

Interaction of DG ICFRE with Forest Officers and Scientists of the IWST, Bangalore

Dr. V. K. Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE reviewed the research work of the Officers of the Indian Forest Service and Scientists of IWST Bangalore on 14/12/2012. With respect to IFS officers, he categorically mentioned that they must be actively involved in research and handle research projects henceforth. He recognized that there was a need for reorganizing the Divisions of the Institute and made several suggestions in this direction. He suggested creating two new Divisions - Silviculture and Agroforestry; and Forest Biometry. He also suggested creation of two overlapping Divisions - Forest Biodiversity; and Climate Change. He then mentioned that there was no need for a separate Wood Energy Division and directed to distribute its current activities among other Divisions. Later, he identified certain areas of research to be given prominence - development of nano cellulose-filled fibres; wood quality assessment in standing trees using tools like acoustics; exploiting forest biodiversity for developing novel medicinal products; and production of sandalwood seedlings. On the whole, he suggested that extension of research results should be given importance and some of the projects should come under the purview of the direct-to-consumer scheme of ICFRE. He desired a proposal on establishing a commercial plant for the biopesticide developed at IWST. Finally, he wished for a vision document on the direction that each Division of the Institute wishes to take in the next three years.

