INTRODUCTION

The Council

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India. The Hon’ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is the President of ICFRE society and the Director General is its Chief Executive. The General Body is the supreme authority of the ICFRE, headed by the Union Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Its members consist of serving and retired Officers from various state governments, educational institutes, and scientific organizations.

Mission

To generate, preserve, disseminate and advance knowledge, technologies and solutions for addressing the issues related to forests and to promote linkages arising out of interactions between people, forests and environment on a sustained basis through research, education and extension.

VISION

Increasing forest cover and enhancing forest productivity through operationalisation of National Forestry Action Programme and National Forestry Research Plan.
Professional Support

ICFRE has extended networking with a number of national and international organizations to achieve greater outreach and cooperation through MoUs including following:

- RFRI, Jorhat with ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, North-eastern Regional Centre at Jorhat regarding strengthening existing scientific capabilities of RFRI.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) of IWST with VE Commercial Vehicle Ltd. (VECV) for the Tree Transplantation and Tree Management project.
- MoU between IWST and Madhya Pradesh State Bamboo Mission (MPSBM) for the project Development of bamboo lumber from locally available bamboo resources for their improved utilization in building and construction sector.

New Initiatives

ICFRE has initiated the process of signing MoUs with the following organizations:

1. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi
2. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
3. Technology Information, Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi
4. Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Kolkata
5. Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun
6. Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata

VISITORS

- Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Hon’ble Union Minister of State (independent Charge) Environment, Forest and Climate change visited Coimbatore on 6 September 2016.
- Hon’ble Minister of State (IC), Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Environment, Forest and Climate Change visited ARCBR on 28 September 2016.
- Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), MoEF&CC, New Delhi visited FRI, Dehradun on 17 December 2016.
- Shri Lalrinmawia Ralte, Hon’ble Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of Mizoram and Shri L. R. Thanga, PCCF, Mizoram along with other senior forest officers of Mizoram State Forest Department visited ARCBR on 28 September 2016.
- Hon’ble Chief Minister of Mizoram, Shri Pu Lalthanhawla visited the ARCBR on 25 November 2016.
- As a part of India Exposure and Experience Sharing Visit, a 15 member high level delegation headed by His Excellency Dr. Gemedo Dalle, Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change and His Excellency Kebede Yimam, State Minister, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of Ethiopia visited Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla on 17 March 2017. Dr. K.S. Kapoor, Director In-charge welcomed this high level delegation.