IFRIS at a Glance

Stage I
Conceptualization
(07th June 2006 to 31st January 2007)

Stage II
Project Development including Business Process Re-engineering
(15th March 2007 to 31st August 2007)

Stage III
Software Development and Implementation (January 2008)
Pilot Rollout: October 2008  System Go: Live: March 2009
About e-parivartan

This newsletter “ICFRE e-parivartan” aims to cover the egovernance developments leading to transformation of ICFRE from manual to the electronic environment at ICFRE, its institute / research centers located in different geographical region across the country. The newsletter is a monthly publication for limited circulation (intra-ICFRE and its stakeholders) to increase the awareness of the IFRIS Project. e-parivartan will be a forum for sharing the views of the Management, the e-champions, users and the developers of the system. Your valuable feedback and inputs on the subject are solicited!

IFP in process of transformation
(by: Dr. Sanjay Singh and S.N. Mishra)

IFP, Ranchi has initiated the process of capacity building of its personnel by organizing various trainings as well as awareness workshops in the last two months.

A two days Awareness Workshop on Development and Implementation of IFRIS held on 22nd-23rd May 2008 was the first in the series. Dr. Harish Kumar, Project Manager (e-Governance) and Scientist E explained e-Governance in general and IFRIS in particular to the officers and staff of the institute. The workshop covered components and functionality of IFRIS, TO BE PROCESSES. Advance Training on Research Management and Computer Applications was organized on 28th May 2008 for officers and scientists covering the topics like elements of research management, intellectual property rights, technology dissemination, electronic information retrieval, packages for statistical analysis, multimedia presentation skills and advance computer applications in research and extension. The staff of the institute was provided a training on Basics of Computers from 29th May to 11th June 2008 covering topics like introduction to Internet, email and networking; ICFRE Mail Service and Portals, Operating systems, MS Office- MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

ICFRE APEX stresses on implementation of TO-BE Process

In the meeting of ICFRE Apex Committee was held on 28.07.2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagdish Kishwan, Director General, ICFRE. The Apex Committee stressed on the implementation of TO-BE processes in order to harmonize the functionality across the ICFRE Institute. The DG, ICFRE instructed all the members (local and through VC) to ensure that the TO-BE processes as laid down by the ICFRE are brought to the notice of all the process owner and put to use before the pilot roll out of the ICFRIS Application. The implementation of TO-BE process will be monitored by respective DDG’s of concerned domains. The DG, ICFRE endorsed his faith on the e-Champions by entrusting them the job of propagation of TO-BE processes within their respective domains.

HFRI – ready for pilot roll out

e-Champions Shri V.P. Panwar and Shri Prakash Chand the informed that Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla the host of 3rd e-Champions training from 29.09.2008 to 03.10.2008 is gearing up for the pilot roll out of the IFRIS application in October 2008. Training on IT related topics are being conducted for the Officers / Staff of the institute to increase the acceptability of the upcoming application.
e-friends – the concept taking shape at AFRI
(by : A. K. Sinha and Dr. Tarun Kant)

In order to increase the work efficiency and becoming ready for the forthcoming IFRIS software to be launched on April 2009, training programmes have been started for those who have yet to start on computers and also those who have a working knowledge on computers.

Three levels of trainings have been designed based on the skill level of the personnel at AFRI viz.; Starter's, Working Knowledge Group and Advanced. The training for the first batches of Starters and Working knowledge Group commenced on 4th August with 20 and 21 personnel each Group respectively. The training is being provided by the resource persons from the IT Cell and other divisions with expertise in various niche areas. Easy to comprehend books have been procured and provided to all the trainees as study material.

Early – Incremental - release of Modules of IFRIS

The developer of upcoming IFRIS application SRIT has made an early release of selected modules to give the early look and feel of the application to the e-Champions and the process owners. The application is available on a server located at IWST, Bangalore and the link was circulated to all concerned. An early release of the application has enabled the e-Champions and process owners to figure out any functional difficulties and the interactive feedbacks have been encouraging.

IT Experts Meet to Mitigate Technical Issues of a SERVER FARM for ICFRE

The technical committee of IT Experts comprising of IT domain experts from Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, New Delhi and coordinated by the Project Manager (e-Governance) ICFRE met at ICFRE Headquarters on 12.07.2008 to mitigate the issues of establishment of Server Farm for ICFRE.

Snail-mail to e-Mail

A paradigm shift has been taking place in terms of in-house communication at ICFRE and its Institutes. As decided by the management the email has been put to extensive use and the routine matters and correspondences are being communicated through email. However, the total change may take some more time but the response of the users is encouraging and the IT Cell, ICFRE is expecting the change
The next edition of ICFRE e-parivartan solicits your views on the process of change envisaged by the institution.

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