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PREFACE

It gives me immense pleasure to present the the annual report of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) for the year 1997-98 highlighting the activities undertaken and achievements made during the year. ICFRE being premier organisation in the field of forestry research in the country, carries out research in thrust areas with emphasis on dissemination of results and transfer of technologies.

The research programmes of the Council are chalked out in consultation with Research Advisory Groups (RAG) and NAG are drawn from different disciplines and organisations to ensure a holistic and balanced approach covering all agro-ecological regions of the country.

Aiding, promoting and coordinating of forestry research in other organisations is also one of the major objectives of the ICFRE. Accordingly, Rs. 9.2 million have been sanctioned for 12 research projects to state forest departments, universities, and research organisations during the year.

Similarly, 12 projects worth Rs. 11.00 million were sanctioned to various organisations for adopting tested technologies.

There has been considerable development of infrastructural facilities in the current year enhancing the capabilities for better scientific achievements. This includes procurement of sophisticated scientific equipment and initiatives for setting up of a Local Area Network (LAN) with Internet access at ICFRE headquarters, Dehra Dun.

ICFRE is committed to reach excellence in the field of forestry research, education and extension, keeping in view the alleviation of poverty through forestry at all times. The scientists and forester scientists need appreciation for their hard work with proper vision and mission in the field of scientific silviculture.

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