also an alumnus of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore from where he completed his post-graduation in Public Policy and Management. As an IFS Officer Dr Gairola has worked extensively in forest areas of Maharashtra. He has adorned various posts related to Forest Management and Forest Policy in State Government of



Dr S C Gairola

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## DG Dr Gairola seeks information on ongoing projects at TFRI

DIRECTOR General Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Dr SC Gairola chaired an important meeting of scientists and research officers and sought information about ongoing projects at Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI) on Friday. Dr Gairola reviewed various research projects and activities going on in the Institute. He praised efforts of TFRI scientists for taking ambitious research projects.

Simultaneously, he also advised scientific community of TFRI to work on the result oriented and need based problems. He also asked the scientists to present their views to improve the research and its applicability. Earlier, Dr. SC Gairola accorded a rousing welcome on his maid-



Dr S C Gairola, DG, ICFRE, accompanied by other officers, addressing a meeting of scientists.

en visit to the institute. He visited different Research Laboratories, Museum and Experimental fields of TFRI. Addressing the meeting, ICFRE Chief emphasized over conducting regular interaction with other institutions, organizations and

farmers for better exchange of knowledge and making their researches result oriented. He emphasised over utmost utilisation of available resources and conducting researches focusing on current trends and requirements of farmers.

