

**Centre for Forest Policy Research (CFPR)**

CFPR aims to become "Center of Excellence for Public Policy Research" in the arena of forest, wildlife and natural resource management and governance by providing leadership, best practices, research and support. The center will serve as 'policy think tank' for Government of India and play policy advocacy role, provide inputs for policy formation, implementation and evaluation for ensuring optimal usage and conservation of natural resources in the country.

The CFPR conducts policy research in the arena of forest, wildlife natural resources management and provide inputs for the Government in the process of policy formulation, implementation and evaluation for management of forest & environment sectors. The CFPR's mission is:

1. To provide inputs to the Government for better policy formulation for the management of forest and natural resources in the country.
2. To undertake consultancy projects on policy advocacy and assignments related to evaluation of government policies/programmes/projects.
3. To strengthen the policy formulation for the better governance of forest and natural resources, making use of rich research experience and expertise available in the ICFRE in the forestry sector.
4. To augment the capacity building of public servants, researchers and executives with latest techniques and tools for better policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

The Following three studies have been completed under Centre for Forest Policy Research (CFPR):

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Policy Study</b>	<b>Status</b>
Network for Certification and Conservation of Forest, New Delhi	Policy issues in agroforestry including market mechanism, forward and backward linkages, regional availability, transit of forest produce, linkages with NDC targets, choice of species and utilization	Final reports have been submitted to the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi.
The Energy & Resource Institute, New Delhi	Institutions of community participation including Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMs) and Eco-Development Committees (EDCs),	

	linkages with Panchayati Raj Institutions, review of their working in various regions of the country and identification of successful models and shortcomings	
Network for Certification and Conservation of Forest, New Delhi	Popularization of the use of wood and wood-based substitutes as per the National Forest Policy and modalities for facilitating industries for its optimal utilization.	Final report is to be submitted to the Ministry.
SRPDR, Bhopal	Study for Grazing policies in selected states of India to formulate A National Grazing Policy (NGP).	

Presently following four Policy Research Studies have been undertaken by the Directorate under CFPR.

- (i) Functioning of Forest Development Corporations and their role in the present scenario.
- (ii) Issues in forest certification and certifying agencies.
- (iii) Guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of privately owned forests for non-forestry uses.